

# A hearty salute to agriculture's hard-working women!

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Nov. 11-18 is Women in Agriculture Week, and we salute all women who help sustain agriculture. It is well known that women work as equal partners on farms, making important decisions and carrying their share of the workload.

Women can be found in almost every job on the farm - from milking, to feeding to driving tractors to keeping records - and each contribution is valued.

But their importance goes far beyond the obvious. Keeping nutritious food available and delivering food to fields during harvest helps keep things moving

smoothly. And what about all those phone messages and "letting their fingers do the walking" to track down the right part for the tractor or the best price for a product? Driving children to 4-H meetings, soccer practices, ballet classes and band rehearsals are also important contributions. And farm wives who choose to work off the farm are contributing in their own way.

Thousands of hours of volunteer time at churches, community organizations and in promoting agriculture also count as valued donations.

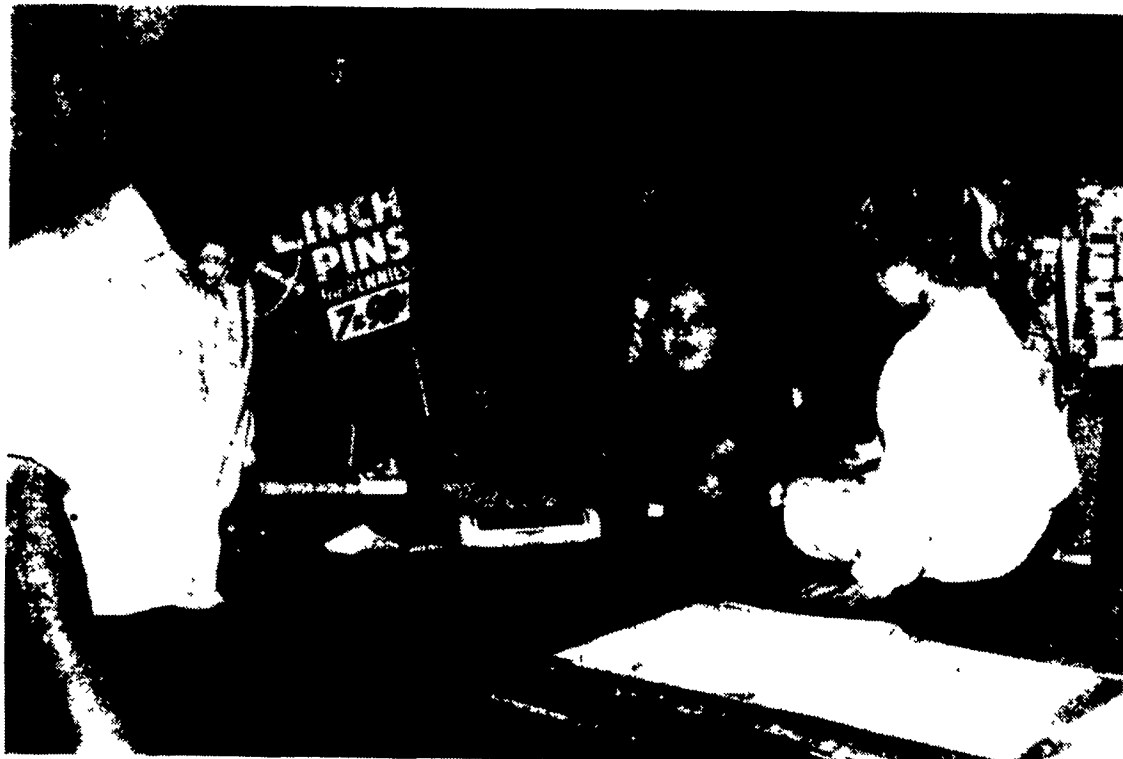
At Lancaster Farming, we salute all women in agriculture - your job is an important one!



Georgia Fry loves living on a farm and enjoys the outdoor work that goes with it. She supervises the tobacco crop on the farm she and her husband, Larry, operate at Washington Boro R1.



Hog operations tend to be very automated, but there is still a need for the human touch. Norma Frey checks feeders at the fattening operation she and her husband, David H., operate on their Washington Boro farm, where they have up to 1,000 hogs at a time.



What farm wife hasn't been called on to get parts? Here Ruby Bollinger picks up a part from Bob Keepport at Lancaster Ford Tractor. Ruby and Daryl have a 40-cow dairy herd at R7 Manheim. Ruby's two assistants, Denise, 3, and Danny, 17 months, often go along on her errands.

## Homestead Notes



Milking is a job done by a lot of farm women, perhaps because they are so good at it. Here Doris Landis, Colebrook Road, Lancaster, takes her place in the milking parlor. She and her husband, John, now milk 150 cows three times daily.



Ruth Brenneman can be found in the poultry house twice each day, presiding over the egg collection. She has done this job for 21 years. She is married to Amos Brenneman, R2 Columbia.