

Now Is the Time

(Continued from Page A10) changing weather and to indoor confinement. Feeding changes should be made gradually, and guided by a forage testing program. Bringing cows in from the pasture and confining them to concrete all day long can be a severe stress. An earthen exercise lot will do a lot for these cows.

Good stall maintenance can also increase their comfort. When cows are kept in confinement, we then have the obligation and challenge

of providing proper ventilation. This is especially critical during Fall and Spring when the weather can change quite drastically and quite suddenly. Otherwise, the herd may be subjected to more respiratory diseases and health problems. It is a good idea to work closely with your veterinarian to develop a good immunization program for your herd.

To Stock Up on Some Needed Feeds
Feed is usually the single, most

costly item for dairy and livestock farmers. Glenn Shirk, Extension Dairy Agent, advises that if you need to purchase feed, harvest time can be a time to get your best buys - even if you have to borrow at today's high interest rates. Of course, it will take some pencil pushing to determine if advanced purchases will help you. In addition to interest costs, don't forget to include other costs such as storage, handling, processing, and the cost of spoilage.

If you are going to run short on feed, and do not have the means to make advanced purchases, your most profitable move might be to do some culling or reduce the size of your heifer herd. This would free more feed for your heifer producers - the profit makers. One thing you do not want to do is short change your good cows or your replacement heifers; that is very costly!

To Enjoys The Days of Fall

Although the Fall harvest season must rate as a busy one on farms, we need to take time and enjoy the outdoors in glorious October. This is without any doubt the most colorful of all months, reminds Arnold Lueck, County Agricultural Agent.

The lingering green of legume-grass fields, the paler green of small grains getting their start now, clearly contrast with the blazing orange, red and yellow foliage of woodlands, roadsides and fencerows.

Fall air has an invigorating effect on adults and youngsters alike. The feeling makes you want to work with vigor but with much added enjoyment. The sun still warms the back and face, matching the equally warm colors seen around us.

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Editor's Note: The wildlife conservation story about Timothy Newcomer, Newville, also included the reporter's interview with King's Gap Environmental Center's naturalist Janet Adams who recommended planting odd areas with bush honeysuckle, dogwoods, conifers, other ground covers, and yes, multiflora rose. Beth Hemminger merely quoted this individual's opinions and suggestions. Until the noxious weed bill is passed, Adams' recommendations are not against the law. Lancaster Farming has printed numerous stories and commentaries agreeing with your viewpoint, but there are two sides to everything.

OUR READERS WRITE, AND OTHER OPINIONS

Plant multi-flora rose?

In your September 16, 1981 edition of Lancaster Farming, on page C4, your Beth Hemminger suggests planting multiflora rose as a farm wildlife haven.

I am shocked that an intelligent farm paper such as Lancaster Farming would suggest planting multiflora rose in a farm area. There are bills in the legislature to declare multiflora rose is a noxious weed pest.

I love wildlife and believe in soil conservation but can't stand multiflora rose from a neighbor's conservation planting. I have it under control now but it has taken many hours and money to buy Tordon 10K. I have received a lot of scratches and torn clothing.

I enjoy Lancaster Farming. My only criticism is your unthinking advocacy of multiflora rose.

Farm Calendar

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Wednesday, Oct. 7
Unionville Community Fair, continues until Saturday.
Adams County Farm-City Tour, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., leaves from King's parking lot.
Pa. Assoc. of Farmer Cooperatives annual meeting, Embers Restaurant, Carlisle, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 8
Lancaster Conservation District, Farm & Home Center, 7:30 p.m.
Annual Mid-Atlantic 4-H & FFA Dairy Conference, National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Md. Continues until Saturday.
Bradford Dairy Feeding & Management School, Wyalusing High School ag room, 8-9:30 p.m., continues Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29 & Nov. 2.

York Conservation tour, 8:30-3:30.
Friday, Oct. 9
Pa. 4-H Horse Show, Farm Show Complex, continues through Sunday.
Pa. Egg Marketing Assoc., 7 p.m.
York Co. ASCS Fall Tour, 8:30 a.m., buses leave Queensgate Shopping Center.
Saturday, Oct. 10
National Trotting Pony Sale and Show, Farm Show Complex.
Stream Pollution Measures Workshop, Lancaster Farm & Home Center, 7:30 p.m.
Animal Rights Conference, Ocean City, Md., continued through Oct. 12.
Dauphin Farmers Assoc. annual dinner, 7 p.m., Lower Swatara Fire Hall.

Hog numbers drop

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Hogs and pigs in the 14 major producing states totaled 52.2 million on September 1.

According to USDA, that's down 5 percent from a year ago, 9 percent below 2 years ago, though 5½ percent more than the September 1, 1978 total. These 14 states normally account for 86 pct. of the national total.

The cutback came despite higher totals in Iowa, Illinois and Nebraska, the nation's Number one, Number two and Number five hog states, respectively.

Hogs kept for breeding purposes totaled 7,060,000 head, down 5 percent from a year ago, 15 percent below 2 years earlier and the lowest for the date since 1976.

Market hogs, at 45.1 million head, were down 6 percent from a

year ago, 8 percent below 2 years ago and the lowest since the 41.8 million on hand Sept. 1, 1978.

In total inventory numbers, Iowa had 16,450,000, Illinois, 6,750,000, both up 2 percent; Nebraska had 3,950,000, up 1 percent from a year earlier. That's over half of the 14-state total.

The June - August pig crop in the 14 states totaled 20.2 million head. While down only 1 percent from a year ago, it was 11 percent below that of two years ago.

Despite this cutback, it appears that producers in the 14 states intend to farrow only 2,730,000 sows during September - November. That's 6 percent fewer than last year, 10 percent less than two years ago and lowest for the period since 1977 reports USDA (Hogs and Pigs).

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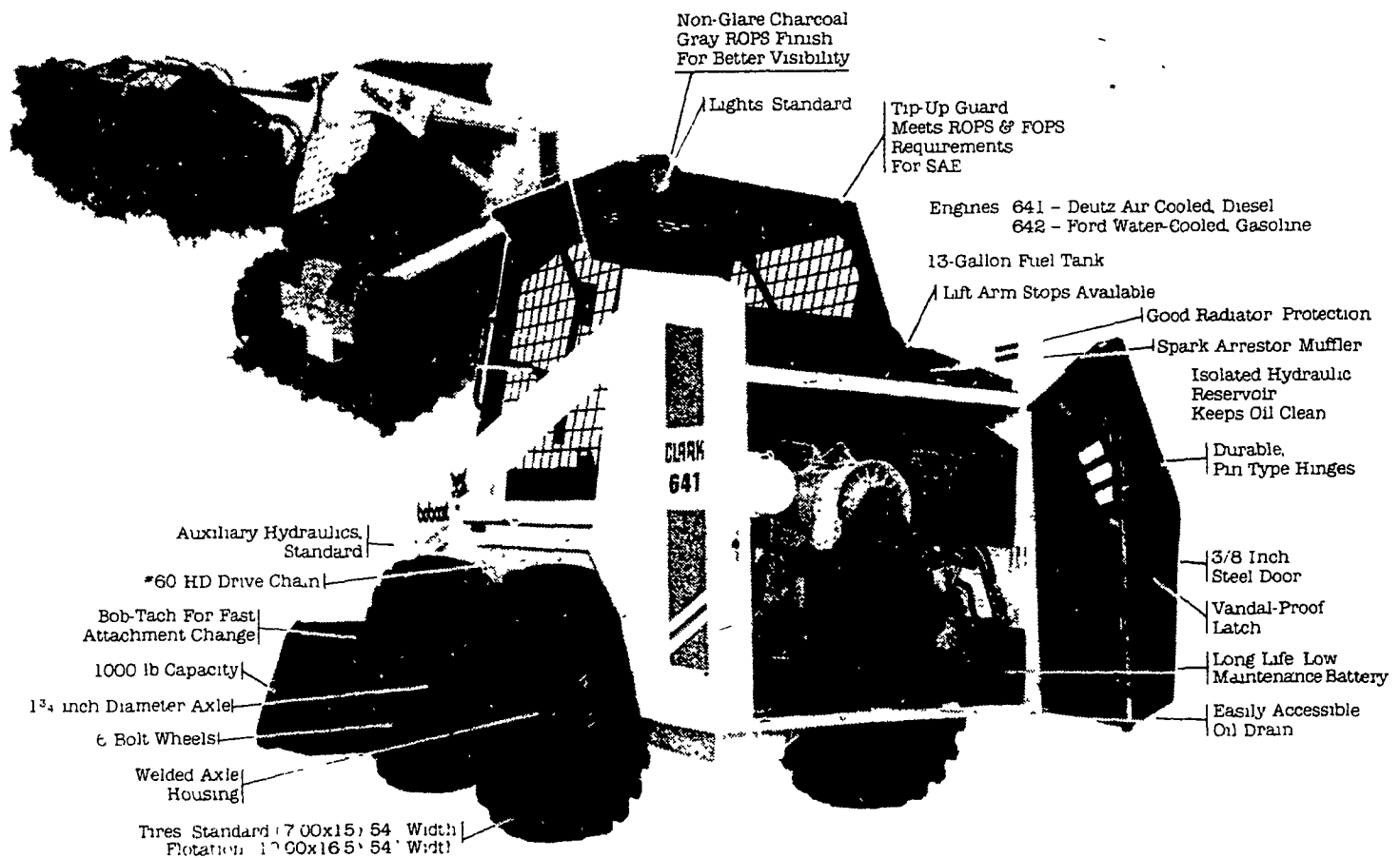
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