

Farm Calendar

- Saturday, March 31**
 11 a.m. - Pennsylvania Angus Association Spring Sale, Millarden Farm, Annville.
 State Holstein Show, Farm Show Building, Harrisburg.
- Sunday, April 1**
 National FHA Week, April 1-7.
 National Guernsey Association meeting, Orlando, Fla., April 1-7.
- Monday, April 2**
 7:30 p.m. - Manheim Young Farmers Ecology meeting, vo-ag department, Manheim Central High School.
 7:45 p.m. - Chester County Soils meeting, Farm Film Festival, vo-ag department, Owen J. Roberts High School.
 8 p.m. - Lancaster County Poultry Association board of directors meeting, Farm and Home Center.
- Tuesday, April 3**
 7:30 p.m. - Garden Spot 4-H Community Club Reorganization meeting, Conestoga Valley High School, Room 116.
 7:30 p.m. - FFA - Young Farmer Slave Auction and Volleyball, Ephrata Area High School.
 7:45 p.m. - DHIA Workshop, vo-ag room, Garden Spot High School.
 Lancaster County Farmers Association meeting, Farm and Home Center.
 13th annual Poultry Sales and Service Short Course, Penn State University.
- Wednesday, April 4**
 7:30 p.m. - Lancaster County Conservation District meeting, Farm and Home Center.
 Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Club meeting, Farm and Home Center.
 33rd annual Membership meeting, Poultry and Egg National Board, Regency Hyatt House, Chicago, April 4-5.
- Thursday, April 5**
 7 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Ephrata Young Farmers annual tour, Penn State Research Farms.
 7:30 p.m. - Kirkwood 4-H Community Club Reorganization meeting, Union Presbyterian Church.
- Friday, April 6**
 Annual State FHA Convention, Hilton Inn, Lancaster, April 6-8
 6:30 p.m. - Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council annual banquet, Schindlers Restaurant, Camp Hill.
 7 p.m. - Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association meeting, Holiday Inn, Ephrata.
- Saturday, April 7**
 United Egg Producers annual meeting, Seattle, Wash.

Fredd Earns Doctorate

William M. Fredd, chairman of the Agriculture Department at Solanco Senior High School, has been granted a doctor of education degree from Pennsylvania State University in ceremonies this month.

The degree has been granted through the Department of Agricultural Education of Penn State's Graduate School. Dr. Fredd's doctoral dissertation is entitled "Evaluation of Simulation in Teaching Farm Management Decision Making to High School Students and Adults."

Dr. Fredd earned his B.S. degree at Penn State in 1938, majoring in animal husbandry. In 1964, he received his M.Ed. degree from the University of Delaware.

Choosing Style of Freezer for the Family Calls for Consideration of Various Factors

It's a red letter day in any family—the day you choose a new food freezer.

But before that wonderful day it is wise to discuss the pros and cons of the two basic freezer types, chest or upright model.

The chest model often costs slightly less to buy. It may also cost less to operate because opening and closing the lid of a chest model affects the inside temperature less than opening the closing the door of an upright. This is simply because warm air rises and cold air settles, so less of the latter is lost from the chest type.

On the other hand an upright model is considered more convenient with no stooping, reaching or lifting. The contents are easier to inventory at a glance.

The upright model takes less floor space, of course, and is certainly preferable if the freezer is to be in the kitchen. Against this advantage is the additional storage space often offered by chest units because there are usually no baskets and little space is taken up by dividers.

Also odd-shaped turkeys and bulky foods such as hams fit more easily into the chest type and less space is lost between them.

Size a Factor

Another important decision involves the size of the freezer which will serve you best. The range is from 9.6 cubic feet with a capacity of 336 pounds for the small family and for apartments to the 28 cubic foot model which will hold 980 pounds. A rough rule of thumb to help you in your selection is that you will need approximately four cubic feet of freezer per person in the family.

When you look over the new freezers awaiting your choice here are some features that you should check or ask about.

Are there special shelves or sections for new foods without rearranging other foods in the freezer?

In the chest model is the lid counter-balanced to raise easily and stay open until you close it? And is the unit hinged so it will fit flush against the wall?

In the upright freezer are there movable shelves, with lock positions to they won't tip? Or are there pull-out or swing-out baskets to help locate food more easily?

Warning System

Is there a signal light or warning buzzer to indicate when the unit shuts off accidentally or the current is off? A freezer alarm is considered best.

Sweating is normal with freezers so check that the hardware is rust-resistant and that it is sturdy enough to withstand the heavy demands normally made of a freezer.

Many new models have automatic ice makers. This is a desirable family convenience.

Check for a device that prevents the plug from being pulled accidentally thereby shutting off the current.

When you take delivery of your freezer you should have it connected on an individual circuit so that it will not be affected by other appliances short-circuiting.

Remember that you'll never take better food out of the freezer than you put in it.

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