

Pa. Vegetable Yield Down, Income Stable

Pennsylvania's 1971 combined production of six vegetables for the fresh market and eight vegetables for processing is estimated at 251,900 tons, down 13 per cent from 1970 and nine per cent from 1969.

The Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service also said recently that the fresh market harvest was down six per cent and the processing harvest was down 17 per cent from 1970.

Fresh market growers received \$11.2-million for their crops this year, up \$1-million from the \$10.2-million received last year. Value at the processing plant door of the processing production was \$7.8-million, 13 per cent down from last year.

The most significant yield change was that of snap beans for processing. The yield at 2.13 tons per acre was up .13 tons from a year ago. This was the highest yield on record since the 1958 crop that checked in at 2.3 tons per acre.

The 1971 yield on tomatoes for processing at 15.60 tons per acre was down 4.27 tons per acre from last year's record yield of 19.87 tons per acre. Reduced yield can be attributed to wet weather

which caused rotting and splitting of tomatoes in some areas.

The Crop Reporting Service, in its annual Vegetable Report Summary, also pointed out that the growing season started out about two weeks behind schedule with below normal temperatures in April and May delaying ger-

mination of many vegetable crops. Dry conditions in July further hindered harvesting operations in areas and caused damage to tomatoes.

Unseasonable warm fall temperatures and no killing frost until early November prolonged the growing season.



BARN ART may be a disappearing art but it is not yet a lost one. Choice examples can still be found around the country, such as this mountain scene which has survived 14 Wisconsin winters on a barn at Darlington.

Freezing Cheese

Although freezing will make some cheese crumbly and mealy, you can successfully freeze some cheeses. The United States Department of Agriculture says you can freeze small pieces of a pound or less or not over one inch thick of Brick, Cheddar, Edam, Gouda, Muenster, Port du Salut, Swiss, Provolone, Mozzarella and Camembert.

Happy Homemaking

By BARBARA BAKER

Mark around the pattern with color crayon before cutting materials that ravel easily, and the cloth will not ravel when cut.

Use a small zigzag stitch when sewing bonded knits—it gives stretch to seams.

When patching a trouser leg, slip a rolled-up magazine inside and let it unroll. This will hold the material smooth as you sew on the patch.

Sew down the outside of the zipper tape about 1½ inches on either side to prevent curling or waving of a zipper at the top of a blouse or dress.

The lining should be pre-shrunk when making a garment that is to be lined. Pre-shrinking may be accomplished by placing lining in a bathtub, let warm water run on it until it is thoroughly wet, remove from tub without wringing and hang on line to dry. It will dry straight and not require pressing.

When washing windows, use up and down strokes on the inside but go crossways on the outside and any smears that are left can be removed since you will know just which side they are on. Also, crumpled newspaper is wonderful for rubbing glass to a shine.

To clean soiled parchment lampshades, dip a soft clean

cloth in milk and rub the shade until it is clean, then wipe dry with a clean cloth.

To anchor your garbage can against strong winds or stray dogs, set it inside an old car tire.

A fine-toothed comb is a quick and easy tool to use when spreading glue or thick paste over the surface of a hatbox you may be covering with decorative paper.

For a warm bed jacket when you read in bed, put a bathrobe on backwards. The opening at the back makes it easy to put on and take off. This is a real help when someone is ill.

Add a little vinegar to water in which you rinse silk stockings. It will increase their elasticity and make them practically run-proof.

If you are doubtful about the number of birthday candles to put on a cake, place them in the form of a question mark and you will please the honored guest.

To firmly hold a candle in a candlestick, put molding clay (about the size of a bean) in the holder and press the candle into it.

Before driving nails for picture hooks, first see where the nails for the baseboards are driven. Nails for baseboards are always put in the studdings which give support that the plaster alone fails to provide.

If you are ever caught without a ruler, you will find a passable substitute in your wallet. A dollar bill is just slightly over six inches long and can be used as a tape for rough measurements.

If you have trouble getting cobwebs out of a high stair well, tie an old towel on one end of a clothespole and it will require little effort to clean the whole well.

To save time and avoid confusion while washing windows, use colored sponges to match two different-colored plastic buckets. By keeping the colors matched, you can be sure to avoid getting the soaped sponge into the rinse water and vice versa.

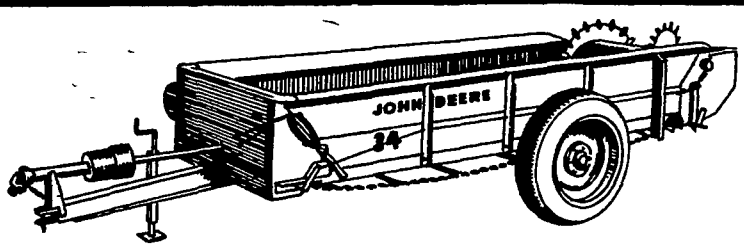
When washing shirt collars, put shampoo on the grease stains. Shampoo is made to dissolve body oils and works wonders on collars.

To prevent squashing your hats when traveling, put a hat inside a plastic bag, blow full of air and secure with a rubber band. The hat does not get a dent.

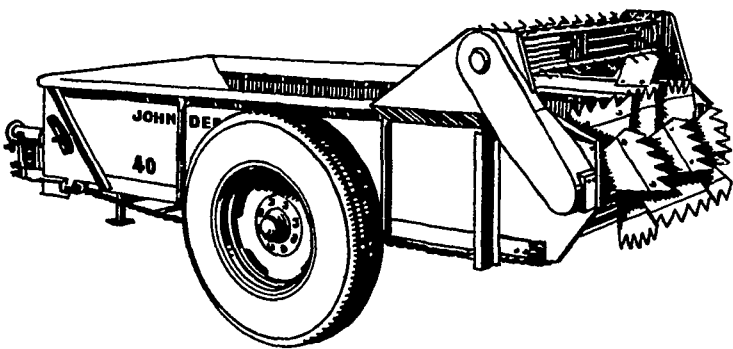
Try coating candles (except wicks) with thick soap suds. Let dry in the holder before lighting and they will last longer and burn without smoking.

Spray an insecticide around the casings after washing windows on the outside and they will stay clear of spider webs when you put up the storm windows.

To keep small tools in easy reach, cut off the top of an old leather glove, nail it where it will be handy and place the pliers, screwdriver, wrench, etc., in the fingers of the glove.



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