

# Farmers Urged to Report Crop Acreage

## Ida's Notebook



Recently, I awakened to hear the whistle of a bobwhite in the distance.

When I work outside, I often answer his call. A few days ago, I was flattered when my son asked me if I'd been whistling or if he had heard a real bobwhite as he was working at the barn.

So far, I've not attempted to imitate the frog's croak which puts me to sleep at night.

The night sound which I enjoy most is a spring across the Conestoga. The rippling water can only be heard in the quiet of darkness.

We've just had a nice visit with a 4-H'er from Wisconsin. He came from a dairy farm and gave us a wide variety of cheeses. Our children and he swam and played and worked.

We even managed a day at the shore, so

he could see the Atlantic Ocean. Of course, we enjoyed the trip too.

Some of our former boys just didn't know why a bucket had a handle. They walked idly beside my son who was carrying two five gallon pails.

In past years, we had fellows who spent most of their time writing three letters a day to the girl back home, or spent all free time at the nearest gas station drinking cokes.

Learning how others live is a worthwhile experience.

Farm maintenance is a full time job. Either the hay wagon needs new sides or the tractor needs a new hydraulic system. If these are finished, it is time to lay a water line to the calves.

There are few hours assigned to house repairs. However, our porch has been temporarily strengthened, and just in time.

I really didn't want a porch with a sag in the middle which would give the house a smile to welcome me home.

Feed grain and wheat farms not participating in the 1971 Feed Grain or Wheat Set-Aside Programs should report their acreage of these crops to their Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office, according to Fred G. Seldomridge, chairman of the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee (ASC).

The Agriculture Act of 1970 requires 1971 feed grain and wheat acreage to be reported annually to ASCS offices by producers who wish to maintain wheat allotments and feed grain bases. Failure to report will result in a reduction of 20 per cent in 1972 wheat allotment and feed grain base history. If the crop is not planted or the farm operator fails to report acreage for a period of three years, the allotment or base for the applicable crop will be removed from the farm.

To receive full crop history credit for wheat, a farm must produce wheat acreage in excess of 90 per cent of the farm allotment annually. In the case of feed grains, producers must produce feed grain acreage in excess of 45 per cent of the feed grain base to receive full crop history credit, Seldomridge reported.

County ASCS offices have this provision a postcard report form to be completed, signed and returned to the county ASCS office. The form also requests acreage of oats, rye, barley, flax, and soybeans. This acreage will be

spread to Portugal and Spain. The disease is highly contagious and usually fatal. Signs are nearly the same as those for hog cholera, and the disease can be confirmed by a lab test.

Because of the presence of the disease in Cuba, USDA inspectors are giving close attention to imported processed meats, clothing, footwear and equipment.

The disease has shown up at a time when national efforts have nearly eradicated hog cholera in the States.

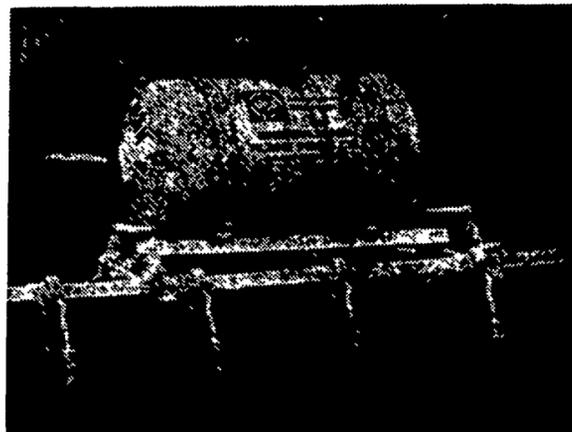
used for statistical purposes by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Seldomridge said.

Correct wheat and feed grain history for all farms is of value to farm owners, operators, and

maintaining accurate county records.

Seldomridge, Chairman of the Lancaster County ASC Committee, urges all producers to report acreage immediately.

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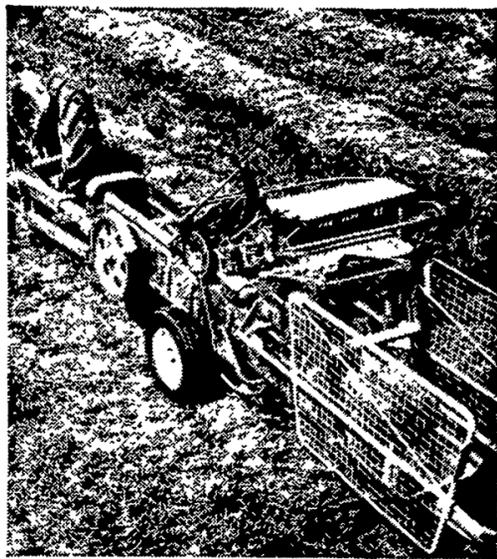
For the first time in history the most deadly foreign disease of hogs—African swine fever—has invaded the Western Hemisphere.

The USDA reports the disease is now in Cuba, where 15,000 hogs have already been slaughtered in Havana Providence and 7,000 in Pinar del Rio Province.

Hog producers are being asked by USDA to be alert for signs of the disease and to notify animal health officials immediately if the disease appears.

African swine fever does not affect other animals or humans. It has been established in eastern and southern Africa for years and in recent years has

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