

Now is the Time

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speed that will give good performance. With many pieces of farm machinery, the speed is listed on the manufacturers directions. Take time to be safe and to be satisfied.

To Store Unsold Tobacco

Those tobacco growers who have not sold their '81 crop need to store the bales on the above ground floor level of a tobacco shed or barn, advises Arnold Lueck, Extension Agent in Agronomy. Place some 2 by 4's or similar size lumber under the bales to allow for air circulation. Then put bales only 2 or 3 high to reduce fermentation from squeezing pressure.

Cover the top layer of bales to keep them clean of bird droppings and dirt. Use old tobacco muslin covers, canvas tarps or loose material not air-tight. Avoid tight plastic. Air should move freely around the bales.

Be certain no water drips on the stored bales or wind driven rain blows on them.

You can expect some weight loss due to fermentation and possible sweating as the weather warms.

To Avoid Atrazine, Simazine Residues

Evidence is telling us that residues of atrazine, simazine and to a less extent, bladex, are affecting subsequent crops in the rotation following corn. Even though no visual symptoms are evident, the sub-lethal residues still present in corn field soils are lowering yields of small grain and alfalfa. Consequently, reminds the

OUR READERS WRITE, AND OTHER OPINIONS

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the "dog catcher" would call me back. I phoned him again and at 1 p.m. and was told he had not called in yet. I phoned again on Friday morning. I was given a long distance phone number to call. I left a message on the answering service that picked up the call.

On Saturday morning I phoned the sheriff's office again. They gave me a different long distance phone number for the "dog catcher". The man who answered the phone asked me if I had left the information on the answering service, and when told yes, said they would get back to me.

Three days, two long distance phone calls, and several hours of local calls to find a home for him later, I still have a four-month-old dog as big as my five-year-old Brittany Spaniel that has eaten

five pounds of dog food, table scraps, and six gallons of milk replacer.

The purpose of this letter is to give the animal welfare organizations and animal rights organizations something to campaign for. My parents are prime veal farmers and along with other farmers are being slandered for the way they take care of their animals.

Farmers start calling neighbors as soon as an animal is lost or found and make a sincere effort to bring the owner and the animal together again. I have yet to meet a farmer that would abandon an animal in hopes that someone would adopt it.

Juli Ann Evans,
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Extension Agronomist, we must make efforts to reduce herbicides carryover.

(1) Soil test prior to the last year of corn in the rotation. Apply all the lime recommended before the corn is planted. Liming will release any atrazine, simazine, bladex still tied up in the soil and help control corn crop weeds.

(2) Use a low residue herbicide program avoiding the triazines (above). Lasso and Dual would be choices to consider. Increasing the application rate would be called for in minimum till and no-till situations.

(3) To control broadleaf weeds that might escape, Banvel should be applied as a follow-up.

Several years ago, my husband subscribed to Lancaster Farming. We receive the publication on Saturday via R.F.D.

We became acquainted with the publication through a good friend who gave my husband a back edition.

My husband reads it first from start to finish, concerning anything farming. My turn is next.

I usually like to read the letters to the editor first for opinions of the readers. Everything the women write, and the "Mulch More" topics because I have a small mulch garden.

Quit playing politics

I hope you will read this article thoroughly and stop and give it some serious thinking.

It seems our farm associations and other dairy related organizations are trying to snow you dairy producers with a program called the Milk Referendum, which is supposed to promote the sale of milk. Taking ten cents off a hundred for advertising milk is the same as buying a cow that would end up sick and dying. It's money lost and not to come back.

Stop and think if this passes, they will be collecting over nine million dollars, for what? They don't and can't explain how they're going to spend the money.

I have received a letter through a farm association which I will not belong to any more when my membership runs out. They are telling you that milk is the least advertised beverage. This may be true.

For example, there is no way you can compare milk with beer or soft drinks because the beer and soda companies are producing their

own product from start to finish. Every time you buy a six pack, you pay for the advertisement. When the milk truck leaves your farm, you no longer have control over how your milk is produced. After your milk has been processed at a lot of the dairies, it has been watered down, gone through a separation process and the cream skinned off, etc. Now who would support advertising such a product.

You farmers who are members of a co-op and don't bother to vote, they will vote for you. Remember, if this passes and goes into effect, there will no longer be a competitive milk market between the dairies. It seems to me if our farm associations and organizations want to do something beneficial, why not do something on the effect of the sale of imitation dairy products. The next time you stop in at a restaurant and get a cup of coffee, how many give you real milk for your coffee? I believe the opportunity has arisen again for somebody to fill their pocket book again from the farmer.

As you hear all the reports about too much milk surplus, can you believe it? If milk was produced by a farmer produces it, there would not be enough milk to reach around. Just a thought, as I was once reading of Milton S. Hershey (the founder of the Hershey candy bar) the history and lifestyle, who's operation still exists, he stated and I quote, "If you produce a good product, it will advertise itself."

At the present time whether you like him or not we have a president of this country who is trying to abolish illegitimate programs in our government. It doesn't take me long to classify the Milk Referendum as such a program in our state Government. Why let

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Highlight of our week

Being a 4-H leader for 27 years, I am very interested in 4-H and youth activities. I have used activities and illustrations for our club. Our county (Gloucester) is very active and fulfilling in every 4-H aspect.

Since my husband and I are past 70 years old, the Lancaster Farming is one of my highlights at an affordable subscription price. The recipes I go over and have used several over and over. I get great comments on the last oatmeal (lard) cookie recipe.

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Williamstown, N.J.

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