

# PFA Pays Out First Reward In Rural Crime Fight

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — The Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA) has paid out its first reward under a recently introduced program to combat rural crime.

A neighbor of PFA member David Lovett of Schnecksville, Lehigh County, received a \$300 reward for information which led to the conviction of a 23-year-old man for criminal mischief on Lovett's 140-acre potato and grain farm.

The culprit, who was apprehended while trespassing in one of Lovett's potato fields in a four-wheel drive vehicle, was fined by a district magistrate and ordered to pay \$500 in restitution for damages to Lovett's potato plants.

The only reminder of the incident is a blue and white \$10,000 REWARD sign Lovett posted on a repair shed near his house.

"From where the farmhouse sits in a hollow, I wouldn't have been able to see anyone trespassing in the field," said Lovett. "The reward is definitely a worthwhile service."

The reward was the result of the Rural Loss Prevention Program,

launched by PFA's Insurance Service last summer to help deter crime in the countryside.

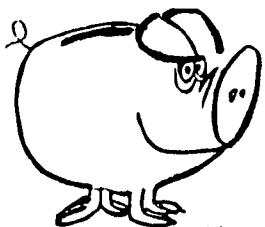
"The first reward payment is proof that the program can and will work to punish those who commit criminal acts against farm property," said William Deeds, manager of PFA's Insurance Service. "As more reward signs are distributed and word of the rewards gets out, we hope it will make a person think twice before trying to get away with criminal activity out in the country."

The Rural Loss Prevention Program offers a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person, or persons, for the crime of arson, theft, criminal mischief, burglary, robbery, insurance fraud or criminal trespass committed on an insured PFA member's real property in Pennsylvania.

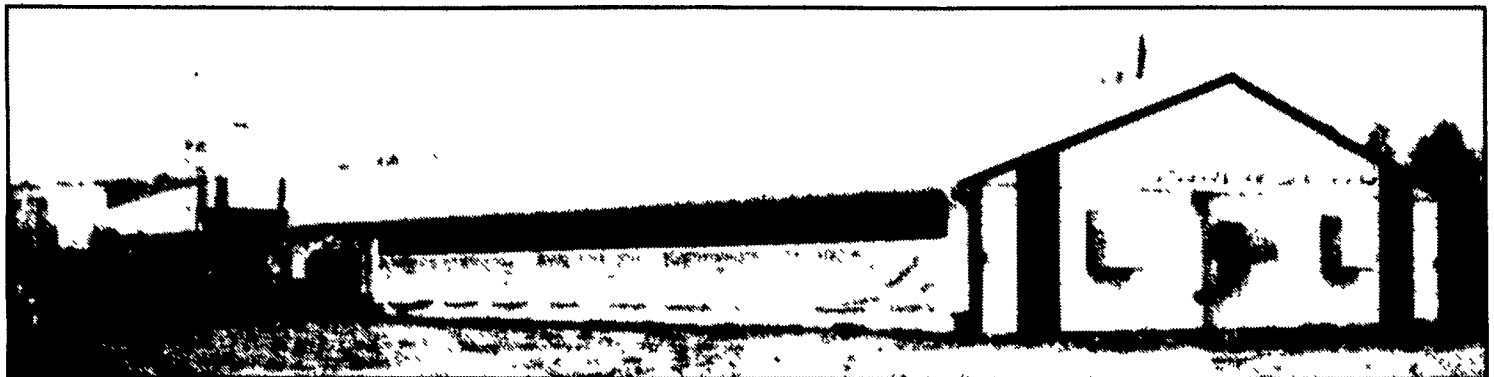
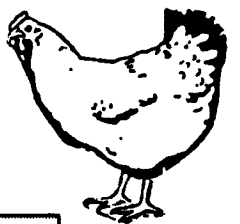
To be covered, a member must have a farmowner's or homeowner's insurance policy through PFA. The reward program is being underwritten by PFA Insurance Service, the Highland Mutual Insurance Co., of Berlin, and the Great American Insurance Companies, Farm Division, Kansas



Farmer David Lovett (second from left) and Pennsylvania Farmers' Association Insurance Service agent Tim Dyer hold the \$10,000 REWARD sign which was posted on Lovett's farm, the site of a rural crime which produced the first reward paid out under PFA's Rural Loss Prevention Program. Also shown are PFA State Board Director David Wurster (far right) and John Pergosky, Lehigh County Farmers' Association president.



**LOOKING FOR A GUARANTEED INCOME?**  
**Talk To Us About A Family Size Swine**  
**Or Poultry Operation!** (Contracts Available)



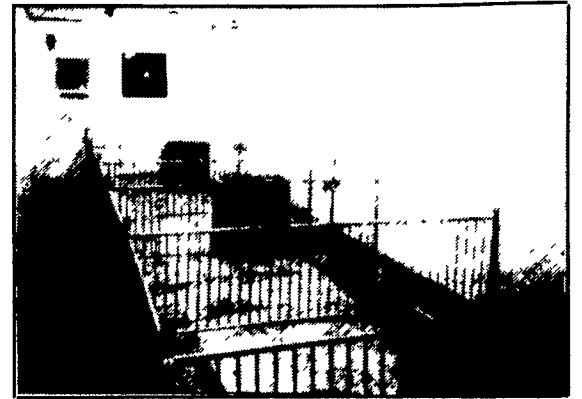
**Farrow Thru Feeder Pig Swine Facility**



**Gestation**



**Farrowing**



**Nursery**

INTERIOR VIEW

**THIS UNIT FEATURES:**



Hot-Dipped Galvanized Solid Steel Stabling

• **ALUMAX** Building Products



Bins, Augers And Automatic Sow Feeding Systems

Let FARMER BOY AG's Experienced Staff Design To Build, Remodel Or Repair Your Facility To Your Specifications.

Swine & Poultry Systems Specialists  
**FARMER BOY AG.**  
INC.  
 410 E. LINCOLN AVE MYERSTOWN, PA 17067 PH 717-866-7565

**HOURS: Monday Thru Friday 7:00-5:00**  
**Saturday 7:30-11:30**

**24 Hour Service**