

## Now is the Time

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sidering using this new grain in their feeding program. The feeding of new grains to livestock is possible under very careful management. If fed in too large amounts, digestive disorders such as bloating and scouring may occur. We suggest that the grain be allowed to go through a two-week curing period before being fed. Then it should be included into the grain ration at a slow rate - 10 to 20 percent.

Barley is a very popular livestock feed and is a good substitute for corn. In a few weeks wheat will be ready and may also be fed with care. Again, it should be allowed several weeks to cure before feeding. Wheat is not used as much for feeding purposes because of the greater danger of digestive problems. Smaller amounts in the ration, compared to barley, are suggested. Barley and wheat can be used as livestock feeds, but need special care when mixing in livestock rations.

### To Prepare For Fire Protection

Our barns are filling up with new crops of hay, straw and grain so we need to be concerned with fire protection. We urge farmers to give some thought to water supplies for fighting fires. Many farmers indicate that their fire company would be unable to supply adequate water; this increases the risk of serious fire losses. Farms with streams nearby should have plans developed to move the fire engine within 25 feet of the water. Owners of farm ponds should have all-

## OUR READERS WRITE, AND OTHER OPINIONS

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appreciative of the article's educational value. New farmers are very ignorant of the health problems and I am sure that you

weather driveways to the pond. There have been cases where buildings burned while the fire truck was mired down in the mud trying to get to the pond. It's a good idea to inform your local fire company of the source of water supplies for fighting fires. A good water supply for fighting fires is good insurance against severe losses.

### To Use Caution When Shipping Hogs

Far too many hogs are fed up to market weight each year only to be lost because of careless hauling during hot weather.

There are ways to prevent these losses. Whenever it's possible, haul these hogs to market early or late in the day - when it's coolest. Avoid mid-day or early afternoon trips. That's when temperatures are worst.

While the hogs are being loaded onto the trucks, take things easy. Don't hurry them. If you do, they'll just become overheated. And, to make sure they can be comfortable in the truck, use wet sand for bedding. Don't use straw - or other materials that hold heat and fail to help cool the animals.

Once the animals are loaded, start right then for the market - and go directly to the market without stopping.

Take these few precautions and you'll market all your hogs instead of just some of them.

have many readers who would benefit from the article.

Somehow the animal-sex angle is quite remote from our thoughts when tending our herd and flock. I am quite surprised a farmer would apply such services to his personal life (Readers Write, June 28 issue).

We are only concerned for the wellbeing of the animals and the sex angle doesn't crop up. From my fairly wide experience with young people who work with animals that are pregnant or open, I find they are practical-minded and healthy about such matters - not at all prurient in their thoughts.

Also, concerning the (supposed) cancer link with meat and dairy products, I knew two vegetarian women who died of cancer.

Eve Alwyn Hinchman  
Lebanon, N.J.

## Appreciation

All of us at Bank of Pennsylvania appreciate the part Lancaster Farming played in the Berks Agri-Dairy Day. Participants and spectators had such a great time that we are planning to make it an annual event.

Thank you so much for your assistance in making Berks Agri-Dairy Day a tremendous success.

Dorothy Moser  
Public Relations Officer  
Marketing Department

## Just beginning

I am taking this opportunity to express my appreciation for printing the article about the Cumberland couple beginning in the dairy business.

The reason I appreciate this and such articles is that we are also young beginners in this business on a similar scale. We knew exactly what the Hairs were talking about of their problems and anxieties.

It was a pleasant change reading their story when we are used to reading success stories of accomplishments made by large farmers. Big new expensive, modern milking parlor, high head

averages, and high test seem to be all that is published at times.

Then in the same issue we read articles urging farmers to cut production which is rather frustrating to us.

We are sure that the people with big new barns, high test and milk herds are proud of their accomplishments but it gives us encouragement to know we are not the only small beginners.

We wish success to the Hairs and all other young farmers, that are starting from the bottom.

Irvin N. Shirk  
Mertztown

## Farm Calendar



### Saturday, July 10

Brown Swiss Miss Pageant, noon, Don Trimble farm, Peach Bottom.

Clarion Holstein Club Town & Country Days, Snyder Valley Farms, Parker.

### Sunday, July 11

Northeast Assn. of State Departments of Agriculture meeting, Hotel Hershey, continues through Wednesday.

Pa. Assn. of Farmer Co-ops' Summer Institute, Shippenburg.

### Monday, July 12

Professional Judges Conference, Chester County

Franklin County Conservation District, 7:30 p.m., County Administration Building, Chambersburg.

### Tuesday, July 13

Pa. Inland Fertilizer Assn. tour, Amos Eby Co., Paradise. Schuylkill County Twilight Fruit Growers, 7 p.m., Blyler's Fruit Farm, Spring Glen.

### Wednesday, July 14

Pa. Holstein Assn. Executive Committee & Board of Directors meetings, State College, continues tomorrow.

Northeast Ag Secretaries tour of Lancaster County, 7 a.m.

### Friday, July 16

1982 Rabbit Conference, J. O. Keller Building, Penn State, continues tomorrow.

Pa. Young Farmers Summer Conference, hosted by Dover, York County, Chapter, continues tomorrow.

Pa. Seedsmen's Assn. summer meeting, Bishop's Restaurant, Hershey, 10 a.m.

### Saturday, July 17

Charolais Field Day, Bratton Charolais Farm, McVeytown, Mifflin County, 10 a.m.

McKean-Potter Farmers' Assn. picnic, Hamlin Park, Smethport.

Pa. Ayrshire Assn. Field Day, Penn State.

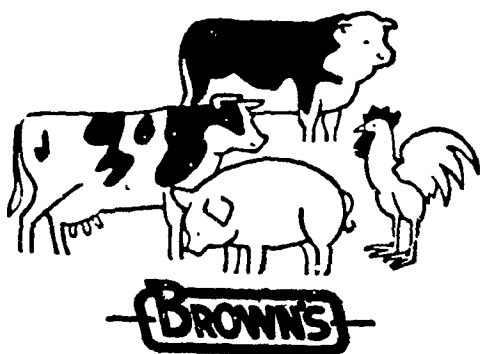
Dairy Goat Field Day, Jacob Fisher Farm, Manheim.



Grain Elevator, Feed Warehouse & Flour Mill, Fleetwood, Pa. (6 miles northeast of Reading off Route 222)

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