

Farm Calendar



Saturday, Oct. 23
Pa. Simmental Assn. annual sale, Waynesburg Fairgrounds.
Mason Dixon Polled Hereford Cattlemen's meeting, 2:30 p.m., Garrett Community College, McHenry.

Monday, Oct. 25
110th annual session of Pa. State Grange, Scottish Rites Cathedral, Harrisburg, continues through Thursday.

Tuesday, Oct. 26
Dairymen Inc. District 14A, Schaefferstown Fire Hall.
Penn State Income Tax Workshop, continues through Thursday, DuBois Holiday Inn, U.S. Rt. 219, Exit 16 of I-80.

Md.-Va. Milk Producers Co-op annual banquet, Embers Restaurant, Carlisle, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 27
Dairymen, Inc. District 9 meeting, Price Station Hall, 7 p.m., Price Station, Md.
Lancaster County FFA Annual Leadership Workshop and

Banquet, Garden Spot High School, New Holland, 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 28
Lancaster County Poultry Association Annual Banquet, Good 'n Plenty Restaurant, Smoketown, 6:30 p.m.
Agway, Inc. annual meeting, Syracuse N.Y., continues tomorrow.
Wayne County stray voltage seminar 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Central United Methodist Church, Honesdale.

Friday, Oct. 29
York County Farmers Assn., 7:30 p.m. Kay and Sam Taylor's home, Airville.
York Farmers' Forum, 7 p.m. Rutter's Restaurant, Red Lion.

Saturday, Oct. 30
Dairymen Inc. Mid-Atlantic Division annual meeting, Hunt Valley Inn, Cockeysville, Md., Luncheon 12:30 p.m.

NFO to meet

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Mayor Harry Sload said here that the city of Louisville is dusting off the red carpet for the expected arrival of several thousand National Farmers Organization delegates who will be coming here Dec. 6-9 for the organization's annual convention.

Mayor Sload extended a cordial invitation to all NFO members to see Louisville while they are in town.

"We are sorry this isn't Kentucky Derby time, but we are sure you will enjoy your stay with us in Louisville," Mayor Sload said. "We are proud of our ties to agriculture and will do everything in our power to make this convention memorable for your membership."

NFO President DeVon Woodland said the convention will focus on expanding its varied collective bargaining programs to meet the needs of farmers facing massive production cost increases and low commodity prices.

Now is the Time

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to 4% is 84,000 eggs or 7,000 dozen a year. This loss comes to \$3,500 when eggs sell for 50¢ per dozen.

Check the nests or cages for needed repair. Often we find eggs being broken right in the cages. Check the egg trays. If these are bent, they can break many eggs. Careful handling will reduce breakage if eggs are gathered by hand. Trying for too much speed in gathering may cause more loss than a little extra time.

With mechanical gathering, check the escalators to be sure they are timed properly and are not breaking eggs. Check the orientors to be sure eggs are not piling up. This is an egg cracker on many farms.

Fall harvest in full swing

HARRISBURG — Statewide, five days were rated suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Oct. 17 according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. In the northern region four days were rated suitable, while in the central and southern regions reporters rated five days suitable for fieldwork.

Activities for the week included harvesting of corn silage, soybeans, grain, corn, potatoes, tomatoes, cabbage, peppers, pumpkins and apples; plowing; planting wheat and rye; and making hay.

Topsoil moisture in Pennsylvania was rated adequate by 66 percent of our reporters and short by 34 percent.

By the end of the week 65 percent of the corn crop was mature and 15 percent was harvested compared with last year's average of 59 percent mature and 34 percent harvested. Corn silage was 91 percent harvested compared with 88 percent harvested at this time last year.

Soybean harvest at 30 percent complete made little program during the past week but is still way ahead of last year when at this time only 19 percent of the crop was harvested.

Statewide, 92 percent of the potato crop was harvested compared with 87 percent harvested last year. In the northern region 91

percent was harvested, in the central region 92 percent was harvested, and in the southern region potato harvest was virtually complete.

By the end of the week 88 percent of the wheat crop was planted compared with 86 percent planted last year. In the northern region planting was virtually complete, in the central region 86 percent was planted and in the southern region of the state 83 percent was planted.

Statewide, fall plowing was 91 percent complete compared with last year's average of 88 percent and also compared with a five-year

average of 91 percent complete. In the northern region 89 percent was complete, in the central region 94 percent was complete, and in the southern region 89 percent was complete.

Harvest of third crop alfalfa was virtually complete by the end of the week, approximately two weeks later than last year. Statewide, fourth crop alfalfa was 53 percent harvested compared with 62 percent harvest at this time last year.

The quality of hay made during the week was rated fair by 58 percent of the reporters, good by 21 percent and fair by 21 percent.

OUR READERS WRITE, AND OTHER OPINIONS

Join and read

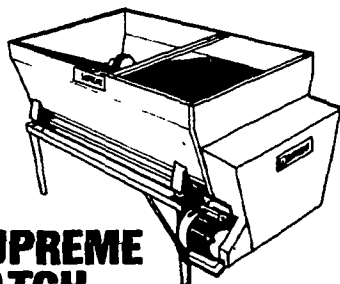
I read the letter (100-percent agreement, Oct. 9, 1982) from Sidney Lewis, Wysox, Bradford County, in which he said that neither the Grange nor Pennsylvania Farmers' Association did anything to help his plea for farmers to leave the roads and ditches as they found them.

If Sid would join PFA he would read in the newsletter: "There have been reports that farmers are working across the road ditches. Don't plug them up with rocks. The ditch is for water."

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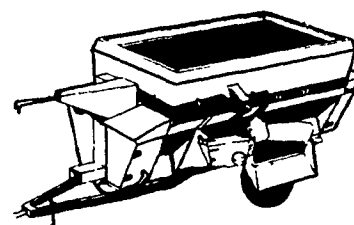
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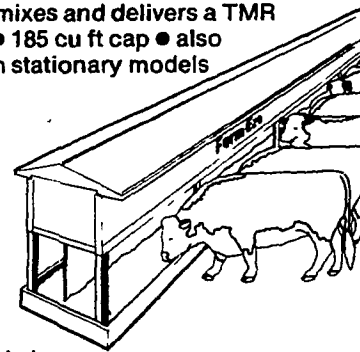
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