

# Raspberries

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just before the fruit is ripe. Too much rain when raspberries are ripe causes them to be mushy. On the other hand, cool, clear days such as the state experienced last week helps make them top quality. Raspberries are also smaller than usual because growers that acreage of raspberries grown has decreased in years.

To add the quick disappearance of this perishable crop, the demand is high.

Eckman, who has been growing raspberries for 17 years, says that customers have been "driving me crazy for raspberries" this year. Last Monday his workers picked 14 crates of the fruit from his 1-1/2 acres of stalks. Converted to quarts, that comes to 224.

Other Lancaster County growers confirm this fact. Herrs Fruit Farm, Lancaster R2, has had their crop

picked clean every day "pick-your-own" has been open to the public.

The average price at market for the raspberries is \$1.50 per quart with slight variations to both the higher and lower trends. Irrigated berries run as high as \$1.55 a quart, while others went for 20 cents less than that.

String beans also went to market for the first time last week. They will be in season from now until the first frost of the season. The first crop of beans was reportedly of

"fair" quality due to dry weather through the early part of the growing season. However, the rest of the crop is expected to be of better quality because of improved climatic conditions.

The prices at market last week averaged around \$.50 per quart box, but were expected to level out at a lower mark near to last year's average when the beans come into full season.

Blueberries, another seasonal crop, are expected to last for five or six more weeks.

# Geib earns

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received \$100 from A. O. Smith Harvestore Products, Inc., and Keystone Steel and Wire, Division of Keystone Consolidated, Inc. He is now eligible for the North Atlantic Regional competition in the proficiency award program. Competition in the FFA proficiency award program follows a progression through state, regional, and national eliminations. At the national level, one FFA member is named as national winner of the



Earl Geib

Diversified Livestock Production Award and receives a plaque and a check for \$500.

Contributing to his success in the diversified livestock proficiency award program were Geib's agriculture and community activities. He is the president of the Manheim Agriculture Poultry Service as well as belonging to the Red Rose Beef and Sheep Club. Holding down two jobs, Geib works for both his father on the farm and at Plain and Fancy Egg Ranch, Elizabethtown, on a part time basis. He is a member of the Chiques Church of the Brethren.

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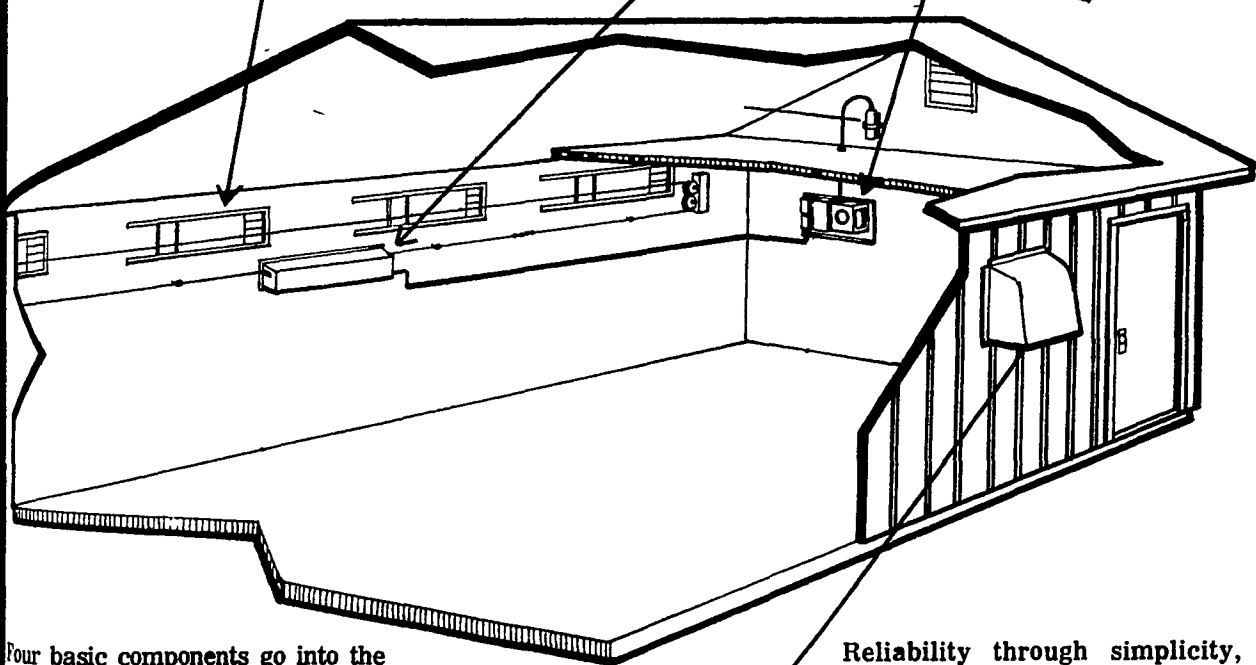
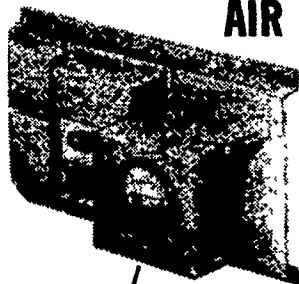
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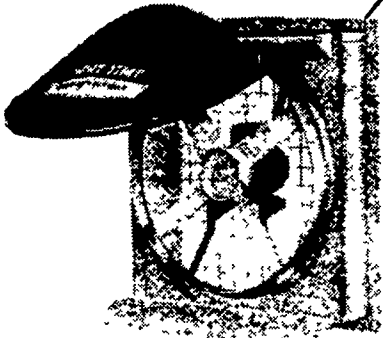


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