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## On-the-farm storage queried

### Corn 'bustin' bins

By DIETER KRIEG  
LANCASTER - "Storing my own corn is more convenient and cheaper in the long run," says a southern Lancaster County dairyman-veterinarian who put up two

new 10,000 bushel storage bins this Summer. "With this tremendous crop there wouldn't have been room to store it all, and we would have been forced to sell at low prices - that's no good,"

he continued to explain. "If you store it in a bin when prices are low, and sell it next Summer when prices are up 30-40-50 cents, that'll

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### Safety survey completed

By DIETER KRIEG  
LANCASTER - Routine farm chores appear to be most closely connected with farm accidents, preliminary results on a farm safety study reveal. The survey, which is now being completed, was begun a year ago, and was initiated by the National Safety Council.

Carried out in 13 Pennsylvania counties by women volunteers of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association, the study is now being compiled by Penn State University. Helen Wivell of the PFA women's committee organized the Lancaster County group. The

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### Chisel plowing discussed

By DIETER KRIEG  
NEW HOLLAND, Pa. - A farmer who allows the pH of his Lancaster County soil to drop to 6.2 or below is going to have a real fight in his hands when it comes to weed control in a corn field, according to Alan Wright from Shell Chemicals. Also, ac-

ording to studies cited by Wright, every two pounds of weeds in a field takes away one pound of potential corn production. Those were two of several points brought out at a soil management meeting held here at

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### Township meetings monitored

LANCASTER - The Lancaster County Farmers Association passed a resolution at the Fall annual meeting to become more involved in local government by appointing committees to attend township supervisors

and planning commission meetings - to give suggestions and advice on zoning ordinances, etc., since most of these decisions involve the farmer directly. "Most localities don't like to see valuable farm land gone,

and hate to see Lancaster County losing its rural character," explained Mrs. Richard Hess, Strasburg, who serves as reporter for the Association.

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record 100,320,000 bushels of corn were harvested in Pennsylvania this year, according to Nov. 1 figures released by the Crop Reporting Service. The previous largest crop was picked in 1974 when 89,100,000 bushels came off Pennsylvania fields. Aside from yields per acre being improved, the planted

acreage is up by 60,000 acres from 1975. This has left bins filled to capacity, in fact some folks have been asking themselves "where am I going to store it?" One route many farmers have taken to solve the problem is to have their own storage facilities, and in some cases even drying equipment.