

Now is the Time

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crop. The spring situation is quite similar to last year, reminds Arnold G. Lueck, County Farm Agent - Agronomy. Of concern are powdery mildew, scab and leaf rust in about that order. Disease buildup occurs based on the relative resistance or susceptibility of the variety grown, the amount of nitrogen available to the crop and weather conditions.

There is need to be aware of what is happening in our wheat fields as the crop now goes through the jointing stage. Check weekly to note evidence of disease presence. We do have a fungicide available for both mildew and rust if disease conditions warrant application. The chemical is triadimefon, sold under the name of Bayleton.

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To Read The Label

I am sure you have heard this suggestion before, however, it is still very important to all farmers and gardeners.

Every pesticide carries a label with directions; this should be read

OUR READERS WRITE, AND OTHER OPINIONS

Use Real Thing

Dear Editor:

The dairy industry in Pennsylvania has been suffering through an extended period of hard times. Lower prices for dairymen means less profit and that in turn means less sales for the Agribusinesses that service dairymen. The snowball effect ends up hurting the whole state's economy and it affects all of us more than we realize.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has recently created a Pennsylvania Milk Promotion Program to keep .10 per hundredweight of the .15 per hun-

and followed during the application of the material. Don't make the mistake of applying the material in error. The labels are required by law and should be respected by the user. Serious losses may occur, if the directions are not followed. Materials should always be kept in their original container and stored in a separate place under padlock.

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dredweight deduction that is mandatory for the nation's dairy farmers in Pennsylvania. We in the Pennsylvania Farmers Union are in favor of this Program and encourage dairymen to support it.

We hope that Penn State University will ban the use of the non-dairy creamers that Penn State Food Services now offer students and guests. At a recent agricultural meeting held at Penn State, non-dairy creamers were served with the coffee. When I asked for real milk, I was told I could not get it. I then offered to go to a local store and buy some. I was told that I could not bring it back to the meeting because it would break the contract between Penn State University and Penn State Food Services. I had to ask myself why Pennsylvania's Agricultural University would sign a contract that did not insist on the use of real dairy products?

I also found out, much to my dismay, that the cafeteria in the State Capitol building also serves non-dairy creamers. Our State Legislators are always looking for ways to improve the state's

York to update soil report

YORK — Soil scientists of the Soil Conservation Service have been evaluating the York County Soil Survey Report for the past six months to determine if the report meets present day needs for soils information.

Approximately 60 percent of the field work for the report was done between 1939 and 1943 and was finished in the 1950's. The report was published in 1963.

After evaluating the 1963 soils report, it was determined that soils were recorded under an older classification system and that some soil names are obsolete to the new classification system. Soil descriptions are inadequate to make good interpretations. Many wooded areas are not surveyed in sufficient detail for good urban

planning use. Also nearly all of the 1963 soil reports were in storage and were destroyed by fire in 1981. It was not deemed practical to reprint them.

Many advantages were found to justify updating the report. More detailed information would be provided about the soils so better decisions can be made about land use. Updated soil interpretation can be computerized so they will be readily available to users.

By having modern information on soil limitation, potentials, etc, and having updated soils maps, many incorrect and costly land use decisions can be avoided; thereby saving individuals, groups and units of government from wasteful spending.

The actual updating of the soils report will begin in October.

The updated information will be available during the course of the survey in areas of the county based on priorities set by the Conservation District, County Commissioners, township officials and others in consultation with the Soil Conservation Service.

It will take 4 to 6 years to complete the field work needed to make up-to-date soils information available for all of York County.

economy so let's encourage them to help the dairy industry by insisting that the State Capitol cafeteria use real dairy creamers.

We all have a stake in the future of Pennsylvania's agriculture so let's insist that our state government and our taxpayer funded Universities use real dairy products instead of imported casein based substitutes.

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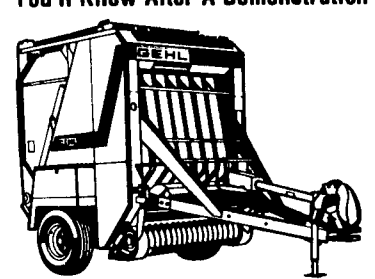
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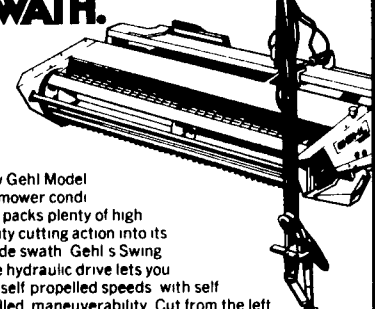
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