

Farm Calendar

Today, April 4

Feeder pig show & sale, Carroll Sale Barn, Felton, Del., show at 10 a.m., sale at 2 p.m.
 Lehigh County FFA banquet, Vot-tech School, Schnecksville.
 Hunterdon County, N.J. horse farm tour.
 Pa. Polled Hereford Sale, Washington County Fair Grounds, show at 9:30 a.m., sale at 1 p.m.
 Md. Polled Hereford Black Eyed Susan Sale, 7 p.m., Frederick, Md. Fair Grounds

Sunday, April 5

Berks Dairy Princess Pageant meeting, Sattazahn Farm, Womelsdorf

Monday, April 6

Backyard fruit growing, 7:30 p.m., Lancaster Farm & Home Center.

Water conservation meetings, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m., Room 145, Gettysburg Senior High.

Farm Equipment Manufacturers', 5:30 p.m., Casa Rillo, 21st St., Camp Hill.

Tuesday, April 7

York County Holstein Club bus tour to Perry County

Penns. Agri-Women, 9:30 a.m., Hershey Convention Center.

Dairy heifer feeding meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dover High ag room

Franklin County Conservation District meeting, 9 a.m., County Administration Bldg

Wednesday, April 8

Swine health meeting, 7 p.m., University of Delaware Substation, Georgetown.

Delmarva Hatchery and Breeder Block Management Short Course, 8:45 a.m., Delmarva Convention Hall, Delmar, Md

Franklin County gypsy moth meeting, 7:30 p.m., Franklin County Vo-tech cafeteria.

Adams County fruit meeting, 1 p.m., Ed Dannell farm, Rt. 234, west of Arendtsville, 7 p.m., Fruit Lab, Biglerville.

Thursday, April 9

NEMA egg producer conference, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Continental Inn, Rt. Lancaster

Md. Ag Commission, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room of the Ag Dept.

Friday, April 10

Feeder pig show and sale, Shippensburg Fair Grounds, show at 3:30 p.m., sale at 6:30 p.m.

Pa. Jersey Assn annual

meeting, 11:30 a.m., Howard Johnson Motor Lodge 1-33, Mercer, concludes tonight

Saturday, April 11

Garden State Dairy Goat Assn awards banquet, Hopewell, N.J. 11th annual Md. Holstein Show, 9:30 a.m., State Fair Grounds, Timonium, Md

New Bolton Vet Center open house, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Kennett Square

Somerset County Dairy Princess contest, 7 p.m., Hidden Valley Resort

Apple Blossom Queen Contest, 7:30 p.m., Bendersville Elementary School

Md. farm safety field day, 10 a.m., Grove farm, Sharpsburg Pike

Letters To The Editor

Dear editor:

Did I miss something when I read "state to bleed hogs in extensive PRV survey" or is the state really doing the following:

1. Sending its technicians onto every hog farm in a pre-selected area to bleed farmer-owned hogs for PRV blood test?

2. Assuring farmers "the danger of carrying the disease to your farm is nil?"

3. Promising to quarantine those

herds whose owners do not agree to let PDA test the hogs?

4. Quarantining herds until blood test results are available?

5. Being very fussy about what's to happen when (if) reactors are found and who is to foot the bill?

The PDA admits that PRV does not affect humans

I suppose the PDA feels that it has the power to implement such a program — but the whole plan looks to me like it is grist for some attorney's mill

PRV or no PRV, surely farmers have some right to due process before the PDA comes swooping down on them

Erich Schmitt
 Rd Bernville

Manor FFA

helping bluebirds

MILLERSVILLE — The Manor Chapter of the Future Farmers of America has started a new BOAC project to replenish the bluebird population.

A BOAC (Building our American Communities) project is an activity an FFA chapter performs to improve or provide a service to its surrounding area. The Manor FFA is working with Muddy Run Recreation Park and Bob Schutsky to help bring bluebirds back to our community

Members of the Manor FFA built 50 nesting boxes and placed them in key areas of the environment. The chapter placed boxes in local parks, including six in Safe Harbor Park, seven in Manor Township Park, and eight in Millersville Boro Park. They also placed 14 boxes in Holtwood Sediment Fields and 15 along the West Branch of the Conestoga River.

The birds left the area because of lack of nesting areas resulting from development and few wooden fences for nests. The Manor Chapter hopes that the boxes will draw the birds back to this area in which they were once very populous

The project will serve as a long range project because records will need to be kept on the activity of the boxes. Also repair and maintenance must be continued for success of this project.

Although the Manor FFA cannot supply bird boxes to interested people this year, the chapter can provide information to begin a backyard nesting area. Interested persons may write to the Manor FFA through Penn Manor High School, Millersville to receive information on construction, placement, and management of a bluebird nesting box

Now Is The Time

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and follow the instructions on the label on the pesticide container. This is a must if the grower is to be successful and produce a quality product. The law requires that all pesticides be registered and carry a label with full instructions. A few people think that adding a little more than recommended will give better results, that is not true, it is not only wasteful but could result in a higher residue on the plant or animal.

Take time to read the label and follow the instructions to the letter.

To Make

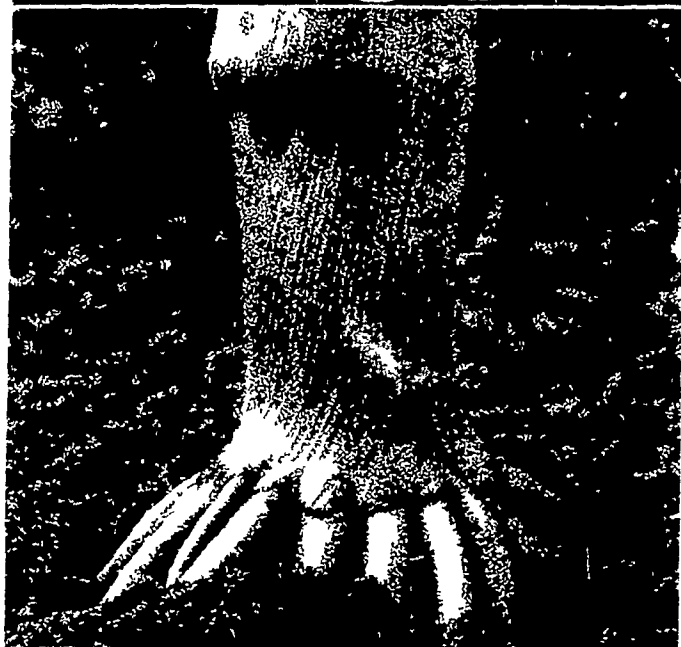
Pastures Produce

One of the best ways to improve your permanent pastures is to apply lime and fertilizer, practice rotational grazing and clip them regularly says Glenn Shirk, Extension Dairy Agent. This is quicker, cheaper and involves less risk than tearing up the old sod and reseeding. Most permanent pastures have sufficient seed of

desirable grass species. The only thing they need is a little tender loving care and the opportunity to grow, and to recover from grazing pressures.

Thus, fertility and rotational grazing are very beneficial. The more paddocks you have, the better it is. If your acreage is limited to your size herd, restrict the amount of time cattle and livestock are permitted to graze. Don't let them trample the grass unnecessarily by allowing them to roam freely over the pasture while not grazing. After a paddock has been grazed, it can be clipped to control weed growth and to keep the grass young and nutritious, and in a continual vegetative state of growth, grasses, when allowed to mature, tend to be finished growing for the season. This is also a good time to apply fertilizer and necessary herbicides, while allowing the grass to recover prior to being grazed again.

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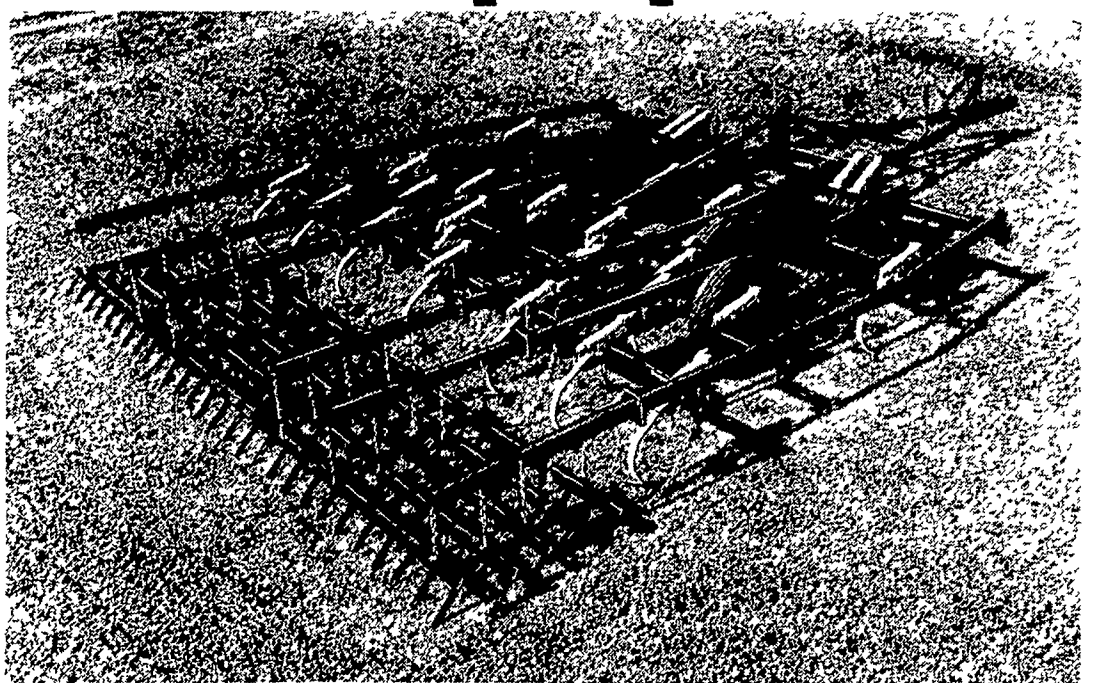
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