

For Masts, Strawberry Picking Time Generates Its Own Advertising

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one spray was applied before blossom to control insect pests.

The Masts use a few bee colonies to help with pollination. The bees are a key factor in improving fruit set.

The past year, Mast noted,

it was easy to move strawberries because of problems with the crop in California. There is still good demand for strawberries this year, even from California.

Paul Mast cares for about 213 head of finishing cattle, mostly sold to Moyer's Pack-

ing. Paul's son Ernie cares for about 130 acres of potatoes, which are grown under contract and sold for potato

chips and for table stock.

Ernie receives help at the stand from Jim Groff, the hired man. Help also comes

from Ernie's wife, Rhonda. Ernie and Rhonda have two children, Gavin, 3 and Nicole, 1.



Ernie Mast, left, cares for about 130 acres of potatoes near Morgantown. At right is full-time hired man Jim Groff.



Ernie Mast and family of Conestoga Meadow Farm recently planted additional strawberries behind their farm stand on Rt. 23 about a mile west of Morgantown. At left is Jim Groff, field manager, and right is Ernie Mast. Photo by Andy Andrews

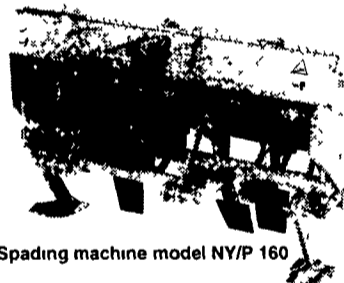
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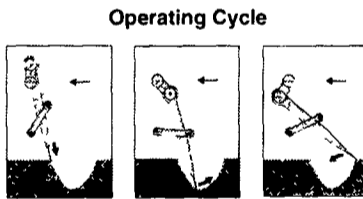
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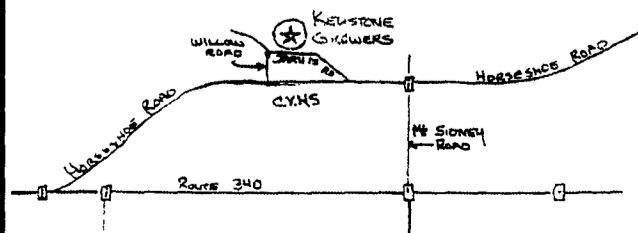
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