

Woolaston's Maple Lawn Farm

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More recently, Nellie was tagged reserve senior champion and reserve grand champion at the Unionville Fair. Daughter Betsy, the cow's owner, was at halter earning reserve senior showman honors.

According to Wollaston, Nellie had a rough bout with mastitis at one time. "We nearly lost her," he remembers, "but Betsy's tender loving care brought her around." Of course, she was under the care of a veterinarian, but responded best to Betsy's TLC. "Ever since she has responded to Betsy more than anyone else," says the proud father.

To get away from the farm and the showing, Wollaston embarked on a tour of Japan in 1975, sponsored by the Farm Bureau Federation. He recalls the northern island, Hokkaido, is similar to northern Pennsylvania — mountainous and cool.

The desire to travel to other countries is not exclusively a father's yearning, however. Daughter Cathy spent last September to May as a 4-H exchange participant. She traveled to New Zealand where she lived with 18 different farm families. These farms included many types of operations, but they all had one thing in common — none of them had barns.

"The climate is suitable for the animals to be outside all year," she explains. "Their animals graze on pasture, and only the top pedigree herds get grain."

"The people are warm and hospitable. They want you to go away with a good feeling about their country. Even though I was in rural areas, I got a feel for New

Zealand. The people are 'Westernized' and love to be outdoors. They're athletic and recreation-minded."

Wollaston openly expresses his pride in his daughters. In 1972 and 1973, he says, Cathy was a double winner at the All-American Dairy Show. This year sister Elizabeth captured both the grand champion and reserve grand champion honors with her entries. "It took 13 years and 5 kids to do it," he laughs.

His other 3 daughters and son are married and live away from the farm. Tom lives in Oxford, Peggy Empet lives in Susquehanna County, Marty Johnson lives in Marshaton, and Nancy McMahon lives in West

Grove. Wollaston's wife, the former Janet Gatchell, is deceased.

Away from the farm, Wollaston is an active member of the Kennett Square Consolidated School Board, a member of New Garden Friends Meeting, and belongs to the London Grove Grange. He is a past president of the Expansion and Review Committee of the Chester County Extension office, and was honored by the Manor 4-H dairy club for his 27 years of service.

Reflecting on his career in the dairy business and his work with 4-H's, Wollaston shows his sense of humor, saying, "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to 'udders'."

Pork Congress plans underway

DES MOINES, Ia. — Indiana will play host to the 1982 American Pork Congress, sponsored by the National Pork Producers Council, March 9 - 12 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. Over 350 companies have been assigned the 731 booths available in the convention hall.

Traditionally, Indianapolis has been a very active site for NPPC's Pork Congress, drawing record crowds like the 16,102 producers who attended in 1979.

Forms for housing and registration are available from NPPC beginning November 1, and will appear in December issues of

most industry publications. Registration fees will be \$7.50 for pre-registration and \$10 for registration after February 12.

The schedule for Pork Congress 1982 has expanded to prevent the overlap of business sessions and convention activities, and to provide a full day of educational seminars for producers. Highlights of the schedule are: Tuesday, March 9, Business Meetings; Wednesday, March 10, Trade Show, Business Meetings; Thursday, March 11, Educational Seminars, Trade Show; Friday, March 12, Educational Seminars, Trade Show.

Keep livestock away from frosted cherry leaf snacks

YORK — Wild cherry or choke cherry leaves damaged by frost can be deadly to cows or sheep if they are eaten, cautions Dr. Larry Hutchinson, Penn State Extension veterinarian.

Glycosides containing hydrocyanic acid are formed within the leaves following frost. Only a handful of these wilted leaves is necessary to kill a cow or several sheep if eaten. The poison contained in the leaves interferes with the oxygen-carrying ability of the blood.

Animals infected with this poison breathe rapidly, become depressed, and show cyanosis, or bluish discoloration, of the mucous membrane. Death may follow within a few minutes. Affected animals rarely linger more than a few hours if a fatal dose is consumed.

Veterinarians using emergency intravenous treatment are able to save some animals. Time is of the essence so it is most important that treatment be given as soon as possible.

Wild or choke cherry trees in pastures are a constant threat to farm livestock. They can exist for years without causing any losses, then a broken limb or an early hard frost makes available enough deadly poison to kill a half dozen cows or a whole flock of sheep.

After the leaves are completely dried, 5 to 7 days after the kill frost, the hydrocyanic acid level is reduced to the point that toxicity is not likely to occur. Therefore, it's best to keep livestock away from downed wilted or frosted wild cherry leaves for at least 1 week after frost or cutting.

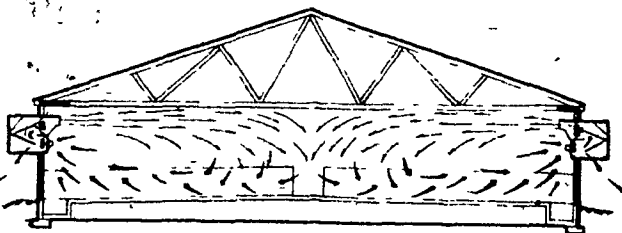
The best way to get rid of the problem is to remove the trees. Tree removal should be done in late fall or winter. After the trees have lost all their leaves, then it is safe to cut them down or pull them out. Keep livestock away from these trees as long as any leaves remain on them, adds Dr. Hutchinson.



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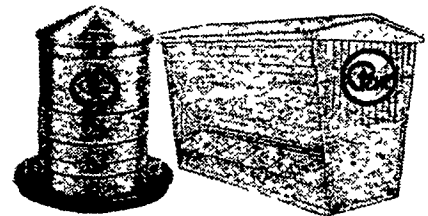
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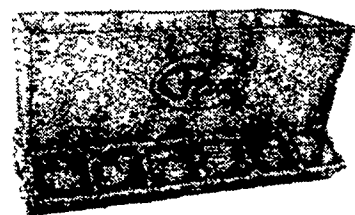


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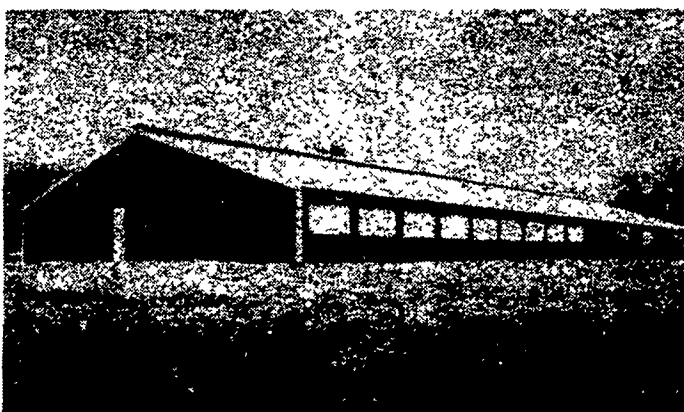


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