

Youth pursues

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The youth is currently working toward his Keystone Degree.

Raises Swine

Ron has developed his swine projects into a small operation and is just beginning his herd of Duroc and crossbred swine.

The youth, which uses the facilities on his father's and grandfather's farms near Penn Manor, has six sows and the same number of gilts along with a boar.

Ron explained why he had chosen the swine operation over other fields of production. "I guess I could raise other livestock such as beef, but it seems like such a long time before there are any returns."

"In a swine operation you're at least able to get some money fairly quickly and then gradually add to your herd."

Ron's herd is primarily

crossbreds but he does have a number of Duroc animals.

"I think that the Duroc animals are fast growing and look like the modern hog that everyone is growing for."

"I like them and think I'll stay with that breed."

Last year at the West Lampeter Fair, Ron bought a young gilt and raised her at his father's farm. This year, the sow came back to the fair with a litter of pigs and was entered in the "sow with a litter" class. The young man seemed quite proud of the fact that the animal had done well enough to show again.

Wants to Continue Farming

Ron, like many youths in southeastern Pa., had decided that farming is the career he will pursue. While the field may seem less than appealing to many young men his age, Ron explained

Soil Samples

Fall months are an ideal time to take soil samples to determine next year's needs for lime, phosphorus and potash. Poorly planned lime and fertilizer programs often can be blamed on the rush of spring work when plowing and planting suddenly become urgent. If soil samples are taken now, there will be plenty of time to order the proper fertilizers and take advantage of early-order discounts.

Lime, as well as phosphorus and potash can be applied during fall

his decision. "Without the farmer, there would be little to live on, he produces the meat and food for the people in this and other nations."

"I feel we have a duty to do what we can to help our country and farming is certainly one way to do it."

Hopefully, it will be the young men and women such as Ron that will sustain our agricultural production in the years to come, for in Ron's words, "farmers have made America what it is today."

months. Since lime is basically slow acting, early fall is a good time to apply it.

Also, at this time of year the ground is firm and suffers

less from heavy spreading plant food inventory of next year's crop needs.

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