

## Farm Calendar

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Energy conservation meeting on insulating the home, at the Hunterdon County, N.J. Extension Center, Flemington. Programs begins at 7:30 p.m.

Ephrata Young Farmers meeting on wills and estate planning, 7:45 p.m. at the high school.

Blue Mountain Young Farmers meeting on small engines repair, 6 to 9 p.m. at the high school.

**Wednesday, Jan. 25**

Lancaster County Conservation District holds regular monthly meeting, Conference Room at the Farm and Home Center, 7:30 p.m.

Farm Income Tax Meeting at the Lancaster Farm

and Home Center, 9:30 a.m.

Delaware Dairy Day, 10 a.m. at the Sheraton Inn, Route 13, Dover.

Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative meeting, Hostetter's Banquet Hall, 12 noon.

Delaware-Maryland No-Tillage Symposium, Tidewater Inn, Easton, Md. 8:30 a.m.

Public meeting concerning the Quittapahilla Watershed Project, Room 201 in the City-County Municipal Building, 400 South 8th Street, Lebanon. 7:30 p.m.

Board of directors meeting for the Berks County Conservation District, 2 p.m. at the Ag Center, Leesport. The District will hold a reorganizational meeting

prior to the Board meeting. Reorganization meeting at 1 p.m.

Blue Mountain Young Farmers welding course, at the high school, 7 to 10 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 26**

Regional Farm Income Tax Meeting, Embers Restaurant, Route 11, Carlisle 9:30 a.m.

Elizabethtown Young Farmers meet, program: soil conservation, 7:30 p.m.


Farm and Home Foundation annual dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.

Blue Mountain Young Farmers welding course, 7 to 10 p.m. at the high school.

Pesticide course offered at Solanco High School, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 28**

Blue Mountain Young Farmers hold barn dance, 7:30 p.m.



A simple way to save energy and reduce utility costs is to wash clothes in warm or cold water. If everyone followed this simple procedure savings would amount to the equivalent of 100,000 barrels of oil per day. That is 2½ per cent of the total demand for residential heating — enough to heat 16 million homes in winter.

## Reader says do less and get more

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If strikes, boycotts or any other types of rebellion fails, there is only one peaceful, practical alternative. The federal government should take over all farm land property. This system offers unlimited possibilities. You will be able to keep on farming, but you won't have to invest one cent of your own

money. The best part of all is that you will be paid a guaranteed salary and everything you need to operate would be supplied by the government.

So, if we farmers cannot solve our problems on our own, there is always someone who will — and NOT ALWAYS TO OUR ADVANTAGE!

Yours truly  
Willard Greene  
Glens Falls, N.Y.

## Swine future uncertain

HOUSTON, Tex. — Glenn Grimes, University of Missouri Extension economist, warns swine producers that marketing uncertainties would face them in 1978.

Grimes, speaking at the swine conference during the 59th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said: "The size of producing units is getting larger. They are increasing at the approximate rate of seven per cent per year.

"One larger unit is known to have 20,000 sows," he said, "and probably the ceiling hasn't been reached yet."

Large hog units are not uncommon and many are over 10 years old, but most are specialized-type units, he explained.

Also Grimes said more than 50 per cent raise no feed grain, this means grain for hog feed is a cash constant in the hog industry. With stable to higher grain prices and increased hog production expected in 1978, Grimes looks for the following price trends:

First Quarter: 20 million

expected slaughter, \$38-41

Second Quarter: 20.5 million, \$36-39;

Third Quarter: 21 million, \$35-37;


Fourth quarter: 22 million \$35.

Grimes believes with a trend to larger producing units, swine producers could see an eventual change in marketing and pricing patterns.


### RETROACTIVE ALLOWANCE

The IRS rule allowing 17 cents a mile for the first 15,000 miles of business use of a vehicle is retroactive to January 1, 1977. Employees who have been reimbursed at less than the new allowable rate should file an "employee business expenses" form with their tax returns and claim the difference as a deduction. This can be done even if you don't itemize deductions.

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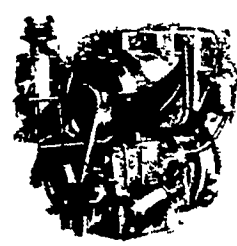
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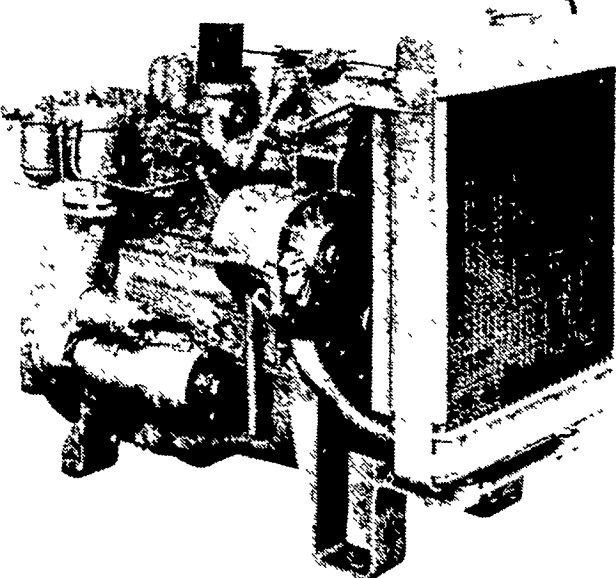





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