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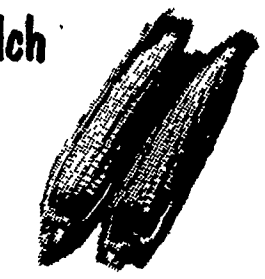

*For the avid gardener*

More Americans planted vegetable gardens last year than ever before in the history of the United States according to Gardens for All, the National Association for Gardening.

Some 38 million American households planted food gardens last year, un unprecedented increase of four million households over 1980.

Now, don't you want to be in on the fun?

You should be, according to Dave Schaefer of Gardens for All. "Just as the pressures of the war years produced the Victory Garden, today's many uncertainties and changing values are creating the Independence Garden. People seem to be rebuilding America backyard by backyard.

"People want to do more for themselves and make the best of their property. The ability to be creative and productive with what you have at home is a simple gift that is rediscovered whenever we experience tough times," he added.

The Association also found that the Midwest is still the prime vegetable gardening region with 55 percent of the households involved; and that translated into retail value, home garden production for all of the U.S. was worth $16 billion.

So don't be fooled by all the snow and ice, and start planning your garden now. Make the task of gardening a hobby or a leisure activity, instead of work.

To save yourself some feverish flurry of activity early this spring, check your garden equipment soon. If it needs repairs, you'll have plenty of time to do so before the spring thaw.

If you have decided to have a garden this summer, have checked all the tools, and have planned what you will plant, but just don't know how to get started, Penn State offers a home correspondence course you can buy.

The course is called "Home Vegetable Gardening" and costs $6.75. It provides a practical guide for growing vegetables. Planting dates, space between rows, seed quantity needed for so many feet of row, kinds of fertilizers and rates to use and recommended varieties are some of the subjects discussed in this course.

To get a copy of the course, send your name, address and check to Home Vegetable Gardening, Box 5000, University Park, PA 16802. Make check payable to Penn State.

Some armchair planting and planning now may save a lot of worry and waste later.

# So. Central Pa. Pork Producers sponsor show, sale

CARLISLE — The South Central Pennsylvania Pork Producers Association will hold their Annual Feeder Pig Show and Sale on Saturday, April 17.

"Approximately 100 top quality feeder pigs will be offered. These feeders will be suitable for 4-H and FFA projects," reports President Robert Hay.

The show will begin at 10 a.m. and the sale at 1 p.m. at the Shippensburg Fairgrounds, Shippensburg.

For more information contact Laura Watts, Cumberland County Extension Office, Carlisle, 717/249-7220.


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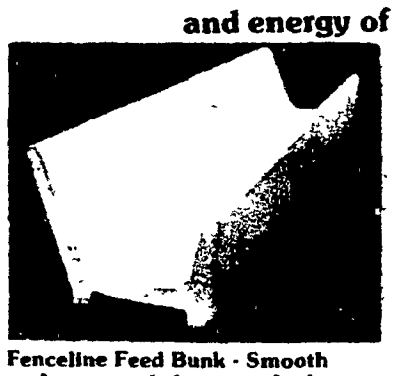

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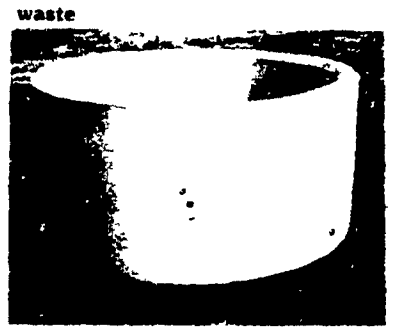

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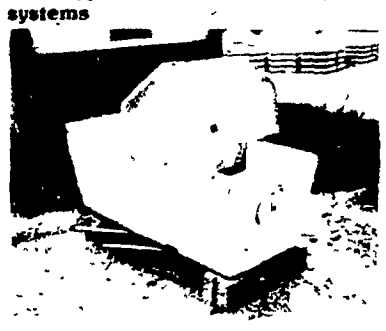

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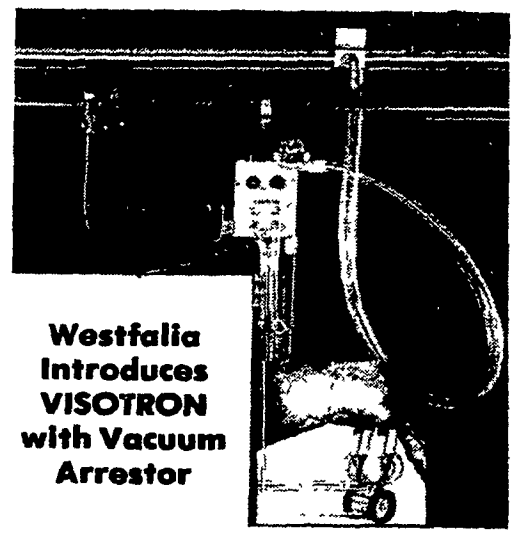

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