

Chester-Del. Co. farm tour to be Nov. 18-19

NOTTINGHAM — The Chester Delaware County Farmers' Association will hold their annual Farm-City Weekend on November 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on November 19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Every November, farm families who are members of the Association open their businesses to help promote better understanding between the farmer and consumer. Twenty-one farms in Chester County are open this year, making this the largest and most varied tour of local agriculture available. Orchards, dairies, poultry operations and greenhouses are among the more familiar sights included in this year's open house, but one can also see purebred Arabian horses, an exotic cactus collection, mushrooms growing in trays, tomatoes being raised without soil, and 8,000,000 worms under one roof.

Hosts for this year's Farm-City Weekend are: Charles Gable, who farms 200 acres, mostly corn and alfalfa. He also has 100 head of registered Ayrshire in a conventional tie-stall barn and a free-stall heifer barn.

Meadowood Farms, run by Frank and Robert Stoltzfus, is 370 acres of mostly corn with a few acres of grain and hay. They finish 2,000 hogs a year and 35 steers a year, and raise 30,000 pullets. They also own a grain dryer and do custom combining and drying.

Batchelor's Flowers is a retail florist operation; with nine greenhouses growing plants for the holidays.

Hydroponic Systems, Inc. is where one can see the new method of growing food. A beautiful tomato crop is being grown in liquid fer-

tilizer. There is no soil, peat moss, sand or stone. Seeds planted on July 3, 1978 are four feet tall and loaded with tomatoes. There should be a continuous crop until June of 1979. This method causes tomatoes to grow fast, in great volume, and to grow for more than 12 months.

My-T-Hi Farm, owned by S. Horace Mowrer and family, is a sixth generation dairy farm with 125 Holsteins and 120 replacement heifers. Cows are milked in tie stall barn with pipeline milkers and fed with electric feed carts and bunk feeder. There are also 650 acres of corn, hay and small grain on this farm.

Bill and Janna Cracas, have a poultry farm with 14,000 laying hens in automated cage system and an in-line grading system to prepare eggs for market. Eggs are sold retail and wholesale at farm and marketed through Producers Pride Cooperative. Collecting times are 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m.

Nussex Farms, West Chester is an orchard and retail market; with 160 fruit trees, including apple, peach, plum, cherry. They produce 50,000 gallons of cider annually. A full line of vegetables are grown and baked goods are available.

Alta-Vista Farm, owned by Harry Bickel, is a modern 250 acre dairy farm with free stalls and 60 cows. Crops include corn, hay and small grains.

Far Out Cactus Greenhouse features the largest collection of cactus on East Coast, and 1500 varieties can be viewed in a typical greenhouse operation from seed growing to retail sales.

Modern Mushroom Farms, Inc. is the largest and most modern mushroom growing plant in the East. Visitors can view every phase of mushroom growing. Pratt's Greenhouse consists of eight greenhouses covering 27,500 square feet;

four of the greenhouses are double plastic, air inflated to conserve fuel. Sale and delivery of potted plants is made to retailers within a 25 mile radius. The carnation range was converted to poinsettias, cyclamen, gloxinia, reiger begonia,

kalanchoe, ferns, foliage and hanging plants. Wilkinson Farms has 300 cows milked on an eight stall Boumatic carousel parlor, housed in two 170 feet by 50 feet free stall barns. Feeding is done by mixer wagon. Silage, haylage and

high moisture corn are stored in trenches. The farm is presently growing 800 acres of corn, 300 acres of small grain, 500 acres of hay, and 400 acres soybeans. Milking starts at 2 p.m. and

(Turn to Page 127)

MOVE IT OUT WITH THE RUGGED ONE

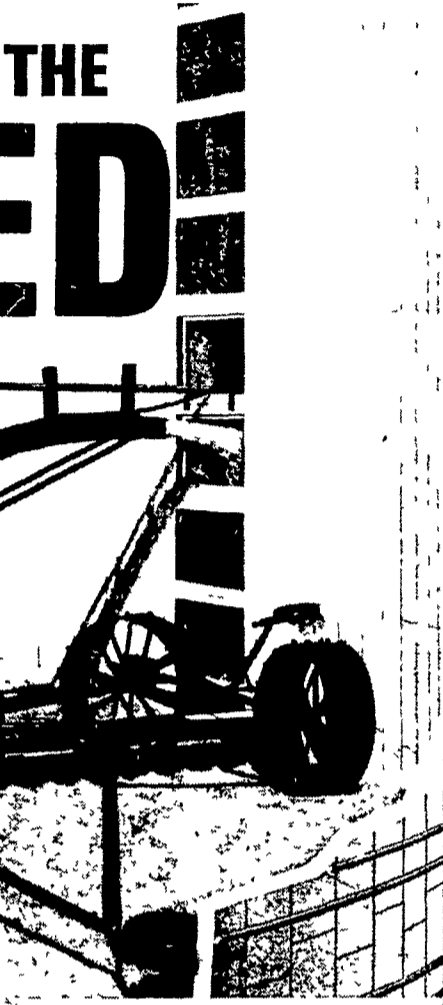
PATZ SILO UNLOADERS

- CAPACITY
- WORKABILITY
- ECONOMY

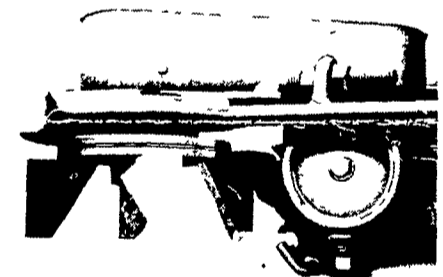
PATZ Silo Unloaders give you two big, lugged drive wheels for sure traction and flotation. Silage is removed evenly with the Patz exclusive self-leveling device. Preset depth control adjustment; "no-load" starting with the PATZ throw-out clutch; and easy lifting, high into the top of the silo for refilling; are additional features of this durable performer. Call us for design matched systems, installation and service of quality PATZ equipment.

...but DON'T STOP with the UNLOADER

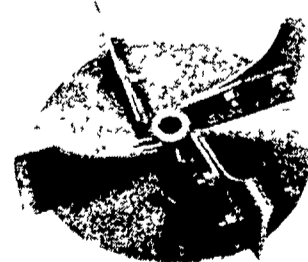
The big capacity of the PATZ Silo Unloader can be design matched to a choice of Material Movers, Conveyors, Conveyor-Feeders or In-bunk Feeders to completely automate your feed handling chores.



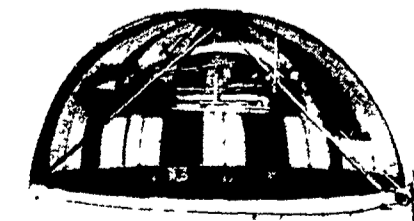
Claw-Like, Hardened Steel Gathering Chain
Steel claws and rakers cut and pull apart the hardest packaged or frozen silage.



Spring Tensioned Frost Cutter
Four hardened steel, self sharpening blades shear away frozen silage



Adjustable Impeller Blades
Four impeller blades adjust for close tolerance and efficient silage throwing



Tripod Raised for Easy Filling
PATZ Unloader prepares easily for raising high into silo top

Get the **PATZ** facts first

DISTRICT MANAGER
GEORGE HEATH
472 Woodcrest Dr
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
717-737-9400

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL DEALER

ALEXANDRIA
MAXISENBERG
717-669-4027

BALLY
LONGACRE
ELECTRIC
215-845-2261

BELLEFONTE
LUCAS BARN
EQUIPMENT
814-383-2806

BELLEVILLE
MACLAY & SON
717-935-2101

CAMP HILL
LLOYD SULTZBAUGH
717-737-4554

CHAMBERSBURG
VALLEY FARM
AUTOMATION
717-264-3814

HAMBURG
SHARTLESVILLE
FARM SERVICE
215-488-1025

KIRKWOOD
LANDIS &
ESBENSHADE
717-786-4158

LEBANON
MARVIN J. HORST
DAIRY EQUIPMENT
717-272-0871

McALISTERVILLE
SANER FARM
SYSTEMS
717-463-2606

MILLERSBURG
LANDIS
LABOR SAVERS
717-692-4647

MILTON
LANDIS FARMSTEAD
AUTOMATION
717-437-2375

PIPERSVILLE
MOYER
FARM SERVICE
717-766-8675

TERRE HILL
TERRE HILL
SILO CO. INC.
215-445-6736

WILLIAMSBURG
LONGENECKERS, INC
814-793-3731

MARYLAND DEALERS

EASTON, MD.
WALTER J. HARMSEN
301-822-3085

HAGERSTOWN, MD.
TRI-STATE
FARM AUTOMATION
301-790-3698

KENNEDYVILLE, MD.
PINDER SERVICE CO
301-348-5263

LINEBORO, MD.
WERTZ GARAGE, INC.
301-374-2672

NEW WINDSOR, MD.
TRI-COUNTY
FARM AUTOMATION
301-775-7365

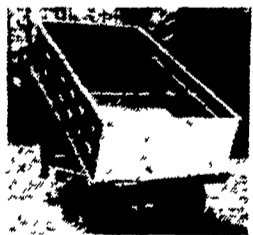
STREET, MD.
WALTER WEBSTER
301-452-8521

GO

FISHER AND STOLTZFUS TRAILER SALES

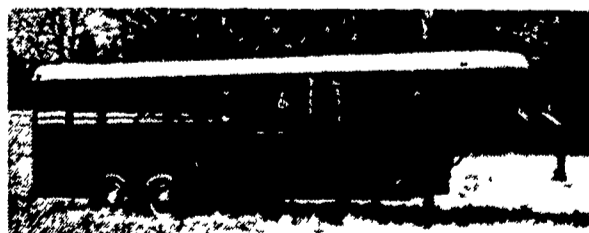
Call 717-768-3832 or 717-354-0723

TILT BED GRAIN TRAILER



This 16' x 8' grain trailer is designed to haul grain. The body has 40" sides, and a grain door in the rear.

STANDARD LIVESTOCK TRAILER



This 20' x 6' trailer has the 2 ft. Escape Door, Metal top & Tack Compartment.

EQUIPMENT TRAILER



The equipment trailer with dove tail is custom built for rigidity.

ALL SIZE HORSE TRAILERS BUMPER AND NECKOVER
CHECK OUR PRICES BEFORE YOU BUY