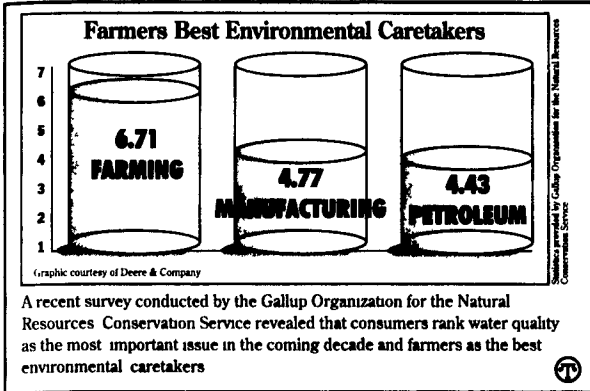


Consumers Give Water Quality And Farmers Top Rating



HAPPENINGS

Cumberland 4-H Livestock Club
The Cumberland County 4-H Livestock Club will be reorganizing on Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Cumberland County Extension Office.

This club is for 4-H members primarily interested in beef, sheep, swine, or goat breeding and market projects.

For more information on joining 4-H, contact Laura Watts at the Cumberland County Extension Office, 1100 Claremont Road, Carlisle, PA 17013, Phone (717) 240-6500, (717) 697-0371 ext. 6500, or (717) 532-7286 ext. 6500.

(NAPS)—Water quality is the leading natural resource issue of the coming decade, according to a recent opinion survey conducted by the Gallup Organization for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The survey indicated 23 percent of respondents ranked water quality first in importance when compared to other natural resource issues.

The Gallup study further revealed that individual farmers and agriculture as a whole ranked in first place as environmental caretakers. On a scale of one to ten, farmers received the best rating at 6.71 compared to manufacturing at 4.77 and the petroleum industry at 4.43.

There is good reason for this high ranking. Farmers depend on a sustainable environment with clean water and productive soil. They have adopted management practices that protect water quality by reducing soil erosion

and chemical use and by containing livestock waste.

Many farmers control erosion by using new tillage practices. New practices leave crop residue on the soil surface to protect the soil from the impact of rain or wind. Farmers also plant filter strips of grass and trees at the edges of streams and lakes to further protect water quality.

Farmers have decreased average application rates of fertilizers and pesticides during the past 15 years. Many farmers inject nutrients beneath the soil surface to reduce runoff.

Some farmers are using satellite and computer technology to help them vary the amounts of nutrients applied to a field according to the exact needs of the crop. This process, called precision farming, will also help contribute to a cleaner water supply.

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Cook's Question

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ANSWER — Thanks to Mary Ann Zimmerman, Akron, who sent this recipe in answer to the canned bell pepper request.

Bell Peppers

Place sliced peppers in pint size jars. Put 1/2 teaspoon vegetable oil and 1/2 teaspoon salt in jars on top of peppers. Bring the following ingredients to a boil and then pour into jars over peppers.

- 2 cups vinegar
- 3 cups sugar
- 3 cups water

Next put pre-boiled lids on jars and tighten with rings. Cold pack for 5 minutes.

ANSWER — Thanks to Mary Bowles, Red Lion, who sent this recipe for the reader whose family likes sour and pickled food. Recipe may be reduced if preferred.

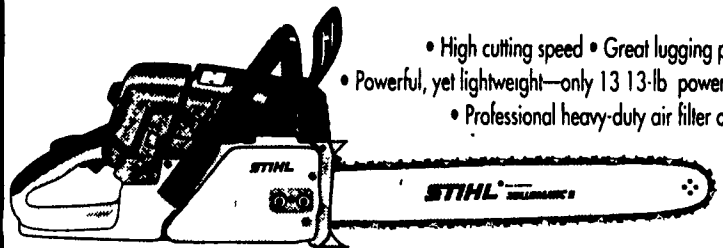
Pepper Relish

- 12 red peppers
 - 12 green peppers
 - 12 yellow peppers
 - 15 onions
 - 2 stalks celery
 - 2 tablespoons celery seed
- Grind fine and cover with boiling water. Add 6 tablespoons salt. Soak 10 minutes, then drain. Add:
- 1 quart vinegar
 - 7 cups sugar
- Boil 20 minutes and can.

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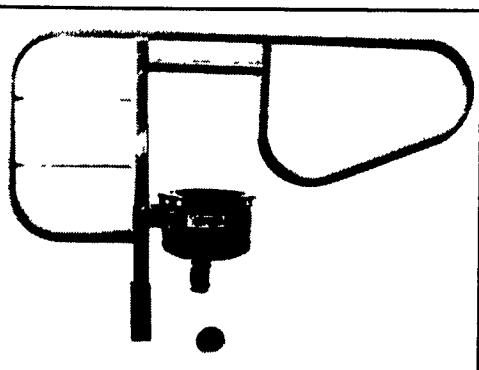
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