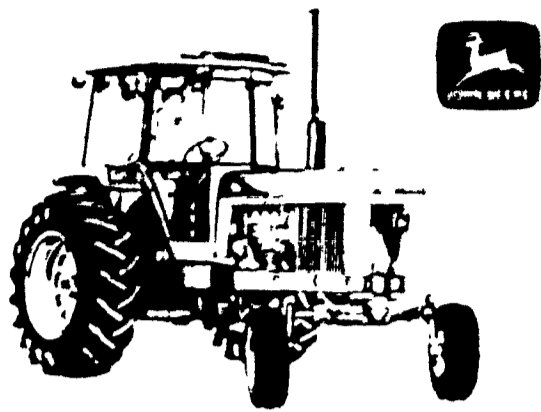


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## My Thoughts and Welcome to Them

(With apologies to James Thurber)

### Nothing exciting ever happens

There I was, standing in ankle deep mud in the hog tent at one of the fairs last month, with a slowly rising stream of water running through the middle of the tent, seeping into all the crevices between my shoes and boots, when all of a sudden a cankerous hog decided to live up to his reputation. "Look out," came the shout from up front, and everybody started dodging to get out of the way as the pig stormed around the tent. Mud was flying, the hog was snorting, and I was scrambling as quickly as I could to get out of the way of the raving porker. In a few minutes, everything was under control, including my heart, and the hog show continued undisturbed.

A little later at the steer show I was concentrating on the events, when off to my left, a young girl let out with a scream that could have

doubled as a fire siren. A lazy steer had decided to lean up against her while she leaned up against the wall. Needless to say, it was a tight situation and a slightly uncomfortable one at that. It took only few seconds, however, for experienced farmers to move the steer and solve the problem. That is, until a show steer decided to run rampant through the crowd. Again, it was a scramble and a mad dash to get to safety, which, fortunately, I was expert at by now.

When the disturbance had abated, I looked up to find another chicken just like myself cowering in a safe spot not far away. We looked at each other with total understanding. "You know," he said with an expressionless face, "nothing exciting ever happens around here."

## Archery season begins

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Pennsylvania's 1976-77 hunting seasons for big game will get underway when archers begin hunting whitetail deer one-half hour before sunrise today.

More than one-fourth of all of the nation's archery hunters purchase licenses in Pennsylvania. Last year, there were a record 215,727 archery licenses sold in the state, an increase of about 13,000 over the preceding year.

During the 1975-76 seasons archers reported harvesting a record 5,061 deer in Pennsylvania. The Keystone State

again has a large herd of whitetails in 1976.

There will be 24 hunting days during the regular statewide archery deer season which closes on October 29, one day before the opening of the general small game season. Sunday hunting is prohibited.

An extended 18-day archery deer season is scheduled to begin on December 27 and to end on January 15.

Use of bow and arrow is also permitted during the regular antlered and antlerless seasons in late November and December.

Archers are permitted to take one deer of either sex, regardless of size. If a hunter bags a deer during the archery season, he is not permitted to take another whitetail during the regular gunning season. Hunting hours for bowmen are from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

In addition to a regular resident or non-resident hunting license, an archery license is required to hunt deer with bow and arrow during the archery seasons. Archery licenses are available from county treasurers, archery license issuing agents, or by mail only from the Pennsylvania Game Commission, License Section, P. O. Box 1567, Harrisburg, Pa. 17120. An archery license costs \$2.20.

## Layer production up

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania layers produced 249 million eggs during August, down one per cent from the previous month and six per cent below a year earlier, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The August average of 12.4 million layers was up one per cent from the previous month, but six per cent below a year earlier.

Egg production per 100 layers during August totaled 2,003 eggs, down two per cent from the previous month, but approximately the same as a year ago.

The nation's laying flocks produced 5.4 billion eggs during August, slightly below both the previous month and a year ago. Layers on hand during August averaged 272 million, up two per cent from the previous month and about the same as a year earlier. The average rate of lay was the same as a year ago.

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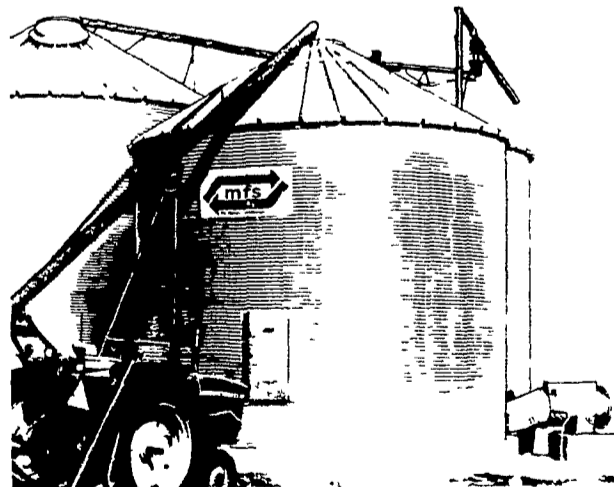
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