

Livestock market

Montgomery no-tilling under way

Weekly Summary

Fri., April 27

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE: 8237. Compared with 5893 head last week, and 7076 head a year ago.

Compared with last Friday's market: Slaughter steers mostly .50-1.50, spots 2.00 lower; SI. heifers 1.00-2.00 lower; SI. cows steady to .50, spots 1.00 lower; SI. bullocks steady to .50 lower; SI. bulls steady to 1.50 lower. SI. steers: High Choice & Prime No. 3-4, 67.00-69.00; Choice NO. 2-4, 64.50-68.50; Good 58.00-64.50; Standard 50.00-58.50. SI. heifers: Choice 59.00-65.50; Good 55.00-61.25; Standard 48.00-56.00. SI. cows: Commercial 43.00-47.50; Cutters 39.50-44.00; Canner 36.00-41.00; Shells down to 26.00. SI. bullocks: Choice 58.00-62.25; Good 53.00-58.00; Standard 49.00-53.75. SI. bulls: Yield Grade No. 1, 1000-2400 lbs. 49.00-55.50; Yield Grade No. 2, 900-1500 lbs. 44.00-49.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers, (few) Large Frame No. 1, 500-980 lbs. 51.00-60.00; Medium Frame No. 1 300-650 lbs. 53.00-62.00. Heifers, Medium Frame No. 1, 350-700 lbs. 43.00-55.00; Medium Frame No. 2 300-650 lbs. 34.00-43.00. Bulls, Medium Frame No. 1, 400-750 lbs. 46.00-53.75.

CALVES: 3786. Compared with 3597 head last week and 2666 head a year ago. Vealers unevenly steady. (few) Prime 110.00-120.00; Choice 80.00-94.00; Good 68.00-82.00; 110-130 lbs. 60.00-75.00; 90-110 lbs. 50.00-64.00; 65-85 lbs. 40.00-52.00; Utility

50-100 lbs. 30.00-50.00.

FARM CALVES: Active. Hol. Bulls 85-130 lbs. 55.00-122.00; Hol. Heifers 80-120 lbs. 50.00-86.00.

HOGS: 7176. Compared with 8514 head last week and 7001 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts uneven, mostly steady to 1.00 higher. US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs. 47.00-50.00 No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 46.00-48.50; No. 2-3 200-285 lbs. 43.00-45.75; No. 1-3 140-190 lbs. 42.00-45.75; Sows uneven. US No. 1-3 300-585 lbs. 38.50-46.00; No. 2-3 300-650 lbs. 34.00-39.50. Boars 29.00-37.00.

FEEDER PIGS 1255. Compared with 1130 head last week and 748 a year ago. Mostly steady to 5.00 higher. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 17.00-35.00 per head; No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 29.00-45.50; No. 1-3 50-85 lbs. 44.00-52.00.

3 GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES: 2253. Compared with 1676 head last week, and 1435 head a year ago. All sales by CWT. Feeder Pigs uneven, weights under 40 lbs. steady to 10.00 lower, over 40 lbs. 6.00-12.00 higher, spots 26.00 higher. US No. 1-2 20-40 lbs. 95.00-134.00, 40-50 lbs. 100.00-133.00, 50-60 lbs. 85.00-124.00, 60-75 lbs. 70.00-104.00; US No. 2-3 30-50 lbs. 85.00-131.00, 50-60 lbs. 65.00-106.00.

SHEEP: 590. Compared with 5052 head last week and 2460 head a year ago. Spring lambs uneven on a much smaller supply. High Choice & Prime 20-40 lbs. 78.00-100.00; Choice 40-100 lbs. 65.00-82.00; Good & Choice 40-105 lbs. 55.00-65.00. SI. ewes: 5.00-25.00, mostly 15.00-21.00.

NORRISTOWN — "No-tilling oats has already begun in Montgomery County with the use of the Conservation District's no-till drill," reports Edward J. Brzostek, USDA Soil Conservation Service's District Conservationist.

With the use of the no-till drill, oats can be planted sooner, generally a day or two before fields can even be plowed.

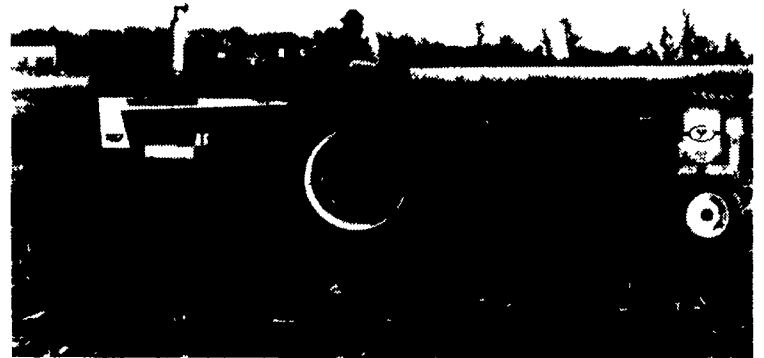
"No-tilling oats has three main advantages — it saves time, soil, and promises increased yields," reported Brzostek.

"The no-till program is going extremely well in the county, especially with the drill," he continues.

"We had some real success last year with no-tilling timothy and alfalfa in late summer, and small grains in the fall. I am especially pleased with no-tilling of timothy in old pastures and sod fields. "Generally, farmers were leary to plow these fields for fear of "washing", but now these fields can be successfully replanted without plowing.

Farmer support of the no-till drill is growing rapidly. Thus far, more than 300 acres have been committed for the county's drill, and the season's just begun, according to Brzostek. The county farmers have also purchased their own no-till drills.

The Montgomery County Conservation District, besides leasing out a no-till drill, will have two no-till corn planters available. The cornplanters include a 4 row John Deere at \$8/acre, and also a 4 row International equipped with



Kenneth Marple, of Fairview Village, is shown no-tilling oats under Montgomery County's drill leasing program.

tractor and monitor at \$11/acre. The Tye no-till Drill is being leased out for \$10/acre. Farmers in-

terested in receiving advice on no-till or interested in leasing equipment should call SCS at 279-1178, or the District at 278-3618.

Yule tree course offered

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Growing Christmas trees is popular in Hunterdon County, N.J. and the acreage is still growing. Cook College of Rutgers University is offering a special program designed for individuals concerned with the proper procedures in establishing and maintaining a Christmas tree plantation. Site quality, lime and fertilizers, species selection, and shearing will be the major topics of this course. A field exercise will be given in the afternoon to provide a practical demonstration.

"This Christmas Tree Growers Short Course is provided in cooperation with the New Jersey Christmas Tree Growers Association and the New Jersey Bureau of Forest Management," says Elaine Fogerty, County Agricultural Agent. "I encourage all prospective Christmas tree growers and old-hands to attend this one day workshop."

Preregistration by June 1 is \$20.00. Forms are available from Elaine Fogerty, Extension Services Building, 4 Gauntt Place off Route 31, Flemington, N.J. 08822.

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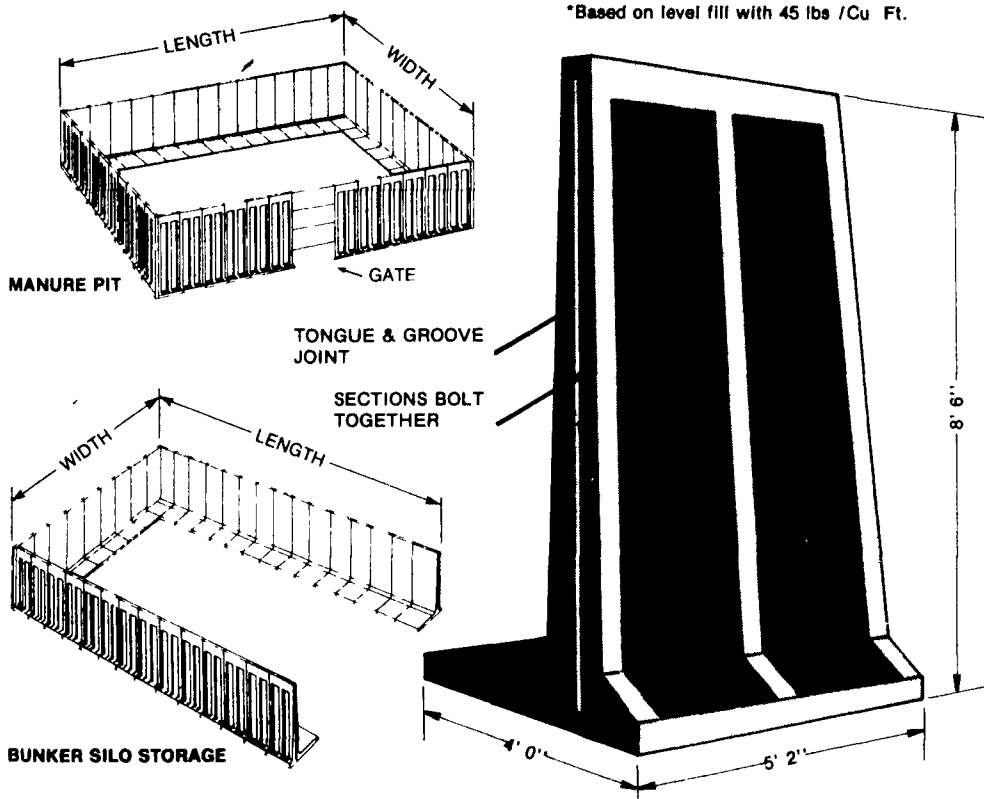
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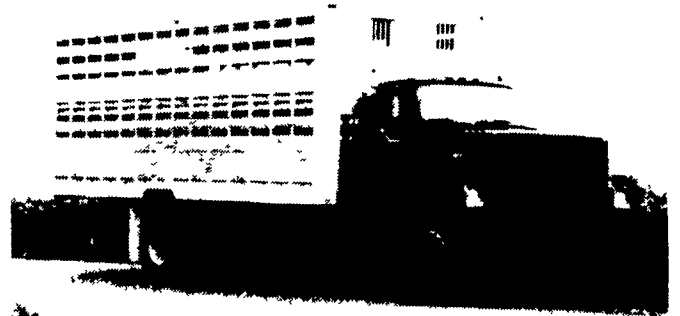
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