



Gov. Dick Thornburgh, center, seated, has signed a proclamation designating Feb. 2 to 8 Pennsylvania Young Farmers Week.

On hand to witness the signing were, from left, seated, Jeff Coy, district representative; the governor; and Jay Grove, State Young Farmers president.

Standing from left are Donald Mooney; Fred Bohn; Ronald O'Neil, treasurer; Dale Rossman; Thomas Zartman, past Young Farmer's president; Glenn Snyder, regional vice president; Robert Garrett, regional vice president; and Russ Weller.

Gov. Thornburgh proclaims Young Farmer Week

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania has a rich agricultural heritage. We are proud of the many generations of farming families who have ensured a bountiful harvest of foods and farm products, and our young farmers are dedicated to continuing this fine tradition.

The Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association, which was organized through vocational agricultural programs in public schools, is dedicated to the promotion and improvement of farming. Since agriculture is the Commonwealth's number one industry, groups such as this play an important role in our agricultural progress by maintaining and encouraging leadership and knowledge among their leaders.

Through frequent meetings in which young farmers exchange ideas, create friendships and

acquire valuable vocational experience, the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association is promoting agriculture and assuring its prosperity for future generations.

In recognition of the important role that young farmers play in helping Pennsylvania agriculture keep growing better, I, Dick

NJ FFA receives Willard H. Allen Award

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ — The New Jersey FFA was honored with the Willard H. Allen Agricultural Communications Award by the New Jersey Agricultural Society on Jan. 21 at the State Agricultural Convention in Atlantic City. John Sebastiano, New Jersey FFA state president, accepted the plaque for the promotion of agriculture by the State FFA Association during the past year.

The New Jersey FFA Association promoted agriculture throughout the state by attending

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and participating in many agricultural related conventions, by conducting an FFA Chapter Presents' Tour of the State Departments of Agriculture and Education, by holding annual leadership conferences, FFA contests in all agricultural fields, and FFA chapter visitations by state officers. The association was able to expand the awareness of agriculture to the public by using television, radio and newspaper public service announcements.

Seeding,
Weeding
and mulch
more

For the avid gardener

Plan your garden now, suggests Extension agricultural agent Jeff Jabco, before it's planting time. This will insure maximum production from the land you have available.

Planning means knowing what you want to plant and where you will plant it within your garden plot. Develop a balanced garden by having the three main groups of vegetables—root crops, fruit crops and leafy crops—well represented. It would not pay you to grow crops which use a lot of space and yield little in comparison if you have a small garden. Keep in mind you can grow tomatoes in any garden. But what you plant depends mostly on what your family prefers to eat.

After you've decided what to plant draw a plan to scale on paper that outlines the size of your garden; the kinds and varieties you want to plant, their location, amount of each you want to plant, their location, amount of each you want to grow, spacing needed, direction of the rows, date when each crop is to be planted, and whether you will use succession or companion cropping.

Rotate crops within the garden

from year to year, and if possible, rotate the garden site itself. Or perhaps, divide the garden site in half and keep half in soil-improving crops.

Plant long rows to save you time in care and cultivation. You may plant several crops in the same row if the distance between rows is about the same. Plant tall crops, such as sweet corn, pole beans, or staked tomatoes together. Where possible, plant them on the side of the garden where they won't shade other lower-growing plants. Planting is important, because a poor job of planning often leads to haphazard care and poor results.

Even if your vegetable garden is small, it can be efficient. For example, a 25x50-foot garden should produce most of the vegetables for canning, freezing and fresh use necessary for two people for one year. Sweet corn is considered a borderline crop. Almost every gardener wants to plant sweet corn because of the high quality of freshly picked corn, but the amount of food value produced is small. A garden, 25x50 ft. will require about a half hour's work to get maximum production.

New Holland 4-H Baby Beef Club

The New Holland 4-H Baby Beef Club elected new officers at its regular meeting on Jan. 21 at Creek Hill Motors.

The officers are: Kristin Chupp, president; Robert Kreider, vice president; Fred Weaver,

secretary; Krista Martin, news reporter; Doug Hertzog, treasurer; and Heather Yoder and Jessica Hertzog, song and game leaders.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 15.



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