

Prune Your Rose Bushes

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to prune your rose bushes, says Dr. E. J. Gouin, horticulturist at the University of Maryland.

You will find that your rose bushes will produce more and better flowers if you take out the thin, twiggy branches, Dr. Gouin continues.

After you remove the weak branches, cut the large canes back to six or eight inches above the graft union. "The graft union is that bulb-like structure from which the large canes emerge," he explains. Any branches coming out below this union should be removed because they are from the rootstock and will not produce flowers like the grafted branches.

Be sure to burn any branches you cut off, Dr. Gouin says. This will kill any disease organisms or insect eggs that might have overwintered inside the canes.

As soon as you have finished pruning, paint the end of each cut branch with tree wound dressing to keep insects from laying eggs in the soft center of the canes.

Fertilizing the plants immediately after pruning will also help the plant give you bigger and better flowers this spring, Dr. Gouin adds.

Farm Women Societies

Society 2

At the Society of Farm Women 22 Mother Daughter Banquet at the Willow Valley Restaurant recently, the Treble Junes from the Marietta Congregational Church presented a program.

The Society will be entertained by Society 15 at 1:30 p.m. June 18 at Black Rock Retreat.

The next monthly meeting will be held June 9 in the home of Mrs. Lloyd Heri, Lancaster RD6, with Mrs. Paul Miller as co-hostess. Mrs. Richard Forrey, a member of the Society, will show pictures of her trip to Puerto Rico.

Society 22

Society of Farm Women 22 met in the home of Mrs. Abner E. and Mrs. Manheim RD3.

During the business meeting, conducted by Mrs. Andrew Low, president, a donation was given

to the American Cancer Society.

Two scholarships were awarded to two students from Manheim Central High School. One went to a boy in agriculture and one award was given to a girl in home economics.

A letter was received from the Korean girl the group is supporting, Mrs. Anna Foellner, Manheim, was the program speaker. Her topic was "The Challenge of Motherhood." Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting.



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Services Hike Food Bill

Rising incomes are making it possible for many American consumers to buy more food services although such services increase the food bill.

Prices for food away from home have increased more than food served at home, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture report.

By December, 1969, prices for restaurant meals were 50 percent higher than in the 1957-59 period.

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By Doris Thomas, Extension Home Economist



Keep All Food Clean

Don't buy too many damaged packages when shopping. Wrap products correctly for storage -- loosely for refrigerator, storage and tightly for the freezer.

Clean your kitchen thoroughly and often dismantling all equipment that comes apart.

Thoroughly sanitize all equipment that has been used for handling raw meat or poultry before using the same equipment for handling other foods or cooked meat or poultry.

Wash your hands often.

About Pork Cuts

Pork shoulder cuts are usually in less demand because they're more plentiful than such hindquarter cuts as hams and loins. Therefore, they're usually lower priced. One of the less familiar cuts of pork, the Boston Butt, can offer real economy to budget-minded consumers.

The Boston Butt is a square or triangular piece cut from the upper half of the shoulder of pork. The fat is well distributed through the lean. There is a small bone which can be easily removed. Slices can be cut from the bone-end to make tender steaks.

The shoulder picnic is sold bone-in or boneless and rolled. It is the lower part of the shoulder and front leg. It has a higher proportion of skin and bone to lean meat than the Boston Butt.

Fresh ham or the leg is another less known cut of pork, but a fine choice for a large family. It is delicate in texture and not too fat. You can cook a fresh ham by any of the methods suitable for a pork loin roast or for a roast suckling pig. Allow one-fourth to one half pound boned for each serving, one-third to one half pound for each bone-in serving.

Cooking Fresh Pork

Roast pork at 325 degrees to 350 degrees until the meat thermometer registers 170 degrees.

Roast hams, shoulder cuts, until the meat thermometer registers 170 degrees for the boneless cuts and 185 degrees for the bone-in cuts.

Steaks, porklets, and patties are usually cooked by broiling or pan-frying although steaks are popular for outdoor broiling or grilling.



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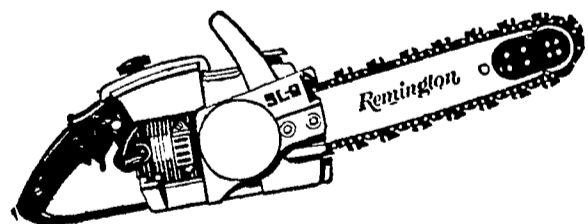
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