

Youth farm safety course to begin

NEWARK, Del. — Under the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, youths under 16 cannot be employed in certain hazardous agricultural operations unless they have had special training and received a certificate. The provisions do not apply to youth working on the farms of their parents or guardians, but the training is still essential.

"Farm employers should insist that young employees and summer help have training exemptions before working on a farm" says Ron Jester, University of Delaware extension safety specialist.

Hazardous jobs not open to youth include operating a tractor over 20-horsepower; operating or assisting with the operation of certain pieces of farm machinery; operating or assisting with trenchers, fork lifts, chain saws, or

other types of machines; and working inside airtight produce and grain storage areas or silos.

Other forbidden jobs involve working at high elevations, handling hazardous materials, working pens with breeding stock, handling explosives or anhydrous ammonia, working in heavy timber operations, transporting passengers in buses, tractors, trucks or autos, and riding on a tractor as a passenger or helper.

In certain of these operations, Jester notes, 14- and 15-year-old farm workers can receive exemptions if they have completed formal training. The Cooperative Extension Service is setting up training programs to teach these young workers about normal hazards involved with tractor and farm machinery. Written and operational examinations will test their knowledge of the correct use

of machinery.

The program will be conducted as a correspondence course, with formal classes interspersed throughout the 8-week program. The deadline for registration is Feb. 15.

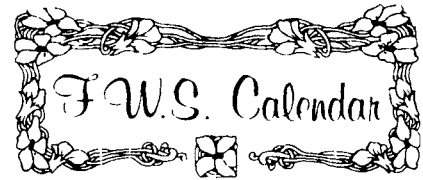
Exemptions are also available for 4-H members who have completed specific training requirements, and for students who have completed certain units in a vocational agriculture training program.

For further information contact county extension agents or 4-H youth agents in Newark (451-2506), Dover (736-1448), or Georgetown (856-5250).

P.A.W.S. Dog Club

1984 officers were elected at the most recent meeting of the PAWS 4-H Dog Club. The results were: President, Sue Meyer; Vice-President, Debbie Stockman; Photographer, Sherry Krumich; Treasurer, Cheryl Bell; Refreshments Chairman, Julia Tatsch; Scrapbook Keeper, Kim Whither; Secretary, Christie Barry; and Roxanne Sevchuk, club

reporter. The club will sell candy bars to raise funds for their club activities. Debbie Stockman is in charge of the sale. Some of the funds will be used to purchase club T shirts for new members. Debbie Stockman will give a presentation on Dog Anatomy at their next meeting on Feb. 9 at the Extension Center, Route 31 in Flemington, 7:30 p.m.



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