

Farm Talk

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The latest edition of the Yearbook of Agriculture is about as far from farming as you can get and still call it agriculture. The title, "What's To Eat? And Other Questions Kids Ask About Food" tips you to the content of this 144 page, 8 1/2 x 11-inch paperback.

It's no doubt going to be very popular with a lot of people, but it won't do for the agricultural bookshelf what some of its predecessors did.

According to a Department of Agriculture news release, the '79 Yearbook of Agriculture was designed and written for 9 to 12 year olds and was produced by USDA as one of its commitments honoring the International Year of the Child.

Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland says the book tells the story of food in two ways. "It tells the story of those

who produce our food and it tells us how our health, well being and pleasure are affected by food."

Obviously, the new yearbook is a radical departure from its predecessors in content, format, and audience appeal.

Already a number of Congressmen who get copies for free distribution are up in arms about the book's approach. Some say they aren't even going to mail it out. And some USDA critics say the yearbook only adds to the mounting evidence that the Department has forgotten why it exists and who it should be serving.

Included in the book's eight sections are: A look at the history of food and eating, with some rather strange etiquette of early days, a farm tour conducted by a 12-year-old farm boy, a trip to the supermarket and other places to buy food, the

latest on nutrition, and what it does for the body, farm and dinner table visits to some faraway places; a look ahead 50 years at what we'll be eating; both outdoor and indoor easy-to-do vegetable gardens; and funny sayings and crafts that can be performed with foods.

The '79 ag yearbook could be very popular with urban folks, especially since the price is only \$4.50 per copy. As usual, Congressmen have some copies for free distribution to constituents, so I suggest if you're interested you contact one of them. Or, you can order a copy by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Department 39-G, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Ask for the Yearbook of Agriculture, "What's To Eat? And Other Questions Kids Ask About Food."

While we're recommending reading material,

allow me to suggest a Delaware Extension Service publication, "Land Use For The Public Good Should Delaware Farmland Be Preserved?"

This extension bulletin gives excellent background on Delaware's farmland preservation situation and will help both farm and city folk understand the dimensions of the problem.

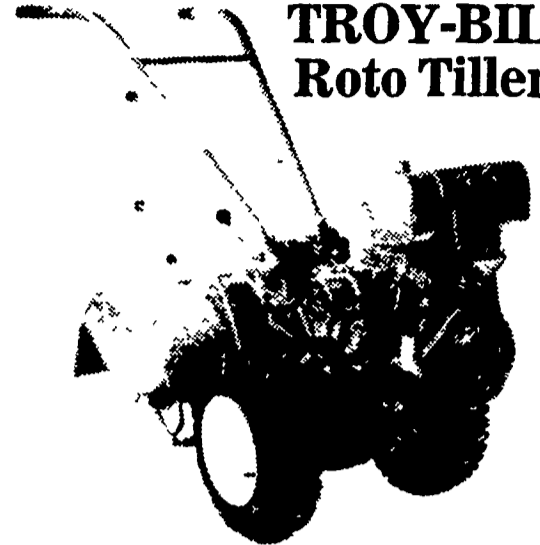
Whether you're arguing for or against farmland preservation you need some facts, and that's what Gerald Vaughn, coordinator of community and resource development with the extension service, has attempted to do in this little booklet.

If you want a copy of this publication, write to the Mail Room, Agricultural Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19711. Ask for Extension Bulletin 117, "Land Use For The Public Good Should Delaware Farmland Be Preserved?"



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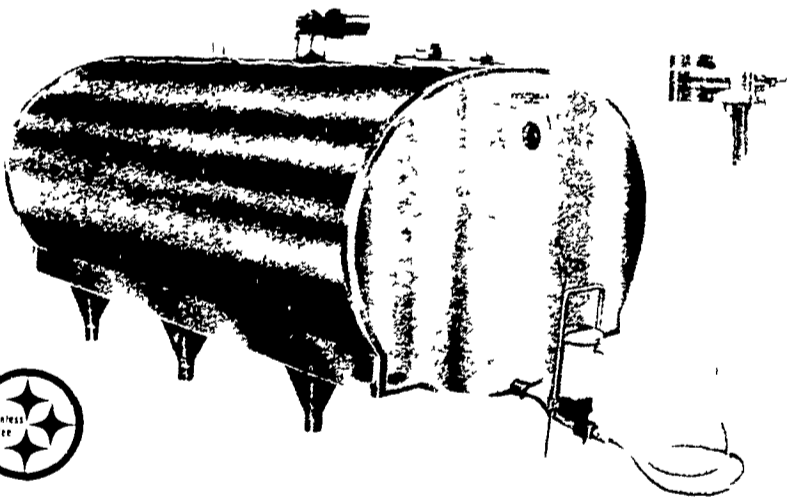
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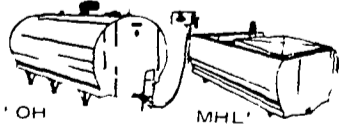
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