

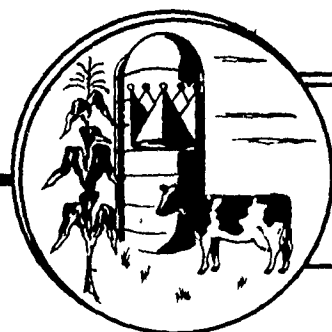
Tobacco will be topic of meeting

The raising of Maryland 609 tobacco and the research into growing a Pa. tobacco variety resistant to black shank disease will be the

topic of discussion at a meeting of the Adult farmers for the Eastern Lancaster County School District. The meeting is planned for

Nov. 28 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Hinkletown Alternative School located north of Rt. 322 east of Hinkletown on Wanner Road.

John Yocum, director of the southeast research center for Penn State, will be the guest speaker. All interested farmers are urged to attend.



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In September, 1973 an Agri-King serviceman approached me about feeding my heifers the Agri-King way. At the time I figured "this is just another salesman." Being in agriculture for many years it got to the place where I didn't know who to believe. One man says, "you put in this tank and it's got everything your animals need in it," another says "all you need is in this bag," and still another says "feed an ounce of this premix and all your troubles will be over." However, Agri-King's approach to feeding cattle was different than anything I had heard before.

I had used Silo-King on haylage and knew that it did a good job, so I treated all my corn silage with it that fall. It turned out to be the best corn silage I had ever put up.

The Agri-King serviceman came back and went over their feeding program again. It seemed like good common sense to test my corn silage and hay and feed a balanced ration. He explained to me all the problems I should be having because of using a lick tank, and by gum, he was right - I was having every one of these problems. Some heifers aborted and the calves that were born were too weak to live. So, I decided I would give Agri-King one year to prove itself.

After changing to the Agri-King program the heifers stayed in good flesh, we had no breeding problems and we had no abortions. In the fall of 1974 heifer prices dropped so low that my son, David, suggested we keep them and he would start milking them himself. He has had 39 heifers to freshen in the past year and there wasn't a one that didn't clean.

In seven months of DHIA testing the heifers have averaged 49.6 pound per cow per day on all cows. We are very pleased with the way the heifers hold production. The majority of the heifers only peak at 60 pounds but then they don't drop off and by the time he is ready to dry them off they are still milking around 40 pounds.

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Corn production is a record high

HARRISBURG - Corn production is at a record high in the United States but has declined from last year in Pennsylvania, according to the Crop Reporting Service.

Pennsylvania's 1975 production of corn for grain is still estimated at 86,400,000 bushels based on conditions November 1. This represents a three percent drop from 1974.

Potato production is forecast at 7,050,000 per hundredweight (cwt). This is two percent above last month and four percent above last year. Yield prospects improved during the month of October.

Production of Pennsylvania seedleaf tobacco is expected to total 21,875,000 pounds. This is three percent higher than forecast in October but still 16 percent short of the 1974 crop.

Pennsylvania summer snap bean acreage for harvest for fresh market is forecast at 700 acres, equal to 1974 acreage. Yield is forecast at 55 cwt. per acre, also equal to 1974. Production for 1975 is expected to total 39,000 cwt. with a total value of \$737,000 as compared to 1974 production of 39,000 cwt. with a total value of \$722,000.

Production of summer cabbage for fresh market

from the forecasted 1,700 acres for harvest is expected to total 357,000 cwt. Yield per acre is forecast at 210 cwt. for 1975. This is equal for 1974's acreage, yield and production. Total value of the 1975 crop is forecast at \$737,000, up two percent from 1974's \$722,000 total value.

Pennsylvania sweet corn for harvest for fresh market is forecast at 11,400 acres, down five percent from 1974.

Yield is forecast at 55 cwt. per acre, equal to the 1974 yield. Production for 1975 is expected to total 627,000 down five percent from 1974. Total value for the 1975 crop is forecast at \$5,192,000 as compared to \$5,280,000 in 1974.

Pennsylvania tomato acreage for harvest in 1975 is forecast at 2,300 acres, up 10 percent from 1974. Yield is forecast at 110 cwt. per acre, equal to 1974. This year's tomato production is expected to total 253,000 cwt., up 10 percent from 1974. Total value is forecast at \$2,606,000, down seven percent from the 1974 total value of \$2,795,000.

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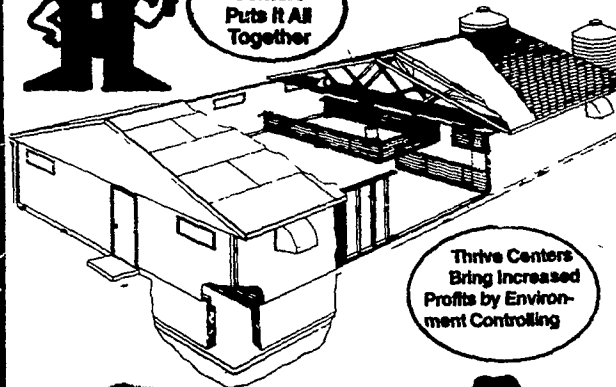
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