

## "Maryland Agriculture Week" observed

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — "Maryland Agriculture — A Modern Miracle" is the theme for this year's 16th annual observance of Maryland Agriculture Week. Festivities actually began on Jan. 28 in the Montgomery County suburbs of Washington, D.C., and will wind up March 16 on the lower Eastern Shore.

As in past years, the ag week message is being brought to urban dwellers throughout the state at a succession of shopping mall

displays.

The Monday-Saturday activities at each mall have been planned by local committees, chaired in most cases by county agricultural agents of the University of Maryland's Cooperative Extension Service.

Generally, the shopping mall displays feature a daily program which includes something for persons of all ages. Most will include demonstrations on preparation of food grown or produced in Maryland. Soybeans

are on the list.

Other demonstrations will include tobacco-stripping, sheep shearing, and spinning and weaving with wool. Milking contests will pit local dignitaries against dairy princesses. For the youngsters, there are petting zoos with live animals and a chance to see baby chicks being hatched.

The Cooperative Extension Service and other farm organizations are sponsoring a number of educational displays, ranging from soil testing to

agricultural career training opportunities in four-year and two-year programs offered by the University of Maryland's College of Agriculture and Institute of Applied Agriculture, respectively.

Martha M. (Marcie) Becker, Extension coordinator of special communications at the College Park campus, is program coordinator again this year for the Maryland Agriculture Week observance. Co-coordinator is Anthony I. (Tony) Evans, public information marketing specialist

for the state Department of Agriculture at Annapolis.

Mrs. Joan Hagerty of Clarksburg submitted the winning theme for the 1985 Maryland ag week. Mrs. Hagerty is the mother in a family of active 4-H members from upper Montgomery County.

Two additional agricultural displays are tentatively scheduled for late fall at shopping centers in Baltimore and Columbia. Dates would be Oct. 14-19 in Baltimore and Oct. 16-21 at the Columbia Mall.

### Calf and heifer management topic of meeting

NEW HOLLAND — The Eastern Lancaster County Adult Farmer Program will present a Dairy Management Meeting on Wednesday evening, February 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Blue Ball School. The main topic of discussion will be Calf and Heifer Management. Emphasis will be on providing housing for calves and heifers, feeding calves and heifers, a new measuring program to calculate weight and pinpoint problems, and feeding Rumensin to dairy heifers.

The program will be presented by the adult farmer instructors with comments from local dairymen. Mr. Jim Andrick from Elanco Chemical Co. will discuss the feeding of Rumensin.

All interested persons are invited to attend. The Blue Ball School is located just east of the village of Blue Ball on Ewell Rd. The meeting will be held in the all-purpose room, just inside the front doors. For additional information call the Adult Farmer Program office at 354-4525.

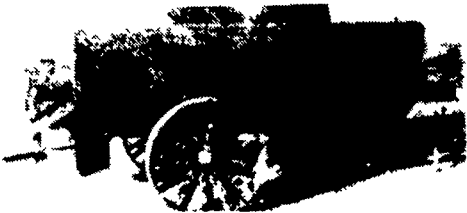
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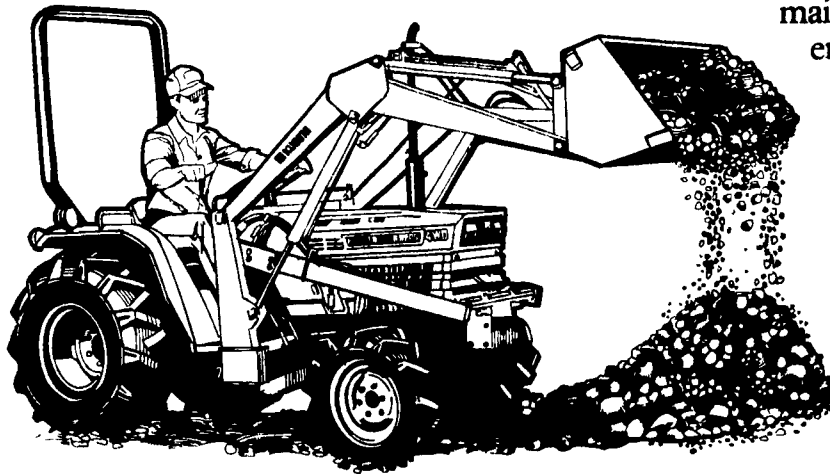
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