

Ag Outlook Conference

The National Agricultural Outlook Conference will be held in Washington December 17-19—two months earlier than usual—to give farmers and farm suppliers more time to plan for 1974 food production, Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz announced recently.

"Farmers will be making more complex production and marketing decisions than usual in 1974," Secretary Butz said. "There will be no land set-aside. Farmers must decide for themselves what and how much to plant, based on the domestic and world demand, the relative profitability of crops, and the availability of fuel, fertilizer, and other supplies.

"We want to give farmers all the help we can with up-to-date outlook information and last-minute reports on the probable availability of fuel, pesticides, fertilizer, farm equipment, and related supplies," Secretary Butz said.

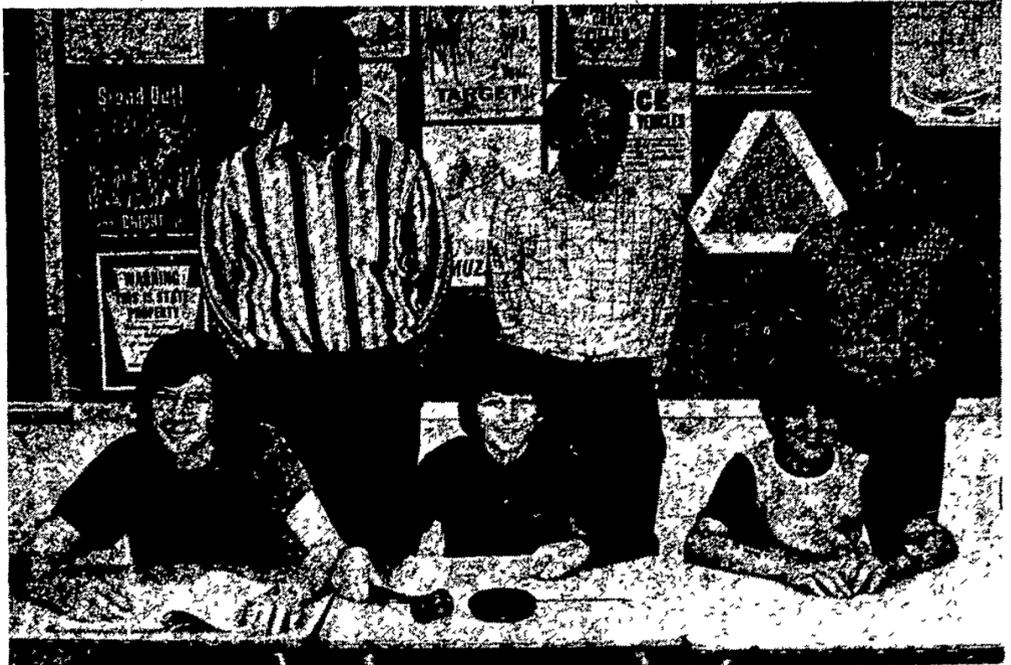
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Service also plans a series of farm meetings in January and February to provide facts on cotton, soybean and feed grain production and demand in 1974. Meetings on wheat have already been held.

"By holding the Outlook Conference in December, we'll get our best available information into the hands of Extension specialists before they begin their winter meetings," Secretary Butz said.

The Outlook Conference will be held primarily in Jefferson Auditorium, South Building, U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington. It will bring together economists and Extension specialists from government, business and the universities.

Sponsors of the conference are the Economic Research Service, Extension Service and Agricultural Research Service. Sessions are open to the public. There is no registration fee. Further details will be announced shortly.



Newly elected officers of the Ephrata Junior High School Junior Ag Club, shown above, are, left to right: seated - Andy Dittrich, secretary; Steve Strauss, president; Linford Frey, vice-president.

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Make It Beef

Next time you order beef in a restaurant, you'll know you're in good company. Of all food items available, beef is number one in restaurants according to a recent USDA study of the food service industry. In fact, about 28 percent of all beef produced in the United States is sold through food service outlets, accounting for more than 21 percent of their purchases.

The professional dairyman, he points out, needs facts in reference form so that he can make sound management decisions. Management based on specific information is one unique feature of any business which no competition can exactly duplicate.

Topics covered in the book include milk quality and product technology, diseases and parasites, breeding and selec-

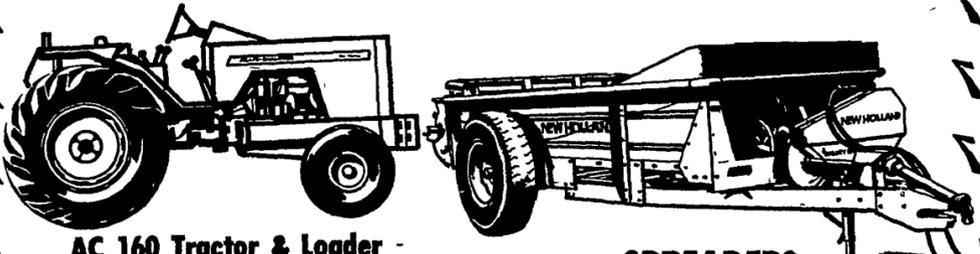
tion, physiology of reproduction, feeding, milking equipment, structures and barn equipment, and farm management data.

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