

No-Turn Composting Method To Be Demonstrated

COLLEGEVILLE (Montgomery Co.) — Boy Scouts at a local Scout camp are composting food wastes using a method unknown to many. A farmer in Horsham is composting horse manure and bedding using the same procedure. Both are utilizing a system developed in Canada to compost fish wastes. It is a low-tech, low-cost method which can be used by those interested in small to medium-scale composting.

This method of composting, the Passively Aerated Windrow System (PAWS) will be demonstrated at workshops to be held at two locations this summer. During the workshops, participants will see how a pile is constructed and learn about the compost process, compost quality, and end-product uses. Also included will be a discussion of different source materials that can be used to make a PAWS pile and a demonstration of how to dismantle a finished pile. This no-turning system can be used at places such as horse stables, farms, schools, camps, and by food processors and landscapers.

The first workshop is scheduled for June 22 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Arbor Meadow Farm in Horsham. Here the PAWS method is being used to compost horse manure and bedding and the finished product will be applied to vegetable fields. On July 24, the program will be at the Hart Scout Reservation from 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. and will focus on composting cafeteria discards.

The workshops are sponsored by the Recycling Education Program, Montgomery County Cooperative Extension. There is no charge for either program. For directions or to register, call the recycling education office at (610) 454-1245.

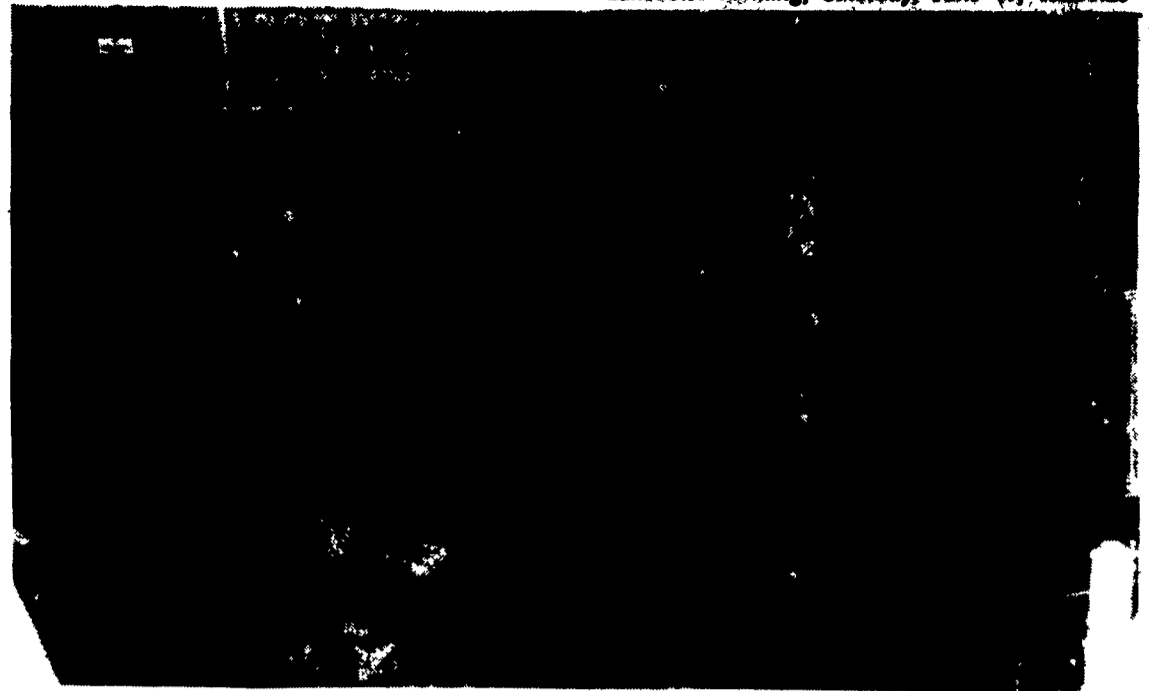
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Knott Joins Angus Assoc.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — James Knott, Andrews Bridge, Pa. is a new member of the American Angus Association, reported Dick Spader, executive vice president of the national organization.

The American Angus Association, with more than 27,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on over 12 million registered Angus.

The Association records ancestral information and keeps records of production on individual animals for its members.



Latest DHIA averages for the Seipts are 20,784 pounds milk, 702f, and 642p.

'Mystique' Of Dairy Farm

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the ice cream parlor business came about, and they still provide bottled milk for customers in the area.

Seipt said the farm provides a service to the community.

"It used to be that everybody's grandfather was a farmer," he said. "And they just went to see Grandpa in the summer and they knew what a farm was. But we're now one generation past that. Everybody's grandfather is not a farmer anymore. Kids don't know what a farm is. So we have an

opportunity to show them the 'mystique' of the farm. And that's why the entertainment aspect became a viable option."

The greatest challenge Seipt faces is time. Because of the added responsibilities, time management is difficult. Many times, 18-hour days are the norm.

"I might as well admit it—the entertainment center is more profitable. It gets the attention. We should have been chopping some of this alfalfa last week, but we had problems (at the golf course), so we didn't do it. We didn't get it done, it's that simple.

"We should be done, and we aren't, as a result of these divided loyalties."

Seipt sees no turning back. Without the entertainment aspects, including the ice cream parlor, "we would not survive in this area.

"Is that because we are farming for fun? My wife says, why don't you pack it in? The point is, this is our love."

Seipt said the dairy remains a profit center. But the entertainment aspect of the operation couldn't exist without the viable, working farm.

"They all work together. We couldn't have our Fall Fest without the farm. A lot of people come to the entertainment center because of the 'mystique' of the farm.

"But there's a whole lot less effort involved in the entertainment per dollar return than there is on the farm.

"You don't have to get up at 4:30 to milk the golf course. You don't have to get up on Sunday and seven days a week to do that."

Seipt emphasized the importance of what they do for the community.

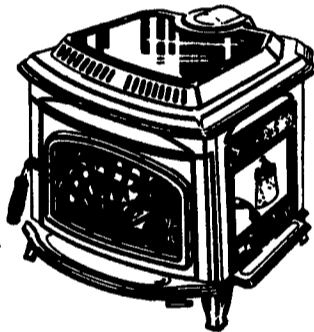
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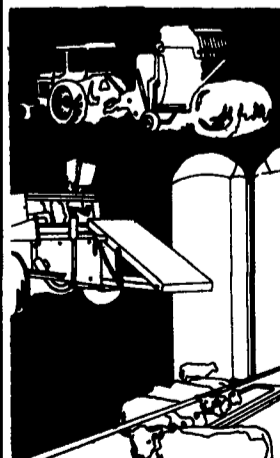
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