

Sixty Mothers And Their Kids Thrive On Fisher Farm

BY LOU ANN GOOD
MANHEIM — Everyday Jacob and Jane Fisher go to their Manheim barn and call, "Here, girls. Come here, girls."

When they call, sixty mothers and their kids come running.

Jacob and Jane hug and pat their charges while they murmur sweet nothings to them. It's milking time and nothing gives the Fishers more delight than their fun-loving goats.

Forget the tales about obnoxious goats, for the Fishers are determined to change that image to what they believe the true image of a goat should be. "They're not stinky," Fisher maintains, "if you take proper care of them." Not only that, but the Fishers insist that goats are lovable pets that are easier to care for and manage than cows.

The Fishers ought to know. They've been in the goat business for 33 years. "Good years," they affirm. "The value that we and our children got out of them (goats) can't be put into dollars and cents," Fisher said.

"Goat milk is easily digestible," Fisher explained. "Many people

who are allergic to cow milk can drink goat milk with no ill effects." Fisher supports this scientific fact with stories of families who switched to goat milk and got healthier and slept better.

Faithful clientele make weekly treks to the Fisher's farm to stock up on goat milk. What the Fishers do not sell locally, they sell to the Goat Works in New Jersey.

Fisher said there is a big demand for goat milk in larger cities since more people from other countries and ethnic groups live there. Those groups are often raised on goat meat and milk and prefer the specialty items such as fudge and cheese that is made from goat milk. While traveling through cities, the Fishers have spotted the milk for \$10 a gallon. The Fishers sell theirs for \$3 a gallon.

Over the years, Fisher has maintained his fulltime job while Jane takes care of most of the milking. Jane explained, "We got into goats when the children were small because I wanted something to work at while at home."

For 15 years the Fishers have been 4-H leaders and their farm is

often the site of tours by schools, tourists and groups interested in goats. Jane recalled that one year they transported a goat to a German club in Lancaster. When they opened the car trunk on a Lancaster street, passerbys exclaimed, "Look at that huge dog."

Not only do goats produce good milk, but according to Fisher, their meat tastes much like veal and it makes excellent bologna.

Fisher's goat interests are not limited to the live, furry, four legged creatures, he collects everything that is goat related. He has over 700 post cards, stacks of books and calendars featuring goats, 600 ceramic goats, goat horns and numerous other items.

Jean calls her husband the goat expert and confided, "He'll talk all day about goats, if you let him." No kidding.



Jacob Shirk holds his favorite goat who was named after the woman from whom he bought her.

Enter Veal Recipe Contest

Plans for the Beef Industry Council/Veal Committee of the Meat Board and American Veal Association's Second Favorite Veal Recipe Contest recently were finalized. The huge success of the first contest last year prompted the decision to repeat the contest and to gather together more creative ideas for using veal.

The prizes include a Grand Prize

of \$1,000 plus an opportunity for the winner and an escort to be the guests of the American Veal Association at the Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio on Wednesday, June 22, 1988. Second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$300.

Food editors, farm broadcasters, supermarket consumer affairs directors and cooking school professionals will be informed during the months of February and March. The entry deadline is April 1, 1988.

The rules for the contest follow. Additional information can be obtained by writing to the contest address.

Contest Rules
 1. Submit an original recipe for any dish using at least one pound of veal, not in combination with any other meat, on an 8 1/2 x 11 inch piece of paper. One recipe per sheet, either typed or printed. Enter

often, but only one entry may qualify as a winner.

2. Include name, address and telephone number. Entrants must be 18 years old by April 1, 1988.
 3. Members of the American Veal Association Board of Directors or AVA staff, and members of their immediate family, are ineligible to win prizes.
 4. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, April 1, 1988. Send to: Favorite Veal Recipe Contest, Box 733, Des Moines, Iowa 50303.
 5. Judging will be based on originality, ease of preparation, appearance and taste. If duplicate recipes are received, the one with the earlier postmark will be judged.
 6. Winners will be notified by mail no later than June 1, 1988. Recipes become the property of the American Veal Association.
 7. Prizes include: Grand Prize - \$1,000.00 plus a trip for the winner and an escort to the American Veal Association Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio on June 22, 1988; second prize - \$500.00; third prize - \$300.00. Any applicable taxes are the sole responsibility of the winners. Void where prohibited or restricted by law.

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PHILADELPHIA — The good news for farmers is that prices of insecticides are generally lower than they were a year or two ago. The even better news is: the price of Furadan® Insecticide-Nematicide is lower than any of the insecticide included in the recent USDA survey of retail prices for pesticides.

"The price decline," says FMC product manager Bill Hymans, "was a result of our decision last year to help our customers out by lowering the retail prices of Fura-

dan. We said then that one of our goals was to help our customers minimize input costs without sacrificing performance. And as this survey proves, that's exactly what we've done."

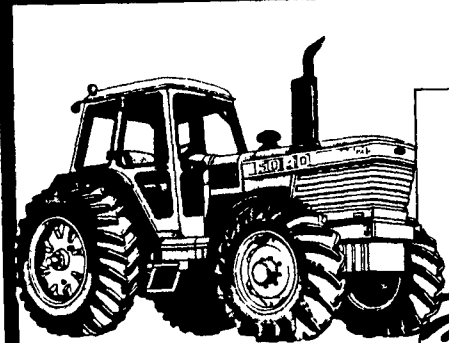
The USDA report was based on a survey of farm supply dealers. It was conducted by the Department's agricultural statistics service, and compared prices in October 1987 to those of a year earlier.

"Growers who price out Furadan with their dealers may find that

the news is even better in 1988," Hymans says. "Due to a number of competitive forces in the marketplace, in many areas the price of Furadan is expected to be even lower than it was last year."

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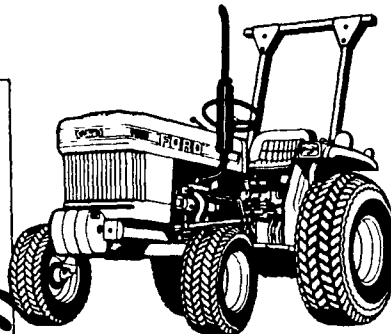
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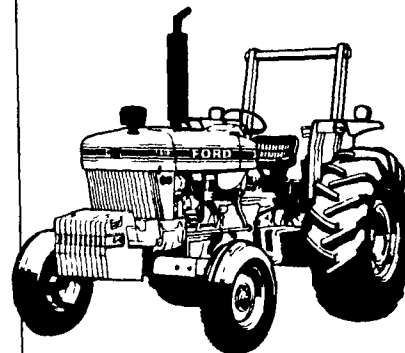
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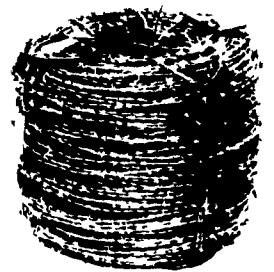
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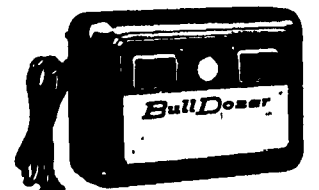
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