

Dry Beans Offer Potential for Profit

A shortage of dry beans used by food processors offers a marketing opportunity for Pennsylvania farmers, according to Secretary Jim McHale of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Products featuring kidney, pea and similar dry beans are widely used by state food processors in a variety of canned products, including baked beans and bean salads.

"Our processors tell me the shortage of dry beans probably will continue for several years, unless we can develop a source of supply here at home," McHale said.

In recent years, processors have been obtaining their dry beans from other states because of a lack of supply in Penn-

sylvania. However, interviews conducted by the Bureau of Markets reveal most Pennsylvania processors would prefer buying state-grown beans if available. One reason is increasing freight rates.

Some state processors have been experimenting with growing dry beans near their plants. "Results have been promising," McHale said, "but work needs to be done on developing varieties better suited to Pennsylvania, as well as solving storage and drying problems."

Additional information is available from the Bureau of Markets, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg.

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By BARBARA BAKER

Take an over-the-door hanger with you when you go visiting. This saves the hostess the trouble of making closet space for your clothes. The collapsible ones take up very little space in a suitcase.

Apply a coat of clear shellac to taper candles to prevent them from drooping.

Include a letter opener with things you take along to someone who is hospitalized.

When casement windows are hard to open in an older home, spray the wood that the windows move on with an aerosol furniture polish to make the windows move more easily.

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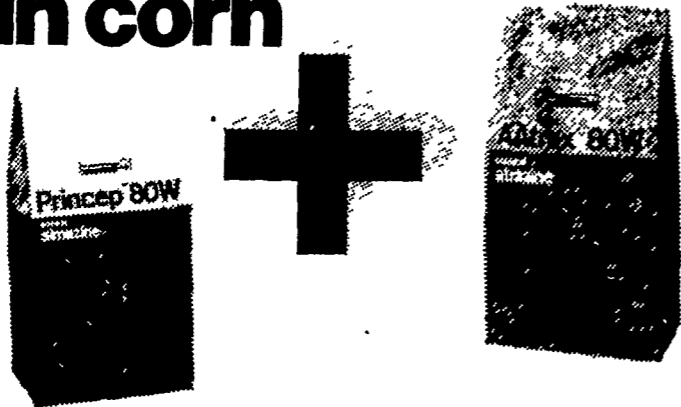
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