

Now is the Time

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stands because of the nitrogen content. Some growers will top-dress with fertilizer in the fall and again after the removal of the first cutting in the spring.

This should result in maximum yields with a healthy stand. When alfalfa plants are well fed and treated for insect injury, they should be able to stand weather adversities. Alfalfa plants are heavy feeders on both phosphorus and potash. Unless these elements are replaced each year, the plants and yield will suffer.

To Keep Standby Generators In Order

The value of standby generators is evident when power failures occur from lightning or flooding conditions. The important thing is to have a generator that is in good working condition. We never know when we will have additional storms (rain, snow or ice) that will take away our regular power source.

Highly mechanized farmers are urged to test their generators and be sure they are in top condition. If the generator is old, or not in good condition, it might be wise to invest in another one. Some losses have been very high due to the lack of electricity for a short period of time. Planning for emergency action when electric power is off is very good management.

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Farm Calendar

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- stration, 10 a.m., Larry Wilkinson farm, Gettysburg.
- Wednesday, Aug. 29
- Corn/soybean field day, 9-11:30 a.m., Delaware Extension demonstration farm.
- Methane digester meeting, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Ramada Inn, Somerset.
- Big Knob Grange Fair continues through Saturday.
- Great Stoneboro Fair continues through Sept. 3.
- Thursday, Aug. 30
- South Mountain Fair continues through Sept. 3.
- Friday, August 31
- Quarter Horse Show, Farm Show Complex, continues through Sunday.
- Bradford Dairy Day, 4-H Building, Troy Fairgrounds.

OUR READERS WRITE

God help us

Dear Editor:

In a recent article Jerry Webb wrote about how part-time farmers decide to become fulltime farmers. Somehow reading the article it sounded like an easy decision to make. However to me, a part-time farmer this decision does not seem so easy.

The cost of going fulltime is so tremendous and risks are so real. After two years of drought, many local farmers sold out. All had farmed for many years, but they lost everything. They were good farmers and hard workers.

When you look at the traditional farming methods: dairy (too many cows), poultry (going toward big operations), swine (same as poultry.) In the same issue as Jerry's article was the Pennfield story about the 1250-sow complex.

How many family farmers will that complex force out of business? Expand with a grain operation? Last year, my neighbor idled his land and had five or 10 big-time farming operators wanting to rent it.

Finally, when talking of fulltime farming you must consider money, big money. Now, I don't have any money, but last year a friend sold property for \$169,000 and invested that money in tax-free municipal bonds at 11 percent. Now, he's making \$350 a week. No work, no gamble and no taxes.

It seems to me that \$169,000 invested into fulltime farming could be just enough to get a fellow into trouble.

D.J. Francis
Westminster, Md.

P.S. May God help us folks who like to farm - to watch things grow.

Bradford Dairy Day set

TOWANDA — Bradford County's Dairy Day on Friday will feature "Dairy Farm Computers" and "Embryo Transplants". Top notch speakers with plenty of experience will be featured along with commercial exhibits at the 4-H building on the Troy Fairgrounds.

The morning program on computers will have a presentation on dairy farm computers by Jud Heinrich, Penn State Extension dairy specialist. Jud also will moderate a panel discussion by local computer owners. Roy Beardslee has used a computer to analyze his operation and develop feeding programs. Duane Mattocks has used his computer to do business analysis, tax work and record keeping. Harold Moyer uses his computer to store farm records and help with a farm analysis and Archie Williams uses a computer to help feed his cows.

The afternoon program is devoted to a discussion of "Embryo Transplants" in dairy cattle. Larry Specht, Penn State Dairy Specialist will lead off the program discussing "Indexes and the Economics of ET". Dr. Alan McCauley, of Em-Tran, will discuss proper techniques in ET. Following will be a panel of successful dairymen with much experience with ET. Between them

they have over 1000 ET calves. The panel includes Walter Brooks of Brooks Twain Farm with 150-200 ET calves; Galen Crouse of Len-Lyn Farm with 200 ET calves; Lester Poust of Mun-Cre Farm with 250 ET calves and; Denny Wolfe of Pen-Col Farm with 450 ET calves.

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PFA establishes scholarship

ROCK SPRINGS — The Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA) this week presented a check for \$10,000 to the Pennsylvania State University's College of Agriculture to establish a PFA Memorial Scholarship Fund.

PFA vice president D. Eugene Gayman, presented the check to the College of Agriculture's Dean Samuel Smith during the Grass Roots Day luncheon at Penn State's Ag Progress Days.

Gayman said the fund will be used to provide annual scholarships in the University's College of Agriculture for sons or daughters of PFA farm families.

PFA president Keith Eckel announced earlier that the scholarship fund was established to honor the memory of PFA

volunteer and staff leaders by assisting with the educational pursuits of Pennsylvania's future farm leaders.

Money for the scholarship fund was raised through contributions by PFA members and fund-raising efforts by the statewide organization and its county associations. Eckel noted that no membership dues money was used in establishing the scholarship fund.

PFA also announced that Edward Brummer of R2, Port Royal, has been selected to receive scholarship aid during the 1984-85 academic year from the PFA Memorial Scholarship Fund. Brummer is a Junior in Penn State's College of Agriculture studying agronomy.

Pa. Grange is #2

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania State Grange now ranks as the second largest State Grange organization in the nation, according to National Grange membership statistics.

State Grange Master Charles Wismer said the Pennsylvania chapter of the rural farm organization has had considerable membership growth in the past two years, with a gain in membership for the 1982-83 year, and an anticipated gain for the 1983-84 organizational year. Statewide, membership totals over 42,000 individuals. Six new chapters formed during the year bring the

total number of local Grange chapters up to 553.

"For many years, Pennsylvania ranked third nationally behind California State Grange in membership," Wismer said. "With our recent gains, we now have moved ahead of California." Washington State Grange has the largest Grange membership with around 69,000 members.

Awards will be presented to county Granges in Pennsylvania that achieved membership gains for the past year during the State Grange's annual convention in Gettysburg, Oct. 22-25.

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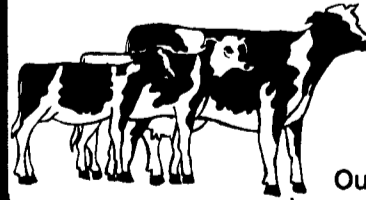
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