

# Hoagland chosen as 'outstanding young farmer'

ELYSBURG - Garwood R. Hoagland, Catawissa R3, has been selected as the "Outstanding Young Farmer" for 1978 by the Elysburg Area Jaycees. He was selected through a system of referrals from agricultural resource people and interviews.

Garwood and his wife, Carla Sue, operate a 400 acre farm that involves a farrow to finish hog operation, a

cow-calf beef herd, and an extensive cropping acreage.

Garwood grew up on a farm and, after graduating from Delaware Valley College with a B.S. degree in agronomy, he returned home. He became part-owner and worked with his father until this year when his father retired.

Garwood maintains a "closed" sow herd and allows no visitors into the

pens for fear of outside disease. Over five hundred hogs are annually farrowed and finished, with the slaughter hogs sold on a grade-yield basis. Carcass data is then used in his breeding program to make possible improvements.

In the cropping program, Garwood plants at least one or two new hybrids each year plus maintaining his own test plots for corn.



Garwood R. Hoagland

hybrid comparison. Besides growing 110 acres of corn, Garwood grows oats, wheat, rye, and alfalfa hay. Accurate yield records are kept as a certified truck scale is maintained.

The beef herd utilizes land that is unsuitable for cropping purposes. The primarily Charolais cow herd has 95 per cent to 100 per cent calving percentage. This high percentage comes about as the cows are pregnancy checked each Fall. Low producing or barren cows are culled to avoid overwintering them.

Garwood and Carla Sue have three children; Jennifer, 7; Rebecca, 3; and Adam, 1. They believe that "Farming is a good way of life and that a farm is the best place to raise a family because of the wholesome environment." Farming also gives Garwood satisfaction in that he has the opportunity to use his own ideas.

The Hoaglands were presented a special plaque and a cash award from the Jaycees.

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## Poultry meetings set

LANCASTER — The Penn State Extension Service has scheduled three educational poultry meetings in Lancaster County, the first of which will be held Thursday, Feb. 15, in the Farm and Home Center, here. Subsequent meetings will be held there March 1 and 15. Starting times for all meetings is 7:30 p.m.

According to Lancaster County Extension Agent Jay Irwin, "a lot of important things have happened in the poultry industry during the past year and will continue to occur in the future. We have scheduled three meetings in an effort to keep poultrymen abreast of these things and help them meet the challenges that may affect their farms and their industry."

The first meeting, slated for Feb. 15, will attempt to answer the question: "Do You Need to Be an Engineer to Operate Your Poultry House?" Floyd Hicks guest stars.

Also on the agenda for that first meeting is a panel of equipment representatives who will discuss "What Can The Poultry Producer Do To Keep a Check on His Equipment, and Operate and Maintain it Efficiently?"

The second meeting, on March 1, features Fred Jandl, turkey grower, and John Pyfer and David Kluxen, attorneys at law. All three gentlemen have been closely involved with zoning and neighbor protests. On March 15 the program will feature three topics: "Who Consumes Our Products and Why?"; "Broiler Consumption is Going Up;" and "Our Egg Promotion is Paying Off."

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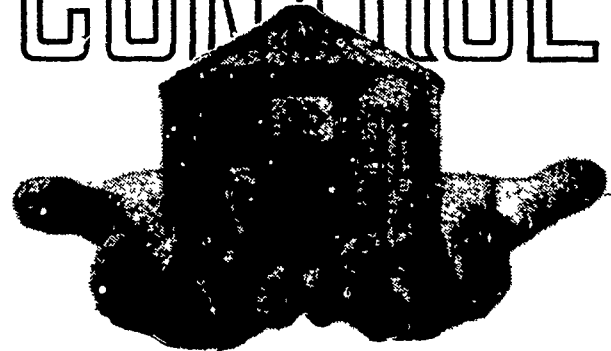


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