

# Harvest Festival

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class by class. Everyone, however, young or old, was treated to free ice cream cones, chicken, hot dogs, Lancaster County grown potato chips and much more.

Lunchtime on Friday not only offered free food but enjoyable entertainment as well. Several personalities, including the mayor, county commissioners, TV and radio personalities and bank representatives found themselves at the flanks of a few cooperating cows for a milking contest.

Hamilton Bank's chairman of the board, Wilson McElhinny finished at the top with 21 ounces of

milk. Mayor Art Morris followed closely with 20 ounces. County Commissioner Jim Huber and WGAL anchor man Keith Martin finished in the championship round with nine and eight ounces, respectively.

McElhinny, however, had to withstand one more test. He squared off in a challenge round with Lancaster County Dairy Princess LuAnn Brenneman, no stranger to the milk pail.

It was indeed a close race to the finish, but experience held out over enthusiasm and Brenneman can now add one more notch to her crown. — DT.

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — With the first killing frost probably less than two weeks away, it's time for home gardeners to make plans for indoor ripening of green tomatoes.

By following the suggested procedure, you can keep fresh tomatoes well into December, says Ethel M. Dutky, Extension plant pathologist in the botany department of the University of Maryland.

Select only sound, full-sized fruit, free of wounds and spots. Be sure that you harvest green tomatoes before they are hit by a hard frost.

If you've been following a

regular spray schedule through the summer months, using recommended fungicides, your tomatoes should keep well throughout the indoor ripening process. These recommended fungicides include zineb and chlorothalonil.

But, if you've been lax on your fungicide spraying in the last month or so, you can reduce post-harvest rots by soaking your green tomatoes in a diluted chlorine bleach solution immediately after harvest.

Use a mixture containing one part of bleach to 20 parts of water. This is equal to about three-fourths of a cup of bleach in one gallon of water.

Soak tomatoes in the diluted bleach solution for 10 or 15 minutes. Then rinse and dry them carefully; spread them out on a flat surface, and store in a cool, well-ventilated basement or closet to ripen.

Winter squash, pumpkins and gourds will be less prone to rot if given the same treatment before storage, Dutky commented.

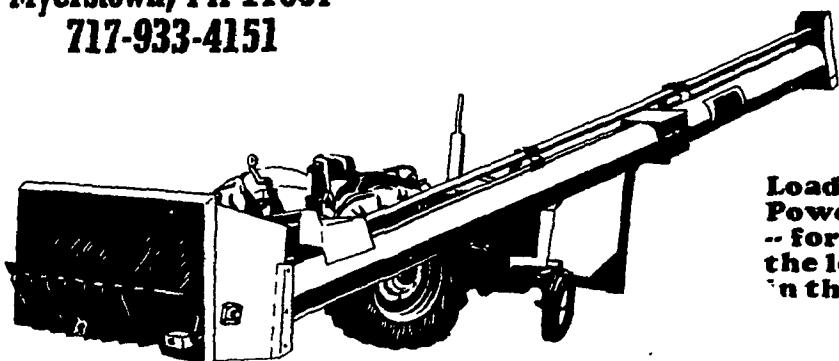
She recommends that ripening produce be inspected regularly. Any fruits that show signs of rot or other damage should be discarded. Keep in mind that green peppers seldom ripen well indoors and should be used promptly after harvest.

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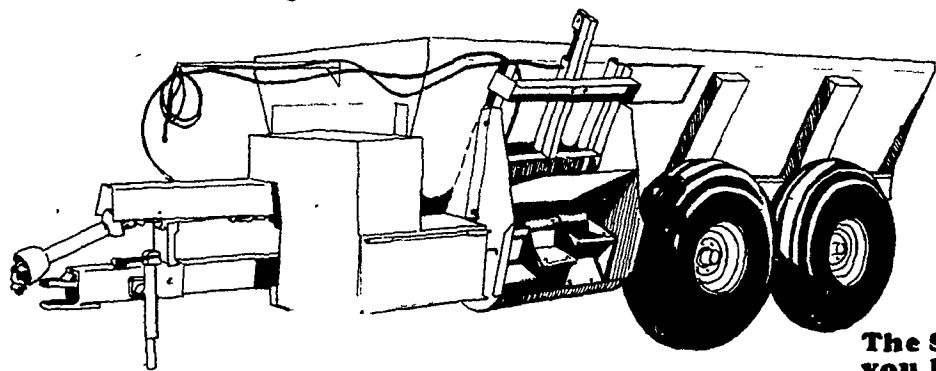
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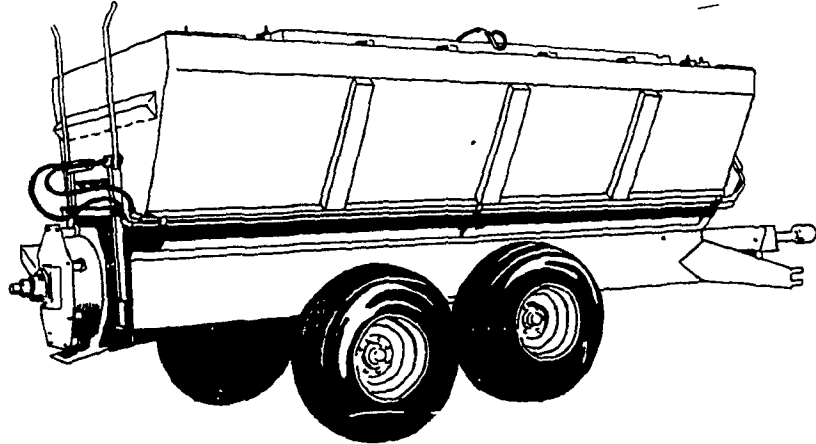


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