

30 YEARS AGO

THIS WEEK

— Growing conditions for Lancaster County crops are still ideal, County Agricultural Agent Max M. Smith reports today, as Garden Spot farmers rush to keep ahead of plant growth.

— Green ripe tomato operations in the Rawlinsville area are expected to get into full swing this week, according to Park Eshleman and Charles Ressler, who maintain receiving stations on their farms and are large growers themselves.

— Richard Hess, R1 Strasburg, Tuesday continued family fame of the past few days at winning the adult class of dairy cattle judging at the Lancaster County Holstein-Friesian Association field day on the farm of J. Mowery Frey, R7 Lancaster.

— Lancaster County's national importance in the poultry industry is more evident in tabulation

released this week by the Bureau of Census United States Dept. of Commerce.

— Next week will find Garden Spot Baby Beef Club members grooming and preparing their club steers for their show and sale at Union Stock Yards in Lancaster Tuesday and Wednesday.

— Christmas trees are to be displayed in competition for the first time at the 1987 Pennsylvania Farm Show here Jan. 14-18, the Farm Show Commission announced today.

— Despite the fact it is pitted against the cattle-producing counties of the California range, the Arizona flatlands, and Colorado's mesas, Lancaster County in 1954 placed ninth in the total number of cattle, and calves sold, with total value of \$18,843,548.

'87 Wheat Program Provisions Announced

CREAMERY — The 1987 Wheat Program, recently announced by USDA, contains a 27.5 percent acreage reduction requirement, a \$4.30-per-bushel target price, and a \$2.28-per-bushel price support loan rate.

ASCS Officials say the 1987 program does not contain a marketing loan provision or marketing quotas.

Offsetting compliance will not apply. Each farm stands on its own. You can participate on one farm without having to do so on another farm, or to limit production on a nonparticipating farm.

There will, however, be cross compliance in effect for 1987. To be eligible for benefits from a participating crop, the acreage of any other program crop that is planted for harvest on the participating farm cannot exceed the crop acreage for the other crop.

If reserve wheat quantities exceed the USDA limit when the 1987

wheat loans mature, the crop will not be eligible for entry into the grain reserve.

According to ASCS, actual crop yields for 1987 and subsequent years will be used to establish 1988

and future farm program payment yields.

The enrollment period for the 1987 wheat program will begin Oct. 1, 1986, and end Mar. 30, 1987.

Western Maryland Field Day Slated

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Western Maryland farmers will have an opportunity to see the latest in agricultural research from the University of Maryland at that institution's "Western Maryland Ag Field Day," September 4.

The event will be held at the university's Western Maryland Research and Education Center, near Keedysville. It begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Admission is free. A catered, barbecue lunch costs \$1 - reservations by August 26 are advised by calling the center at (301) 791-2296.

The field day will feature displays of agricultural equipment and farm services offered by local

commercial dealers.

It also will include tours of research and demonstration plots on the following subjects: improving soil fertility, managing alfalfa insects, coping with new weed problems, evaluation of the Princess tree, soybean cropping, gray leaf spot management in corn and crop pest monitoring.

The university's Cooperative Extension Service will explain fertility in high-yielding alfalfa and how mowing methods affect alfalfa regrowth.

For more information about the field day, contact Dr. Gerald Jubb, head, Western Maryland Research and Education Center, at (301) 791-2296.

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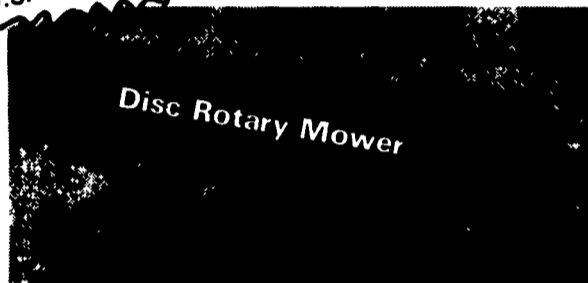
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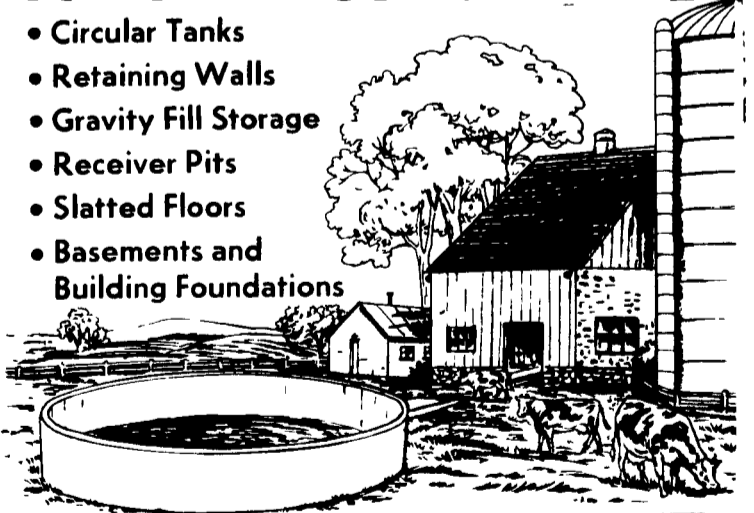


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