

Farm

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Lebanon County Municipal Bldg., Lebanon.

Thursday, April 14

Warwick FFA plays the high school wrestling team in donkey basketball. At the high school gym.

Annville-Cleona, Lebanon County FFA banquet, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 15

Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association meets, Sheraton-Conestoga Inn, Lancaster, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 16

Hatfield Horseshoes 4-H Club hold immunization clinic, 8 a.m. to noon at the 4-H Center in Lansdale, Montgomery County.

Peach Blossom Festival at Maple Lawn Farms, New Park, today and tomorrow.

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Now is the time

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However, some folks do get anxious and actually get on their fields before they are sufficiently dry. This is far more serious with heavy equipment than with horse-drawn equipment. Heavy clay-type soil should be given more time to dry that lighter soils, or with sand or gravel-type soils. When the soil is worked too wet at this time of the year, it may not get frozen, and the physical structure will become hard and clumpy for the entire season. It is important to get some crops into the ground just as soon as possible; such as Spring oats, aerly potatoes and alfalfa seedings; however, this should not be done in wet ground.

TO FOLLOW THE LABEL

There are many practices included in a good spray program; one of the most important is to read and follow the label on the container; this is a "must" if the grower is to be successful and produce a quality product. All pesticide materials are registered and carry a label with full instructions. These should be followed for best results. The idea of applying a bit more than suggested is to be discouraged, because it is a waste of material and could result in a higher residue in a given length of time. Take time to read the label and then follow the instructions accurately.

TO MARK WET SPOTS

To those farmers who have wet areas in their crop or pasture fields and plant to do

something about it later in the year, we suggest that the areas be staked out at this time. Some of these wet spots may dry up during the Summer and be difficult to locate. When installing drain pipe or tile, it is important to know the exact location of the main source of trouble. Wet ground is not very productive and usually some type of under-ground drainage system will improve the productivity of the area and pay for the system. The removal of this excess water to a nearby stream or ditch is possible in most cases and is worthy of consideration at this time.

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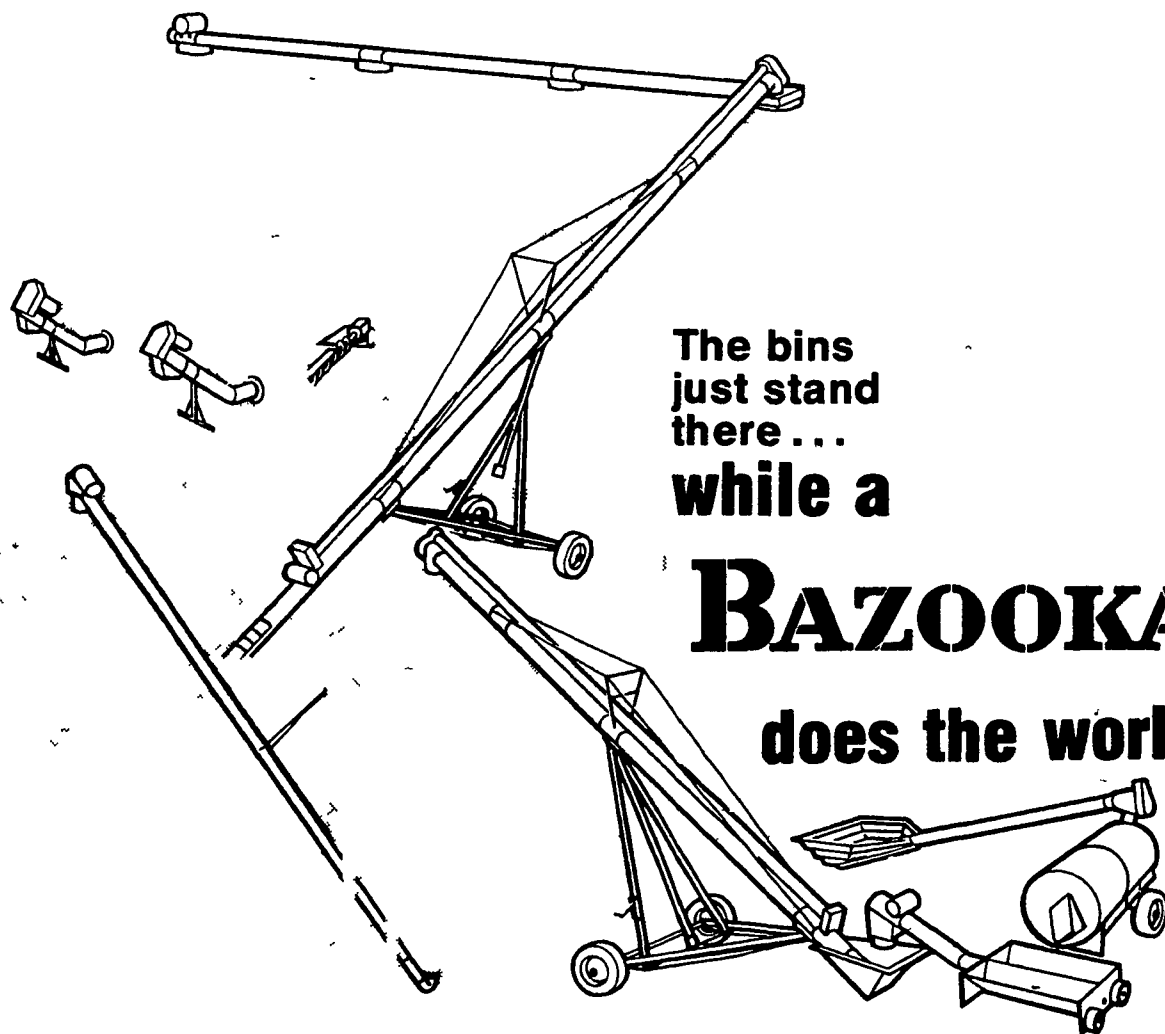
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