

Now's the Time

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October to December period. Animals freshening from late June through September will have a greater proportion of their production during the higher price period. Cows or heifers bred from mid-September to mid-November should freshen next summer and the dairymen will benefit from the milk prices at that time. In markets on a base plan, the same pattern of freshening builds a beneficial base, which is usually established August through December. Dairymen are urged to plan ahead at this time for peak milk production during the period of higher prices.

To Prevent Fires

Fire Prevention Week is October 3 to 9th. This is a time when all folks should focus on the fire hazards about the premises and try to eliminate them. Many of us take chances that may result in a serious fire. Last year 11,800 people lost their lives in fires and the property loss was a staggering \$4.4 billion dollars. Space does not permit the listing of all the causes of fires, but most of us are acquainted with the common causes in our area. Nationally, electrical equipment and wires caused the most fires; smoking, matches, and heating equipment are next in line of causes. To prevent serious fires we urge that Fire Extinguishers be in good condition and all members of the family acquainted on how to operate them. Also, in this area the farm pond is very useful to fight a fire, providing the fire engine can get to within 25 feet of the water. Most fires can be prevented and we urge

UNIVERSITY PARK Pa. Faylene Yoder 17 of Hamburg 101 and Freda Beaver 18 of Wayneboro 102 who have both compiled outstanding records in 4-H work have been named winners in the 1976 4-H National Awards Program. Freda was the state photography contest winner and Faylene was a winner in the state citizenship contest.

Both girls will receive an expense-paid trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago on November 29 to December 2, and will compete for awards at the national level.

Lastman Kodak supports the photography project, and Trans-Continental Gas Pipeline Corporation sponsors the citizenship project.

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To Topdress Alfalfa

Many local growers harvested four cuttings of alfalfa this summer, this means that considerable plant food was removed from the soil. In order to have healthy plants for next season, it is suggested that the field be treated this fall with a phosphorus-potash fertilizer; many growers will make this application just after the removal of the last cutting. Nitrogen should not be needed on an established alfalfa stand. If the field cannot be fertilized this fall, then an application next spring will be needed. Alfalfa plants are heavy feeders of both phosphorus and potash and the soil supply needs replaced each year. Alfalfa continues to be our leading forage crop and will give good returns with proper management.

Two win 4-H awards

Carroll L. Howes, associate 4-H youth division leader at Penn State University, who announced the award selection, said the girls were judged on the basis of project work, leadership ability, and participation in county and statewide activities.

They were picked from among the 145,000 young adults who annually take part in the Extension Service educational 4-H program.

Faylene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Yoder, and is a student at the Clarissa School of Fashion Design. She has been a 4-H member for eight years.

A member of the Tilden 4-H Community Club, she served as secretary and teen leader and a leader of the Bicentennial Food Club.

The state citizenship contest winner completed projects in clothing, wildlife conservation, teen leadership, citizenship, and health.

Freda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Verdeen Beaver, and is a sophomore at Millersville State College.

majoring in music education. She has been a 4-H member for seven years.

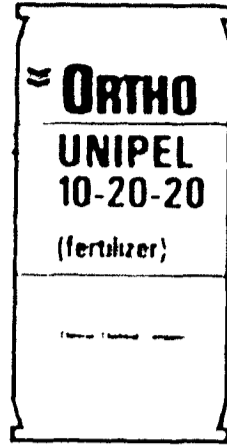
A member of the Quincy Clovers 4-H club, Lucky Leaf 4-H Community Club, and Guilford 4-H Club, she completed projects in photography, sewing, cooking, health, recreation, crafts, gardening, and entomology.

Food Facts

Plums are a variety of plum that has a sugar content high enough so that the fruit can be dried without fermenting. Pectin is the ingredient that makes jams, jellies, and jell.

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Farmers

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Better quality alfalfa is commanding a price of \$75 per ton, with some really top-notch stuff going for around \$120. Mixed hay and timothy is also bringing prices of more than \$75 or \$80 per ton in some cases. Poorer loads are selling for as low as \$40 per ton. Compared to prices in mid-June, they're up significantly in all categories, especially alfalfa, which could often be had for less than \$75 per ton back then.

The price situation reflects the need for hay in other portions of the country where drought has wiped out good feed prospects. It might be interesting to note here that it was recently reported on national television how one group of fortunate farmers - who considered themselves to be abundantly blessed with good crops this year - sent tractor and trailer loads of hay to their "neighbors" in another region where there was a severe shortage of hay.

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