

# Farmland preservation - It's worth it



## Now is the Time

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any longer period of time. We find that most farmers tend to follow recommendations very closely, but many home gardeners tend to increase the dosage.

The best policy is to study the directions and precautions on the label and follow them to the letter.

### To Prepare For Fire Protection

Our barns are filling up with new crops of hay, straw and grain so we need to be concerned with fire protection. We urge farmers to give some thought to water supplies for fighting fires. Many farmers indicate that their fire company would be unable to supply adequate water; this increases the risk of serious fire losses. Farms with streams nearby should have plans developed to move the fire engine within 25 feet of the water. Owners of ponds should have all-weather driveways to the pond. There have been cases where buildings burned while the fire truck was mired down in the mud trying to get to the pond. It's a good idea to inform your local fire company of the sources of water supplies for fighting fires. A good water supply for fighting fires is good insurance against severe losses.

### To Consider Lightning Rods on Shade Trees

How many times have you driven past a pasture field and noticed dozens of cattle or other livestock grouped together under one or two large trees. During severe thunderstorms, livestock will gather under these trees. If

## Farm Calendar

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Agriculture, 8 p.m., Extension Center.

Friday, July 6

Pa. Young Farmers Summer Conference, Berks County 4-H Center, continues tomorrow.

York Junior Holstein showing and fitting day

Saturday, July 7

Pa. Charolais Association Field Day, Bratton Charolais Farm, McVeytown, 9 a.m.-Junior heifer and steer show.

York County Conservation Society membership picnic, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Indian Steps Museum, Airville.

lightning strikes the tree, many of the animals will be killed. For the protection of valuable livestock, we suggest that some of these individual trees be fitted with a lightning rod system. If there is a woodlot in the pasture, or a number of trees, it may not be practical.

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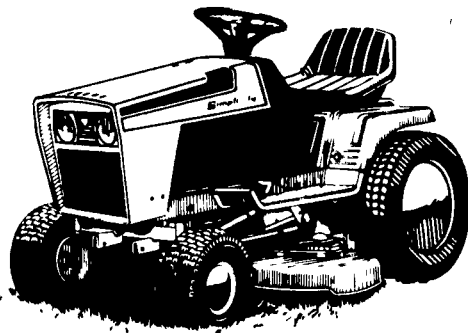
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