

Farm Calendar

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- Center.
- 7:45 p.m. - Chester County Soils meeting, "Soil Testing and Soil Improvements", vo-ag room, Owen J Roberts High School.
- Fulton Grange meeting, Oakryn. DHIA Quarterly Directors meeting, Farm and Home Center.
- 7th International Bird Game Conference, Penn State University, February 26-27
- Tuesday, February 27**
- Central 4-H Tractor Club meeting.
- 7 p.m. - Gourmet Cooking Workshop, Farm and Home Center.
- 7:30 p.m. - Ephrata Young Farmers Crop Production Management and Analysis course, vo-ag classroom, Ephrata High School.
- 7:45 p.m. - Garden Spot Young Farmer Swine Breeding Seminar, vo-ag classroom, Garden Spot High School.
- 8 p.m. - Solanco Young Farmer meeting, "Updating Weed Control Procedures", Powl's Feed Service, Wakefield.
- Dairy Herd Management Conference, Penn State, February 27-28

Thursday, March 1

- 9 a.m. - Solanco Young Farmers Annual Spring Tour.
- 9:30 a.m. - Garden Spot Young Farmers Dairy tour.
- 12:15 p.m. - Lancaster County Farm Equipment Dealers Association luncheon, Bird-in-Hand Motor Inn
- 7:30 p.m. - Poultry Educational meeting, Farm and Home Center
- 7:30 p.m. - Manheim Young Farmers Animal Nutrition Seminar, vo-ag classroom, Manheim Central High School
- 7:30 p.m. - Ephrata Young Farmers Officers and Committees meetings, vo-ag classroom, Ephrata High School

Friday, March 2

- 7:30 p.m. - Silver Spurs 4-H Horse and Pony Club meeting, home of Roxanne and Roberta Stein
- Twin Valley FFA Banquet, Elverson Fire Hall

Corn

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farmers who didn't cultivate at all. They averaged 131 bushels. There were 286 farmers who cultivated once, and they also averaged 131 bushels. The 68 farmers who cultivated twice averaged 132 bushels, which is only a one bushel difference," McGahan said.

He also noted that there didn't seem to be any yield difference between fall and spring plowings. Weed control was one very important factor in corn management, and it was stressed by both McGahan and Willis McClellan, another Penn Stater who talked to the group about herbicides.

Corn Club figures quoted by McGahan showed that farmers reporting good weed control averaged 136 bushel yields. Those with average weed control had a 120 bushel yield, while those reporting poor control had only 108 bushels on the average.

McGahan concluded with some observations on the future of corn growing as well as its importance. "Growing degree days are being used by more and more

farmers as a management tool for growing more corn. It's a good tool, too, because it lets us base our hybrid selection on something other than guesswork. I predict, though, that growing degree days will be replaced by a system that will let us calculate radiant energy as well as heat." McGahan saw a great need for a vast number of corn hybrids. "If we had only a few stains of corn," he said, "we'd run the risk of a disastrous crop failure. Different strains are resistant to different diseases and pests. We need that kind of insurance."

Concluding his talk, McGahan said that 65 percent of the world's population was dependent for its food on three grains - corn, wheat and rice.

Other speakers at Tuesday's meeting included Alan Bair, assistant Lancaster extension agent, who discussed farm machinery management; John Yocum, superintendent of the Landisville research farm, and A. G. Lueck, associate Lancaster extension agent, who talked about soybean production; and Dr. John E. Baylor, a Penn State extension agronomist who talked about forage management.

Young's Say Thanks

Young Bros. of Fulton Township who lost their barn by fire last week wish to thank the 50 men who came Thursday and cleared away the debris. Neighbors and friends as far away as Kinzers and Atglen came with six trucks and a wagon and hauled away the slate, manure and trash to the Fulton Township dump and the steel to the junk yard at Coatesville. Kinzer Equipment Co. sent a crawler-loader and together with Young's crawler-loader, two cutting torches, scoops and pitchforks, all except the foundation walls were cleared

away. Young's also wish to thank friends who sent food to help feed the volunteers.



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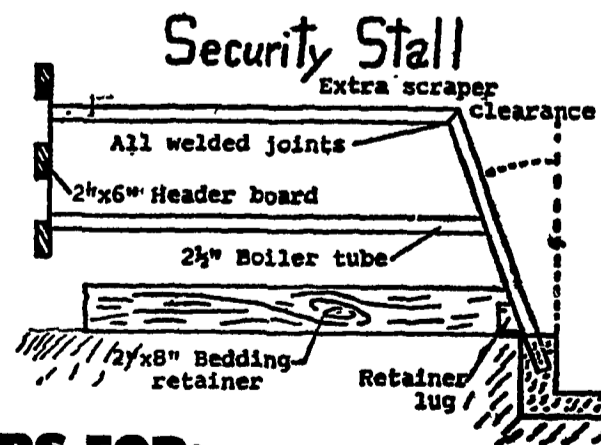
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