

People's Pork Eating Habits Studied

The following USDA report on people's pork eating habits was released recently by the USDA:

During the 1960's America's per capita pork consumption stayed pretty even — 64.9 pounds in 1960, 64.8 pounds in 1969.

Meanwhile we upped our per capita beef consumption by 25.5 pounds and our chicken by 11.0 pounds

Why did pork fail to increase? Part of the answer is revealed

by a yearlong study on U.S. homemakers' opinions and attitudes on meat and meat products by SRS' Special Surveys Branch in cooperation with the National Live Stock and Meat Board.

Almost all the homemakers reported serving beef and chicken during the 12 months preceding the SRS survey, but fewer served pork and pork products. Bacon was the most popular

pork item — reportedly served by 95 per cent of all homemakers and by six out of 10 two or three times a week.

The few homemakers who shunned bacon altogether or served it infrequently cited health reasons or bacon's high cost. Some homemakers considered it solely a breakfast meat and rarely used it because of their personal breakfast habits.

Nine out of 10 homemakers said they had served fresh pork sometime during the year but only about three in 10 put it on the table at least once a week. Chops were the tops with the homemakers.

Fresh pork rated high on tastiness but low on health considerations such as digestibility. Price and grease or fat content

were other considerations held against pork—especially by the homemakers who didn't serve it often.

Nine out of 10 homemakers said they had used smoked or cured pork, generally known as ham to consumers, in the preceding year but fewer than two in

10 served it once a week or more.

Generally the women thought ham was easy to prepare and made a good warm weather meal. But infrequent or non-users avoided smoked pork because of its cost, taste, inconvenient size, or health reasons.

Pa. Grange Plans Meeting

Officers of the Somerset County Pomona Grange, headed by Glen Handwork, master, Somerset RD5, and staff members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, including a dozen men and women from Southwestern Pennsylvania, will play major roles in the grange's 99th annual state meeting in Somerset October 25 to 28. Officers from the other areas will assist, and delegates will attend from all parts of the state.

A Wayne Readinger, Harrisburg, state master, said state officers from this area who will be

active in the convention will include Miss Mildred M. Shultz, Somerset, state lecturer; John H. Minor, Morgantown, W. Va., and formerly of Waynesburg, treasurer, Robert E. Steese, Grove City RD1, gatekeeper Mrs. Linda Zahn, New Brighton RD2, lady assistant steward, Mrs. J. LeRoy Cooke, Cross Creek, pomona, William H. Ringler, Berlin RD1, deputy master, Mrs. Ringler, junior deputy master, Peter Karenbauer, Chicora, chairman of executive committee, and Glenn Patterson, New Castle RD4, chairman of finance committee.

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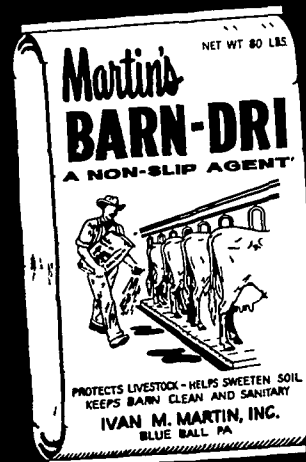
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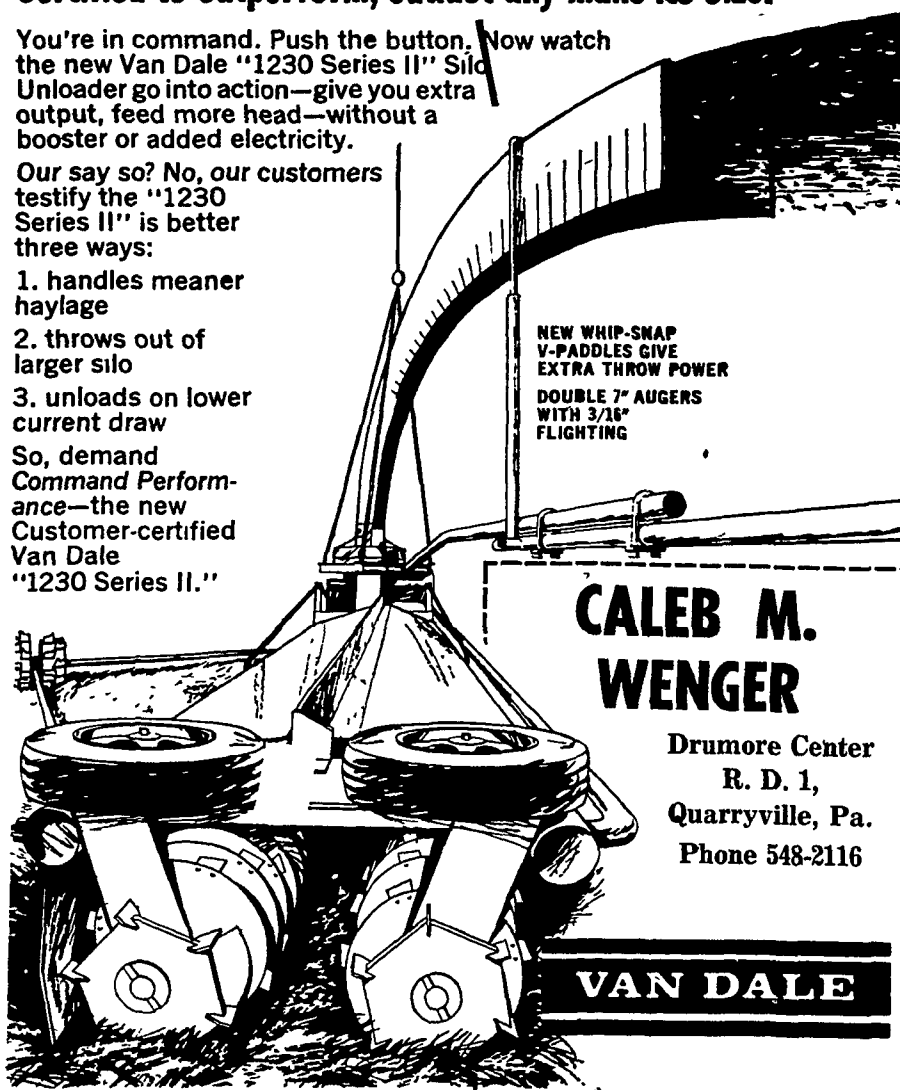
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