

Now is the Time

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This is also a good time to apply fertilizer and necessary herbicides, while allowing the grass to recover prior to being grazed again.

To Control Soil Erosion

Think about the impact of one raindrop on barren soil. In its own scale that raindrop is like a bomb, tearing soil into tiny fragments, tossing them in the air and gouging a crater in the earth. Now on our scale, one raindrop is insignificant, but raindrops come in the billions and together they play a key role in soil erosion.

These tiny bombs break soil into pieces small enough to be carried away in water runoff. And this kind of runoff erosion is becoming a serious problem for all. This

erosion is washing away our most fertile and productive farmland ... that translates to higher food costs ... not to mention the costs of filtering and treating polluted water.

Good soil management methods can reduce erosion by 100 times or more. In one University experiment, mosquito gauze was suspended over part of a barron field. In the uncovered portion soil erosion was 100 times more than under the gauze. No, we can't cover fields with gauze, but we can encourage new conservation tillage methods that leave a vegetative cover to act like a gauze. We all need to work together to conserve this precious resource ... our soil.



Farm

Calendar

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New Alexander, Huntingdon County.
Penn State 4-H and FFA Spring Dairy Cattle and Livestock Judging, dairy barns, 9 a.m.
Hunterdon County N.J. Soil Conservation District annual meeting, 7 p.m., Quakertown Fire House.



Snowstorms

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In addition to Secretary Hallowell, the township is sending a score or more copies of a resolution passed this week to local and state officials in their effort to get rid of the thistle in the rights-of-way.

It's the summer snowstorms of

thistle seed from the rights-of-way that drift into and infest the adjoining land of farmers and property owners.

The resolution calls for control measures to be instituted this year to check the spread of "breeze-wafted seeds."

State 'push' coming next year

HARRISBURG — A Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture spokesman said this week that PennDot would be performing measures similar to last year concerning Canada

thistles. The spokesman said: "They plan to try some new control techniques and substances this year and then make an all-out push for eradication next year."

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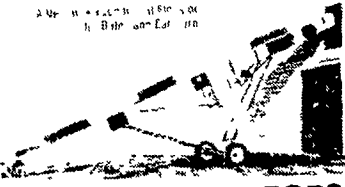
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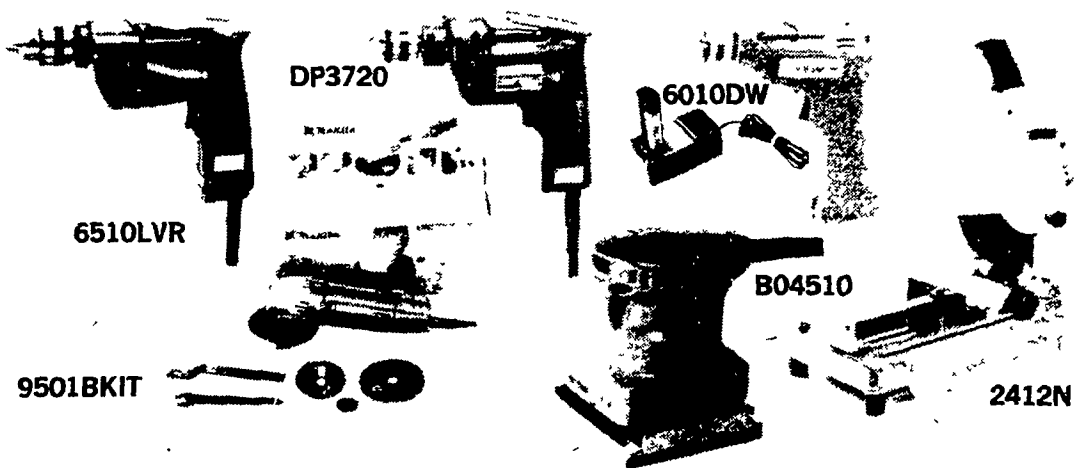
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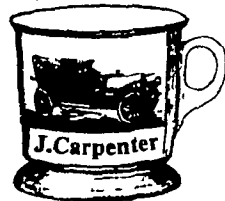


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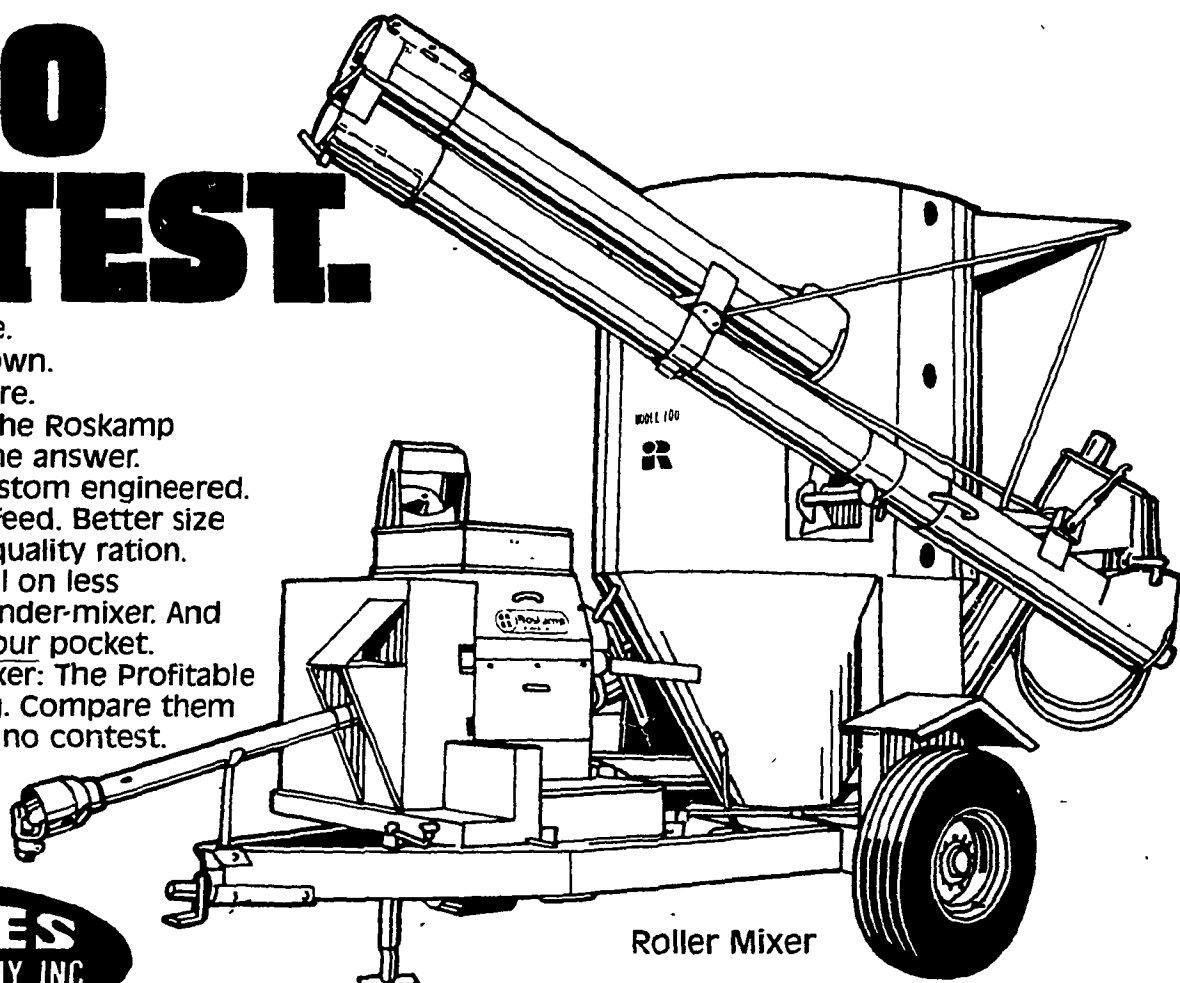
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