Chester County Dairy Milk Lines

**Tractor and Farm Machinery Safety** 

Beginning on April 22, Chester County Extension will offer a 14-hour course on tractor and farm machinery safety primarily for youth between the ages of 14 and 16.

For those successfully completing the course, a Pa. Department of Labor certificate will be issued which permits students over 14 years old, but not yet 16, to work on a farm other than their parents'. There is no age restriction for boys and girls working for their parents, but the program is strongly recommended for the safety lessons that are taught.

The sessions will be held at the Vo-Ag Department of Octorara High School, Rt. 41 and Highland Road, on April 22, 23, 29 and 30, from 6:30-9 p.m. with the final written and driving tests taking place on Saturday, May 4, from 8 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$10.

Walter Wurster, extension agent; Ivan Stauffer, Octorara Vo-Ag teacher; and Trooper Carlisle Rivers, Pa. State Police, will be the instructors.

There will be hands-on experience on tractor maintenance checks, hitching, and backing 2and 4-wheel implements. For more information and registration, contact Walter Wurster, Chester County Extension, at (610) 696-3500, by April 17.

Stray Voltage When a dairy farmer has a drop in production and is searching for a reason, stray voltage is often building area quickly when suspected. In reality, the loss in released. milk is usually due to nutrition, herd health, or management include lower milk production changes.

It is easy to blame the power company for the problem and to seek an instant solution to a multitude of problems.

Don't get me wrong, there is stray voltage out there, but it is not nearly as prevalent as farmers tend to believe.

The main symptom that indicates stray voltage may be a problem is abnormal animal behavior.

Examples are: Animals avoid a waterer or

 Unusual drinking or eating behavior at a waterer or feeder.

· Confined animals dance on their feet, constantly shifting their

 Animals appear uncomfortable and difficult to handle.

• Animals are reluctant to enter a milking parlor or barn.

Animals run or jump out of a

Long-term symptoms could (Turn to Page A37)

## Atlantic Dairy Meeting

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In other business, the Atlantic members elected the following Chester County Local officers: William Moore, Chatham, president, Barclay Hoopes, Landenburg, vice president, and Hoopes Yarnall, Oxford, secretary/

Named as delegates were Ben Kauffman, Cochranville, Joe Lusby, Atglen, Harry Troop, Cochranville, Walter Moore,

Chatham, and Terry Stauffer, Cochranville. Alternate delegates are Hoopes Yarnall, Oxford, Ken Umble, Atglen, Duane Hershey, Cochranville, Calvin Blank, Cochranville, and Don Windle, Coatesville.

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