

Making Ends Meet And Corn Grow

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Melinda said that public reaction has been very good. People say they are amazed and surprised once they find out where different cuts come from and how the whole process is performed.

The butchering at the Folk Festival isn't as complete as the annual, week-long, family butchering process. The types of cuts are more

limited at the public demonstration than at home. But people are genuinely interested. They are not offended, she said.

Her own involvement in the Grange gives her the opportunity to educate others in a more effective manner.

Both Melinda and Robert are active in the Grange and the Kutztown Young Farmers organization. They both have held officer posi-

tions. Melinda is currently reporter for their Y.F.

They said that education is not just for the nonagriculturalist. That's why Y.F. and Grange is important, they said.

"We don't just set up programs specifically for agriculture. We like other things too," Melinda said. "We visited a neighbor who is a taxidermist and another neighbor, who (rents from the Tercha's

is a glass blower.

"We like to see other things, just like anybody else," she said. "We try to keep our group updated and knowledgeable. I think you have to be, because the government is becoming very dominating when it comes to farming and operations.

"The regulations nowadays, compared to 5 years ago, are becoming so strict, I think," she said. "We have to keep all kinds of strict records. On top of all the paperwork we have to keep, the government wants to check up on you."

The national award she got from the Grange she said is more from working to promote agriculture, rather than actually doing it.

"I don't really drive the tractor and do field work," she said. "I'm kind of the 'go-fer,'" she said. "If they (Bob or Stanley) need a part, or some chore, I go for it or do it. I feed the bulls. Bobby and his father have gotten to where they don't really need me."

However, she has acres of grass to mow at the rental places, the home farm and their own farm. She also has a garden at the home farm to take care of and harvest from. She freezes the produce and she

helps with butchering.

"That's a big thing (with the Terchas) that was passed on from Bobby's grandfather," Melinda said. "If you go to a lot of farms they don't do it anymore. I don't know if it's a lost art. I admit, it's a log of work."

"Bobby goes to the Kutztown Folk Festival (to demonstrate butchering). He's one of the few of his generation who can do it from start to finish," she said.

Her hobby since high school has been photography and for the last several years she's taken photographs and written text for family butchering photo albums.

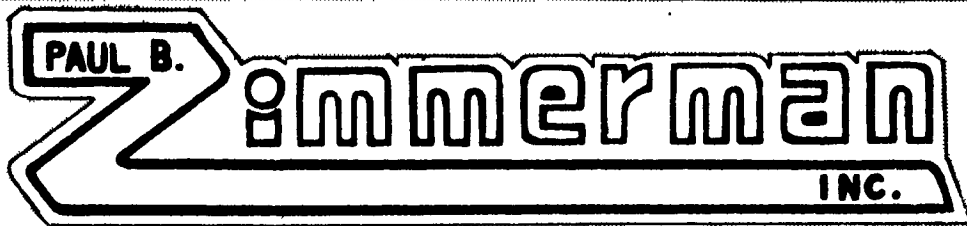
"In years to come, it'll be something to look back on."

Bobby said he is proud of Melinda's achievements.

"I think it's a great honor to be honored by your peers," he said of Melinda, "that you've shown an interest in agriculture and spoken out for it. It seems to me you need to get the message out, in agriculture and outside of agriculture."

"You don't have to be a prefect, 100 percent modern farmer, but you should be aware of all the tools available to you."

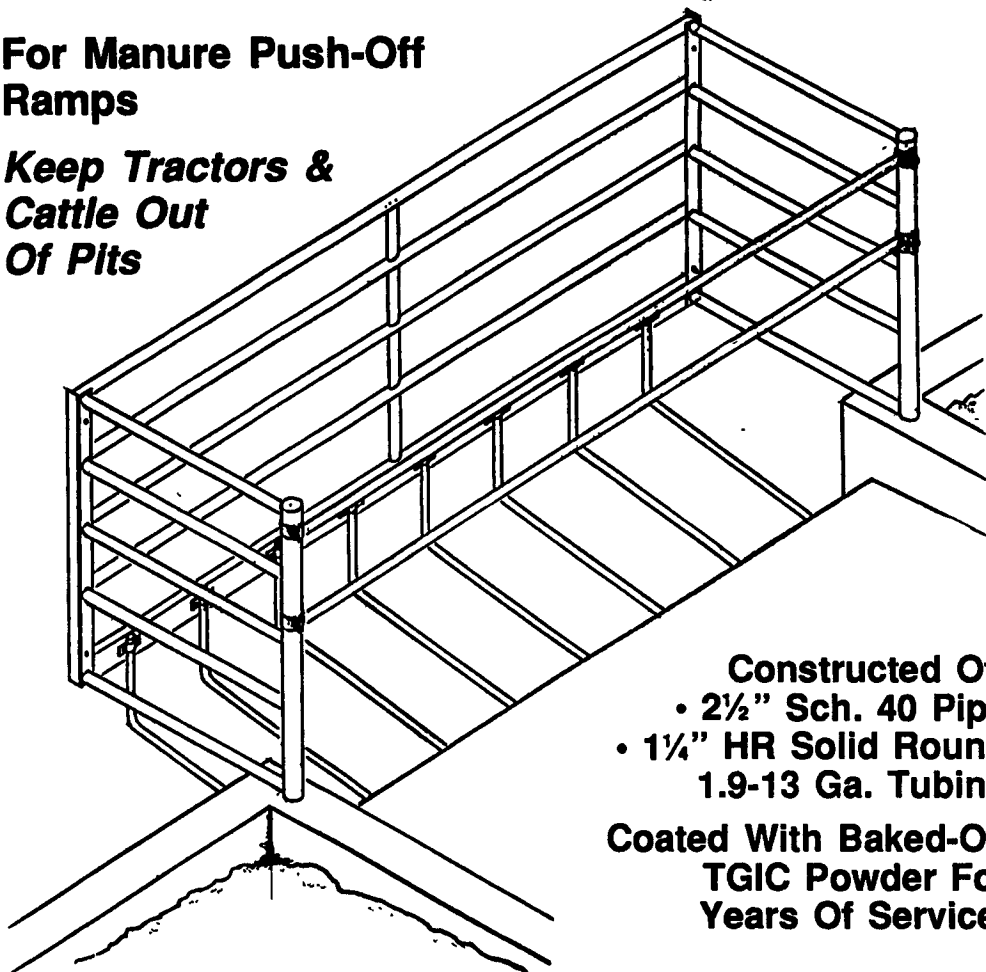
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The neighbors in a residential development which crests the southern hill are frequent customers for the farm fresh eggs. Some of the children from the development are workers also.

Spreading manure is not a problem. Yet.

The people in the residential area are not hostile to agriculture. They seem to appreciate it and the open spaces it creates, Maulfair said.

He said he likes having the neighbors he has. Some of the local youth find summer work on the farm.

Receive \$232,000 In Crop Losses

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service recently issued cash payments totaling \$232,000 to Lancaster County farmers for crops lost during the 1991 drought.

The disaster payments were made to farmers on 288 separate farms, located primarily in the northeast area of the county.

Some of the crops that suffered losses included corn, soybeans, tobacco, sweet corn, potatoes, green beans, and alfalfa, according to County Executive Director Ray Brubaker.

Hosting the state association's annual field day was a big move that was decided several years ago, Dale said. He'd offered his farm as site for the event then and it wasn't until this year that his turn came up.

But he shouldn't have any trouble getting guests to attend. Not with several state champion Ayrshire's in a row. See them for yourself, attend the field day July 11.

For more information, contact the Pennsylvania Ayrshire Breeders Association, in care of Earl Keefer, RD1 Box 188, Millersburg, PA 17061.

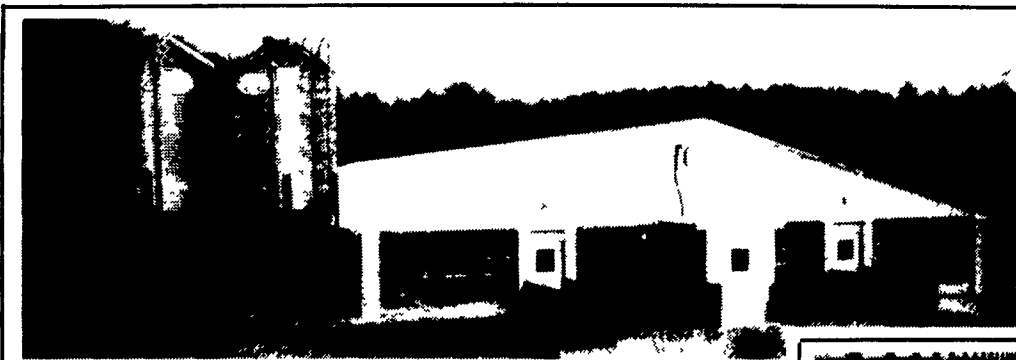
"To be eligible for the program, farmers with crop insurance had to lose more than 35 percent of their 1991 crop production during the drought," said Brubaker. Those without crop insurance had to lose more than 40 percent of their crop production.

Forty-four of the 67 agricultural counties in Pennsylvania had qualifying disaster applications. Many of the eastern counties had normal or sufficient rainfall. Areas of Lancaster County that received adequate rainfall were in the south and east.



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