

Farm Calendar

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Delaware Valley Fair, Milford, until Saturday.

Friday, August 7

Lancaster County Poultry Assn. Queen Pagent and Dinner, Farm and Home Center, 6:30 p.m.

4-H Dairy Roundup, Dauphin County, Farm Show Complex.

40th annual Summer Mtg. PA Christmas Tree Growers, Holiday Inn, Indiana, Pa., continues tomorrow, for more information contact Fred Strathmeyer, Dover, 292-6286

Rostaver Community Fair, Belle Vernon, until Sunday.

Eastern Short Threshmen and Collectors Wheat Threshing, Steam and Gas Engine Show, Denton and Federalburg, Md., Route 313, until Sunday, for more information phone: 301/754-8422

Central Jersey Holstein Show, Flemington Fair, Flemington, N.J.

USDA proposes swine brucellosis indemnity

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Department of Agriculture officials who direct the brucellosis eradication program are proposing to increase the indemnity paid for breeding swine destroyed because of the disease.

Paul Becton, director of the national brucellosis eradication effort for USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said the proposal would increase the maximum indemnity from \$25 to \$50 for registered, inbred or hybrid breeding swine and from \$10 to \$25 for all other breeding swine.

"The increase is needed to offer more equitable compensation to owners of affected swine and to encourage owners to promptly eliminate infected breeding swine and thereby reduce the spread of the disease," Becton said.

Brucellosis is a contagious, infectious disease that affects animals and man. A cooperative state-federal program to eradicate brucellosis from cattle and swine is being carried out in each of the states.

Program officials believe the increase in indemnity for swine will accelerate the brucellosis eradication effort.

At the present time, 857 counties have qualified as validated brucellosis-free. This includes all counties in 16 states — California, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming — plus Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Ag Progress

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The event is sponsored by Penn State's College of Agriculture in cooperation with machinery companies and numerous agricultural associations and agencies.

Committees have been planning this year's Ag Progress Days even before the last one was over. Harrington emphasizes that activities are planned to be of interest to both the rural and urban visitor.

And once again Lancaster Farming will be covering the important event from start to finish. Our special Ag Progress Days issue will be coming out Saturday, August 22 with a full schedule of events, exhibitors list and map of where to go and what to see. Advertising deadline for this special issue is Monday, August 17.

Farmers Union forms North Central Co-op

WELLSBORO — Dairy producers in the Tioga County Farmers Union have banded together to form another Farmers Union cooperative in Pennsylvania. The Northern Tier Farmers Union Milk Producers was presented its Articles of Association on July 27.

Northern Tier joins the Farmers Union Milk Producers Association (based in Mercer County) and the York County Farmers Union Energy League (the state's only alcohol fuels cooperative) as the third cooperative sponsored by the Pennsylvania Farmers Union, an organization representing over 5,300 farm families in the Commonwealth.

Elected as president of the cooperative was William Sturges of Wellsboro, current head of the Tioga County organization. Sturges, 31, was instrumental in the formation of Northern Tier.

"Dairy producers in this area were looking for another alter-

native," Sturges said. "We were looking for a safer market. By forming our own cooperative, we can avoid unwanted assessments placed on dairy producers by major cooperatives."

By-laws for the organization were approved by the Board of directors. The Board will work to secure additional membership now that the organization has officially been sanctioned.

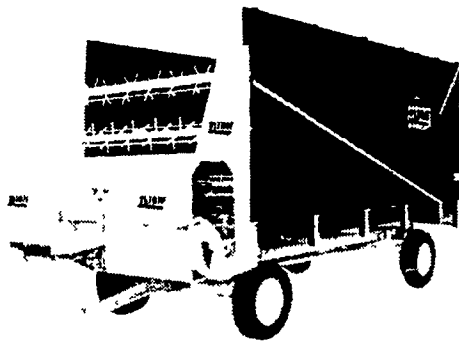
Elected to serve as officers of Northern Tier are Sturges, president, Jim Powlison, vice president, Dale Allen, treasurer and Nancy Allen, acting secretary.

The Board of Directors includes Sturges, Powlison, Dale Allen, David Clark, Steven Bolt, Stanley Shabloski and Douglas Teachman.

Carl Kautman, newly appointed Director of the Pennsylvania Farmers Union, attended the organizational meeting of Northern Tier and congratulated its members for their efforts on becoming a cooperative.

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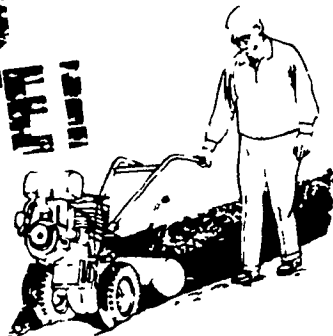


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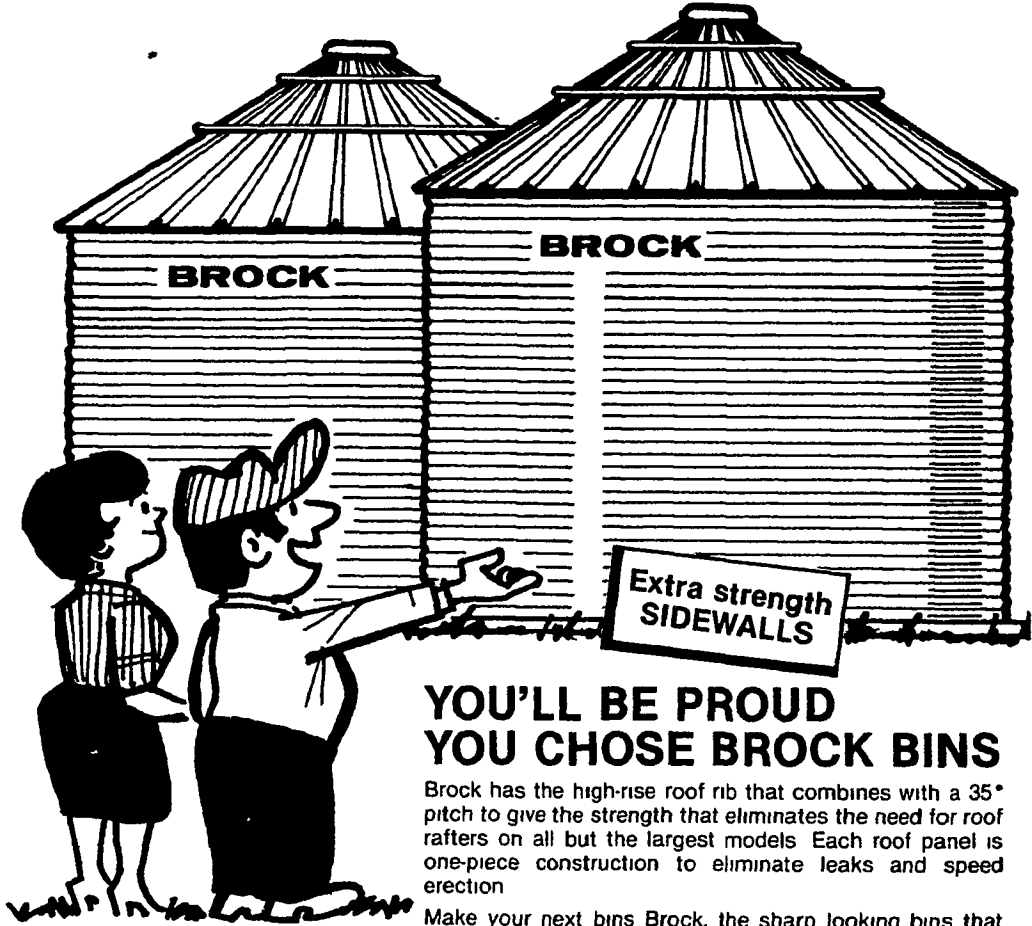
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