

Upcoming Ephrata farmer program features dairy calf hutches

EPHRATA - The Ephrata Adult Farmer program will sponsor an educational meeting on Housing Dairy Calves in Calf Hutches, on Tuesday, January 23, 1979, at 7:45 p.m. in the agriculture classroom of the Ephrata High School. Slides will be shown of hutches currently being used in the

Ephrata area. A plywood calf hutch built by Moses Good of Mount Joy R3 will be on display, along with a "Fiberdome" calf hutch distributed by Terre Hill Silo Company.

According to an article in the February 25, 1978 Hoard's Dairyman entitled

"Hutches Help These Dairymen Save More Calves," outdoor calf hutches have been around for a long time, yet it has only been in the last five years that their use has really caught hold, particularly in the Midwest. Hutches were originally thought of as an inexpensive alternative to farmers who couldn't afford better kinds of housing. Many farmers are now choosing to use hutches instead of more conventional forms of housing. According to Hoard's Dairyman; "They have brought an end to heavy calf losses on scores of farms, especially those farms where poor facilities had resulted in respiratory troubles." Surveys of farmers in the Ephrata area seem to support these claims. The meeting is open to the general public and refreshments will be served. For any additional information, contact Jack Shrimplin or Charles Ackley at the Ephrata High School, 717-733-7961 (ext. 261).

Agribusiness seminar set

YORK - "The Biggest Business - Agriculture" is the theme of the 16th Annual Agribusiness Seminar, set for January 25 at the Avalong Dairy Bar Restaurant in York.

Jointly sponsored by the York Area Chamber of Commerce and the county's Extension Service, the morning session will feature an address by Penrose Hollowell, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture.

Other morning program speakers are Lawrence Murdock, Jr., vice-president and secretary of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and James M. Beattie, dean of the college of agriculture of Penn State.

Following the noon luncheon, a panel of agribusiness representatives will look at the influence of government in agriculture. Panelists in-

clude Joyce Bupp, secretary to Penn's Agri-Women, Gary T. Knisely, Esq., corporate counsel to Hanover Brands, Inc., John T. Pitzer, Adams County fruit grower and past president of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association and Dr. Norman F. Reber, former editor of Pennsylvania Farmer.

Wrap-up speaker will be Dennis Gaab, a congressional liaison with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

The session will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and welcoming remarks, and adjourn at 2:45 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 and are available from the York Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1229, York, Pa. 17405, or call 717/854-3814. Reservations deadline is Monday, January 22.

Bomberger, Flickinger win tractor driving contest

HARRISBURG - The 4-H division A of the 1979 Tractor Driving contest was won by William Romberger of Pitman, Schuylkill County. Placing second in the 4-H contest was Dave Greaser of Williamsburg R2, Blair County. Third place was won by Lancaster Countian Timothy A. Gockley of Reinholds R1. Boz Robbins of Bloomsburg R4, Columbia County, came in fourth while Scott A. Zeigler of East Berlin R2, Adams County,

placed fifth.

In the FFA members, division B, tractor driving contest, Gary Flickinger of Gettysburg R4, Adams County, placed first in his class. Scott D. Simpson of Irtiana R1, took second, while John W. Marsteller, Jr. placed third. Philip S. Aument of Quarryville R1, captured fourth place and Ronald Shoemaker of Riegelsville R1, North Hampton County placed fifth.

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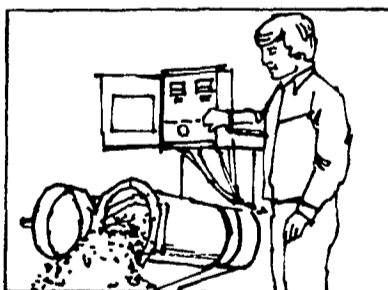


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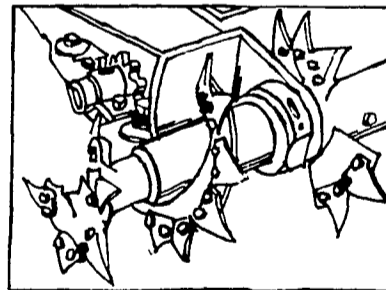
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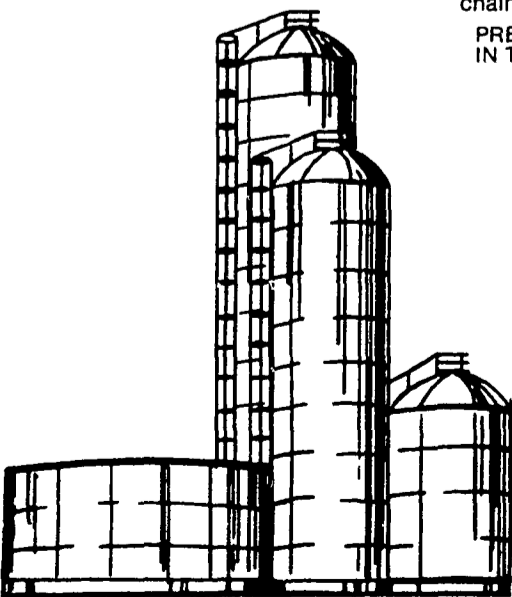
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