

Cumberland extension honors members



National 4-H winner, Judy Long receives a \$1000 check from the National 4-H Council for her outstanding performance in the Horse program. Duane Duncan, Cumberland County Agent, presented the check to Miss Long at the Annual Extension Banquet at South Middleton Firehall, Boiling Springs.



Recently elected new officers of the Board of Directors of the Cumberland County Extension Association include President, Robert Berkheimer; Secretary, Mary Ellen Williams; Vice President, Gary Hornbaker, are shown

here with Commissioner, Rosemarie Peiffer who has been designated by the Commissioners to work with Cumberland County Extension Association.



Cumberland County Agent Duane Duncan, left, receives the 1980 Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, presented by Lancaster County Agent, Jay Irwin, Director of the Penna. Association, County Agricultural Agents at the Cumberland County Annual Extension Banquet.



The Cumberland County Extension Association presented outstanding leadership and service awards to Dorothy Jones, R1, Newville and Mark Basehore, 6080 Creekview

Rd., Mechanicsburg, for their many years of untiring contributions to Extension programs. Robert Berkheimer, left, President of the Association, presented the awards.

Spread yield risk: plant several varieties

LITITZ — Planting soybeans that mature at different dates is a wise practice that helps insure growers against potential crop disasters, notes Charles Brum, manager of soybean research for Funk Seed International.

Many soybean growers typically plant several corn hybrids with different maturities to spread risk

But the same growers may devote all their soybean acreage to one variety, Brum says, even though the reasons for planting "companion" corn hybrids apply just as well to soybeans.

Planting companion varieties with varying degrees of insect and disease resistance decreases the chance that any single pest can

damage an entire soybean field. And dry, hot weather that can inhibit corn grain fill also can critically reduce soybean pod set and fill.

By planting different maturity soybean varieties that will flower

and fill at different times, growers will have more assurance that overall farm yields will be increased," Brum adds.

For example, some early maturity soybean varieties did poorly last year due to drought, while later maturities fared better.

"In the Bloomington, Illinois, area, we got rains rather late in August. As a result, the Group III varieties yielded better than Group

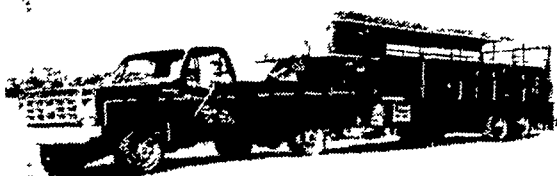
II," Brum explains.

Seed companies are releasing a greater number of high-yielding companion soybean varieties to help growers spread risk.

"The number of good varieties available should enable growers to plant several in one year," Brum concludes. "It doesn't pay to put all your eggs in one basket, whether you're planting corn or soybeans."

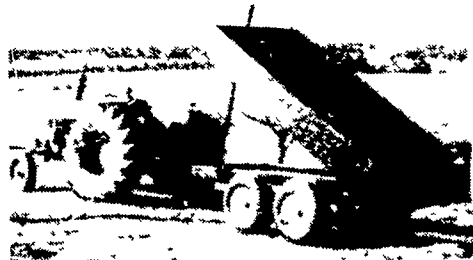
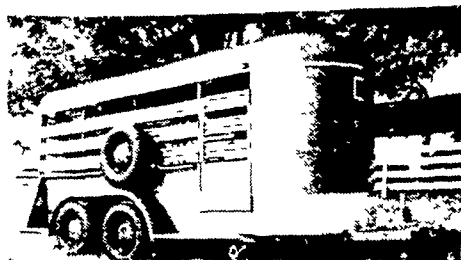
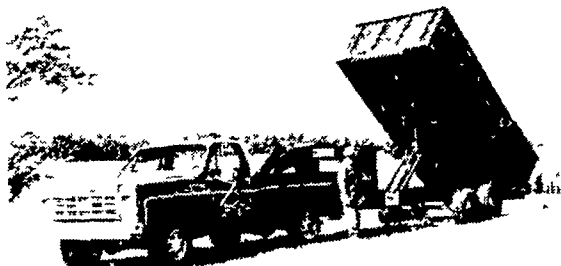
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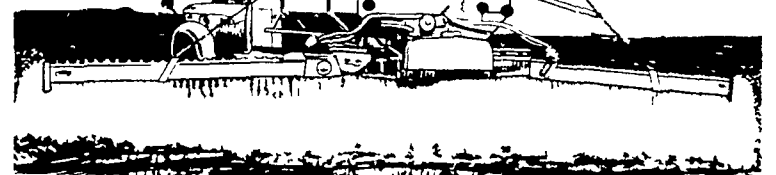
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