

**Livestock Ledger**  
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It certainly hasn't been the best summer for cattle feeders and hog producers with market levels well below those of recent years. Penn State Agricultural Economist H. Louis Moore claims that help is just around the corner.

The battered cattle and hog industries will get some help this fall in the form of lower feed costs. Earlier fears of a hot, dry summer gave way in July to almost ideal corn and soybean weather.

The Outlook Board went out on a limb in July and forecast a nine billion bushel corn crop and a 2.155 billion bushel soybean crop for 1994. The previous record for corn was the 9.3 billion bushel crop harvested in 1992. But the weather since July has been so favorable that the USDA, in its upcoming forecast reports, will almost certainly revise the size of the crop upward. It is possible that a new record corn harvest could be set this fall.

At \$2 per bushel, corn will encourage larger domestic use and higher exports while rebuilding stocks to about 1.55 billion bushels by September 1, 1995.

(Stocks on September 1, 1994, are expected to be about 800 million bushels.)

**Swine Course Open to Producers**

This fall, producers may attend undergraduate lectures and laboratory sessions in Penn State's Animal Science course, Swine Production and Management (An Sc 406). Attendance is free of charge, on a space-available basis. Taught by Ken Kephart, the course covers all aspects of swine production, including management, nutrition, genetics, facilities, and herd health. Producers will participate in many hands-on laboratory exercises, including artificial insemination, baby pig processing, feed grinding and mixing, and production simulation in a computer lab.

Lectures will be offered Mondays and Fridays from 9:05-9:55 a.m. Laboratories are taught on Wednesdays from 9:05-11 a.m. To participate, producers must call (814) 863-3668 at least one day in advance of the lecture or lab to ensure adequate space and materials.

For more information and a copy of the course outline, call or write Ken Kephart, The Pennsylvania State University, 324 Henning Building, University Park, PA 16802 (814) 863-3671.

**Swine AI Workshop Planned**  
Swine producers interested in learning artificial insemination skills should reserve Thursday, November 10, on their calendar. The AI school will be conducted by Penn State Cooperative Extension with cooperation from local swine producers. The hands-on course will be presented at the West Lampeter Firehall and Fair-

grounds in Lampeter. More information will be made available in the near future and interested producers may call the Lancaster

County Cooperative Extension Office, (717) 394-6851, to receive details about the school.

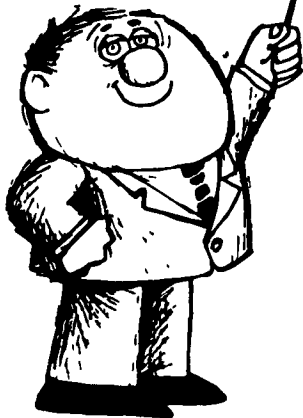
**Sunday Is Family Day At KILE**

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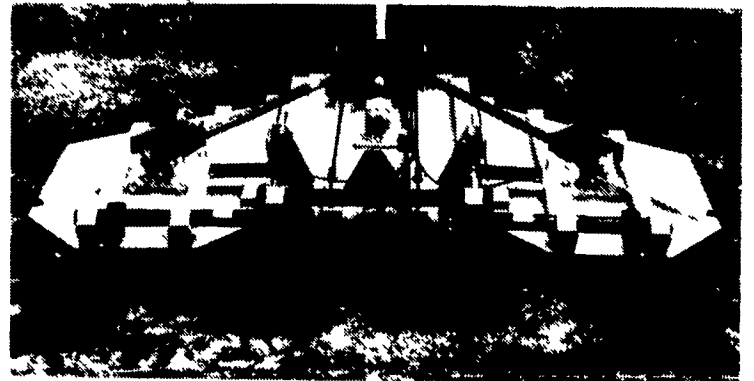


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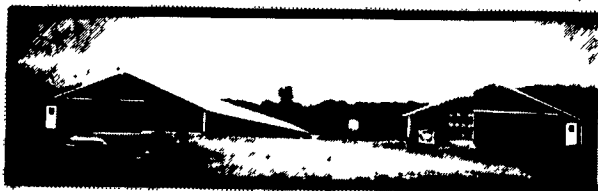
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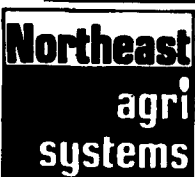


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