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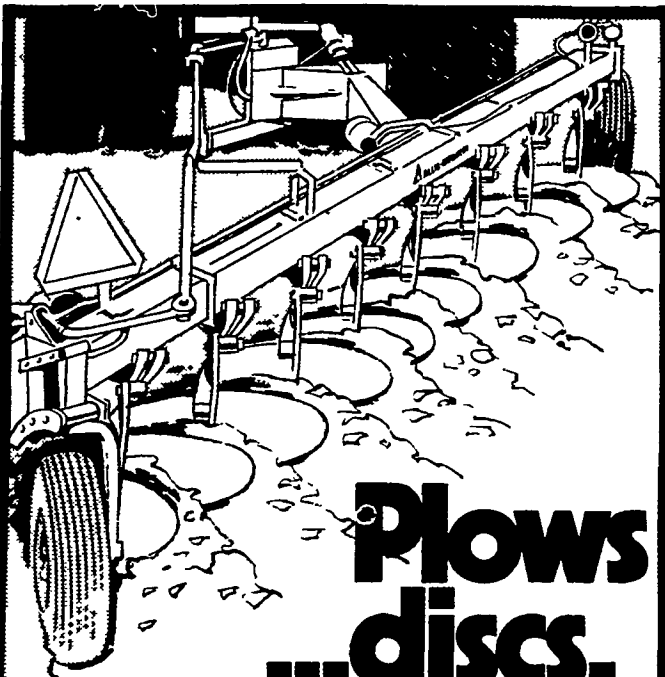
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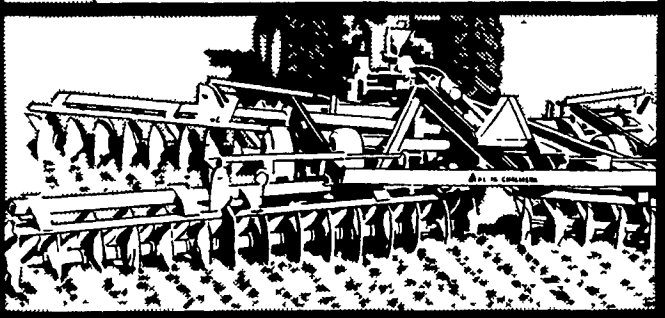
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## Pesticides Predicted Available

First growers and other producers of agricultural products should not have any problems in purchasing and applying pesticides for their 1975 crops, Henry F. Nixon, director of the Agriculture Department's Bureau of Plant Industry, told fruit growers at their recent annual

meeting in Gettysburg. Nixon emphasized that anyone buying restricted pesticides after October, 1976 has to be qualified to use them.

## Partnership Meeting Set

The Garden Spot Adult Program will present a study on DAIRY PARTNERSHIPS for interested area farmers on Tuesday, February 25, 1975 at 7:45 p.m. in the agriculture classroom of the Garden Spot High School. Topics to be explored will be the advantages of agreements (either written or unwritten) for father-son operations and other working family agreements along with partnerships with no family ties. The aforementioned will include details in an agreement and ideas of profit sharing, incentives and bonuses.

Featured speaker of the evening will be Mr. Jay Irwin, Lancaster County Associate Agent. Mr. Irwin has helped to plan many partnership agreements currently in existence in our area. Along with the presentation, sample copies of agreements will be available to you.

With the availability of farms decreasing in the future, especially in the Lancaster County area, more families will turn to partnerships for sustaining their lives on the farm. If you have a son or brother or are in need of a partner, it will definitely be to your advantage to attend this meeting.

The Agriculture Department is responsible for administering and enforcing the Pennsylvania Pesticide Control Act of 1973.

Pesticide users will fall into two general classifications of private and commercial applicators.

Private applicators are farmers who apply restricted pesticides to their own land or land which they lease for farming. To qualify, the farmer must prove competence in the use of such pesticides by some type of examination and then be certified as a private applicator and assigned a permit number. He must present his permit number to a dealer to purchase a

restricted pesticide.

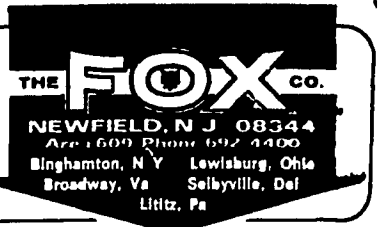
Nixon described commercial applicators as those who engage in the business of applying pesticides classified for restricted use. They will be examined to prove competence in the specific categories of commercial applicators to which they belong. If a commercial applicator wants to be certified in several categories he may take the examination in as many categories as desired and one fee will cover all categories in which he is certified, explained Nixon.

The cooperative Extension

Service of the Pennsylvania State University will be assisting the Department of Agriculture with the educational aspects of applicator certification.

A correspondence course will be available for private applicator certification. In addition, training programs and conferences will be available to assist those desiring to become commercial applicators. Specific times, places or dates are not yet available. The county Extension office will be the source of information on these programs. Such information will also be made available to the media.

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