

Young farm workers need training exemptions

NORRISTOWN — Farm employers should insist that young employees and summer help have training exemptions before working on a farm, reminds Mon-

gomery County Agent, Joseph H. Way.

The child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act state that youth under 16 cannot be employed in certain hazardous agricultural operations unless they have had special training and received a certificate. The provisions do not apply to youth working on the farms of their parents or guardians, but the training is still essential, says Way.

Among the hazardous jobs not open to youth are

operating a tractor over 20-belt horsepower, operating or assisting with the operation of certain pieces of farm machinery, operating or assisting with trenchers, fork lifts, chain saws, or other types of machines, and working inside airtight produce and grain storages or silos.

Other forbidden jobs involve working at high elevations, handling hazardous materials, working pens with breeding stock, handling explosives or anhydrous ammonia,

working in heavy timber operations, transporting passengers in buses, tractors, trucks or autos, or riding on a tractor as a passenger or helper.

In certain of these operations, notes Way, 14 and 15 year old farm workers can receive exemptions if they have

completed formal training in these areas.

knowledge of the correct use of machinery.

Training programs available for 14 and 15 year olds teach them about normal working hazards involved with tractor and farm machinery. Written and operational examinations test their

Exemptions are also available for 4-H youth who have completed specific training requirements, and for students who have completed certain units in the vocational Agriculture Training Program.



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CCC fulfills current purchase plans

LEESPORT — The Commodity Credit Corporation accepted all responsive bids from farmers to sell soft red and white wheat and accepted approximately 86 percent of all bids for hard red winter and spring wheat offered under CCC's purchase invitation issued April 3, according to CCC Executive Vice President Ray Fitzgerald.

Wheat purchased includes approximately 51.1 million

bushels of hard red winter, 36.3 million bushels of hard red spring, 5.9 million bushels of white and 1.2 million bushels of soft red winter. Offers from farmers for hard wheats were 61.2 million bushels of winter and 42.7 million of spring.

CCC has now purchased

approximately 156 million bushels which fulfills the current purchase plans.

There will be no purchases or posting of wheat purchase prices in county ASCS offices until further notice, announced a spokesman for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

York Farm Women Executive Board meets

York County will host the State Spring Rally of the Pennsylvania Society of Farm Women. The Rally will be held at the York Fairgrounds on Thursday, May 1 at 10:30 a.m.

State scholarship and county scholarship applications deadline is May 1. Any student majoring in home economics and a high school graduate whose

mother is a member of a society is eligible to apply for the scholarships. Applications may be mailed to Naomi Bupp, R2, Glen Rock 17327.

The County Picnic will be held July 31 at the 4-H center.

The next board meeting will be held Monday, September 29 1 p.m. at the York Mall Community Room.

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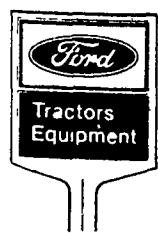
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