

Cloister FFA (Ephrata) captured the two top places in the recently held Dairy Judging Contest at Penn State. The event was sponsored by the Penn State Dairy Science Club. Members of the A team which placed first are (kneeling from left) Kerry Boyd, Harry Leininger and Darryl Martin, David Haldeman was not present for the picture. Members of

the second place B team are (standing from left) Jay Gerhart, Cliff Martin, John Weiler and Curtis 'Martin. Lewis Ayers, agriculture instructor, was coach for the teams.

# Decorating Tricks

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The Extension specialists suggest some additional decorating touches. You could wrap a large metal potato chip can for a wastepaper basket. Or use a large coffee can for a countertop mini-garbage container. Just line it with a plastic bag or bread wrapper.

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## Japan's Mixed Feed Output Down Decline in 1975 Could Be Larger

Mixed feed production in Japan fell to 17.93 million metric tons in 1974. slightly below the 1973 level. Significantly, this was the first downturn since -1965 Prospects for 1975 indicate a further decline, possibly of 5 percent or more

Contributing to the falloff in mixed feed output was slack consumer demand for meat, reflecting high meat prices and an inflation rate that caused Japan's gross national product to fall nearly 2 percent last year-the first annual decline since World War II

All segments of the Japanese livestock and poultry industries were affected by higher costs in 1974. The average mixed feed price in December was nearly 35 percent higher than that of the previous year

The increase was mainly the result of higher priced imported ingredients For example, in January 1974, the landed price of corn was \$130 per

metric ton; in November, it was \$167, up nearly 30 percent. Corn constituted 64 million tons or 35 percent of the ingredients in last year's 17.9-millionton output of mixed feed in Japan.

Mixed feed production is expected to fall again in 1975 as livestock and poultry numbers falter. Hog numbers are forecast down nearly 10 percent and cattle numbers have declined as the result of heavy slaughtering last year In 1974, pork, dairy and beef production absorbed half of the mixed feed output

A decline in chick hatchings is anticipated in 1975, implying that feed usage in the poultry sector, which accounted for about 50 percent of last year's output, will also be down.

Although price reductions for mixed feed were recently announced, no real improvement in cost-price relationships is foreseen

-By Keith Severin, FAS

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looks attractive with the wall covering placed on one-half inch fiberboard. Telephone book covers of the vinyl material prevent tearing and add a splash of color.

If your cabinets are "tired looking" try cutting panels of vinyl wall covering. Apply the panels to the centers of each of your cabinet doors. Leave a margin all the way around. Finish with painted wood strip frames. To make the frames, cut mitered corners of the wood strips by using a miter box and saw. This is a good project to have your home handyman help with.

Moths Attack Cotton

Moths are still around with their age-old habit of nibbling stored clothing. Your best defense is to clean clothing and bedding before storing. According to Mrs. Ruth Ann Wilson, Extension clothing and textiles specialist at The Pennsylvania State University, even cotton and blended synthetics car provide food for moths if they are not clean. Launder everything sible and store unironed. Items that are not washable should be drycleaned before storing. Sprinkle moth balls into garment bags. between layers of fabrics in cartons and into garment pockets.

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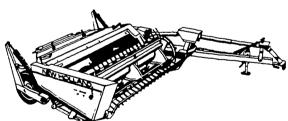
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