

Pole building handbook cited

NEWARK, Del. — If you're ready to build a barn or shed but don't have the confidence to attempt your own design, the newly revised "Pole and Post Buildings Handbook" is just what you need, says University of Delaware extension agricultural engineer James Scarborough.

In pole or post construction, round or rectangular posts embedded in the ground become the foundation and support for your structure. It's generally the easiest, fastest, and least expensive construction method, Scarborough says. Even the building site requires little preparation before construction starts.

Often used for storage or animal housing, this versatile construction method can also be used for wood decks, boat shelters, cabins, warehouses, and even aircraft hangars.

The "Pole and Post Buildings Handbook," published by the Northeast Regional Agricultural Engineering Service, has sections on site selection, framing and roofing materials, wood treatments, roof trusses, doors, skylights, and other basic information necessary to a designer.

The section on building design is presented in a straightforward manner, Scarborough says, with heavy emphasis on using tables to find the sizes of poles, girts, purlins and other framing members. The publication also explains how to allow for snow and wind load, and how to compensate for sloping sites.

Once you've completed your design, you are ready for the construction phase. The handbook is equally straightforward in explaining this element of the process. Scarborough says the

step-by-step instructions are simple enough for a novice to attempt without fear.

Also included in the handbook are several U.S. Department of Agriculture plans reduced to booklet size, including designs for a two-stall horse barn, a large, general purpose pole barn, a two-car garage, and others.

Farmers, builders and do-it-yourselfers should find the handbook a valuable reference, Scarborough says. It is available for \$3.50. Send a check, payable to the University of Delaware, to Extension Agricultural Engineer-Plan Service, 058 Townsend Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19717-1303.

York meeting on Oct. 12

YORK — The annual meeting of the York County Farmers' Association will be held Oct. 12, at the Airville Fire Hall. Price of dinner tickets is \$6.00 each.

Purpose of the session is to elect officers and adopt policies for the general farm organization, which has 720 farm family members.

A film, "Cheasapeake Horizons" will also be shown.

The farm group has been actively gathering policy suggestions from its membership, which will be submitted to the total membership for its consideration. Once policies are adopted they remain in force for one year.

Persons interested in dinner tickets should contact any member of the board or President Ellis Crowl, (862-3955).

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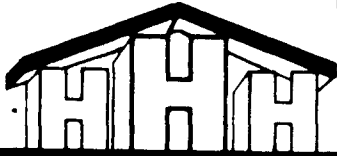
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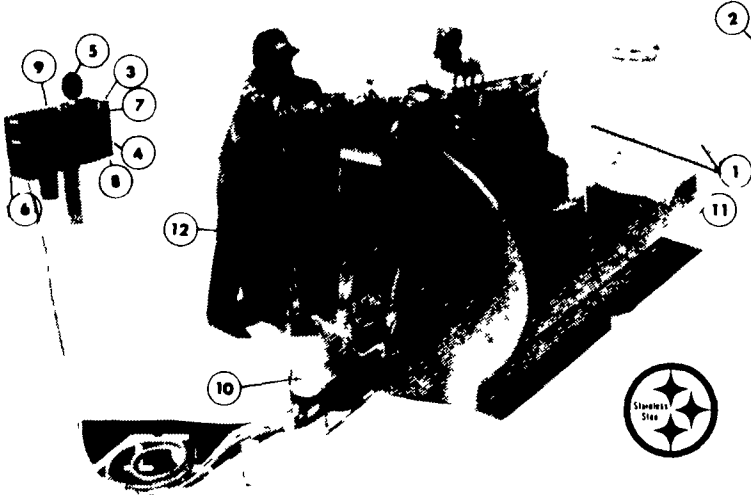


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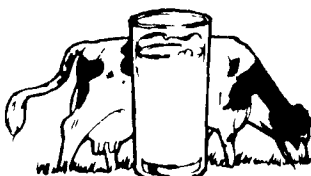


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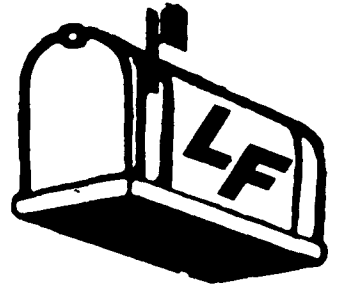
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