

Snyder 'Farmer of Month' At Selinsgrove

Robert L. Snyder, Winfield RD1, has been named the Outstanding Young Farmer for the month at the Selinsgrove High School Chapter. He has been a member of the Selinsgrove Young Farmers since moving into the area in 1964 from Lycoming County. He bought the 155 acre farm on which he now

lives and has 80 acres of corn, 35 acres of oats, 12 acres of wheat and the remaining crop acreage in hay.

Corn fits very nicely into Snyder's livestock program which is fattening bulls in the age interval from one week to one year of age on shelled corn. This type of feeding program in which

no other grain, hay, pasture, or silage is fed produces animals widely known as Tender-Lean Beef.

The Holstein bull calves are purchased when three to five days of age and fed milk replacer and calf starter for six weeks at which time they are switched over to shelled corn fed free-choice. The only other feed in addition to shelled corn that these animals receive until marketed is one-and-one-half pounds of pellets per day top-dressed on the corn. The pellets are formulated to assist in complete digestion of the shelled corn so that whole kernels don't pass through the animals.

The Tender-Lean program is designed for dry shelled corn or high moisture corn if less than 27 percent moisture. Last fall

Snyder decided a grain storage facility would be the most economical and best labor saving method to store 8000 to 9000 bushels of shelled corn as it was harvested. He picker-shells in the field with a two-row cage type picker-sheller machine. Field losses are at a bare minimum, the number of kernels remaining on ends of ears, broken cobs, etc., practically none. The two-row picker will handle 30-inch rows which is the way the planter is set for this year.

The capacity of stored corn makes possible the feeding of 100 steers and 500 hogs in combination or 150 steers alone. This allows the possibility of at least one-and-one-half animal units per acre. He presently has 50 head with a potential of doubling his herd in the near future.

Much of the chore-time is light work in comparison to older

conventional methods of livestock feeding. The children assist in feeding and caring for the young calves. Snyder and his wife, Annette, have three daughters and two sons at home.

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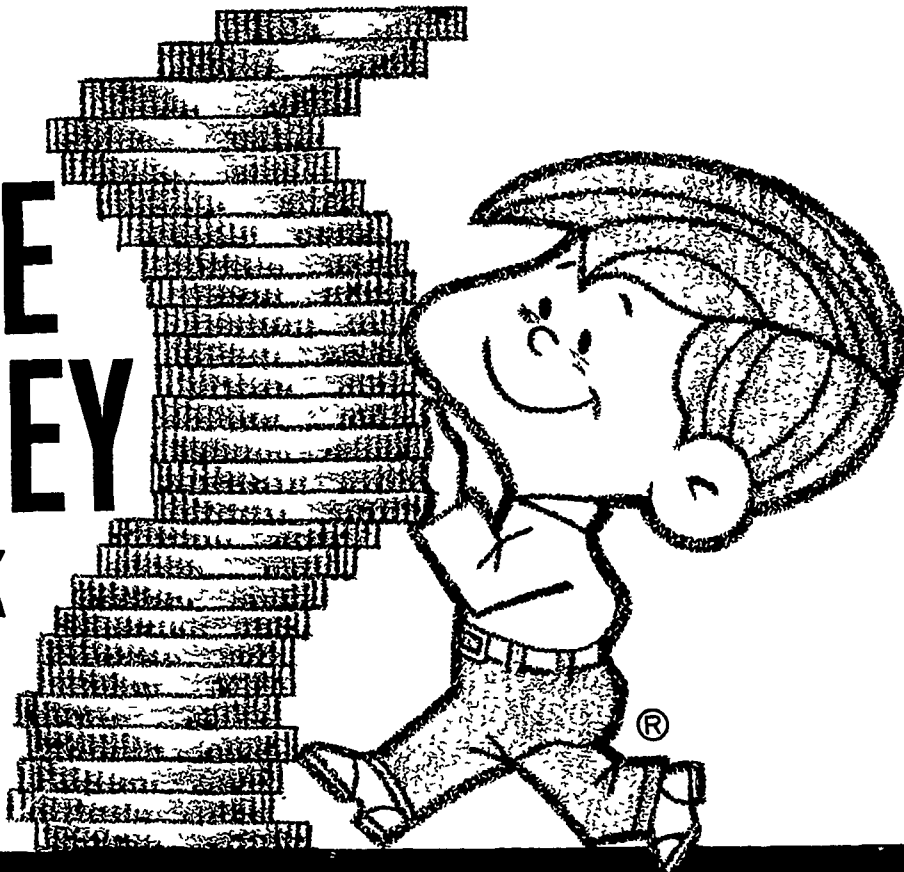
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