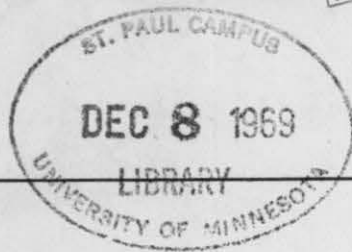


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## Protect Farm Profits With Good Tax Management

If your 1969 farm income is going to be substantially higher than last year, consider making some adjustments in December to defer some taxable income until 1970. Paul Hasbargen, economist at the University of Minnesota, says the chance of a lower surtax in 1970 plus the possibility of lower tax rates next year give added incentive for switching some tax burden into 1970.

Hasbargen says a farmer on the cash basis can defer income into 1970 by delaying sales. And expenses that can be legally paid in either year can be shifted from 1970 to 1969 to give you lower total taxes for the two years. You can buy and pay for necessary supplies of feed and fuel in the remainder of 1969. However, Hasbargen cautions that you must accept delivery of these items or sign a delivery contract in order to receive tax credit.

If you need additional machinery, consider buying before the first of the year to get a tax break. But don't buy extra equipment just to gain additional depreciation. Use good judgment, and keep your long-range financial goals in mind.

See a competent tax consultant or your county extension agent for more detailed information, and pick up a copy of the 1970 Farmer's Tax Guide from the county extension office.

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## Don't Use Household Detergents on Dairy Equipment

Use only approved dairy cleaners for your milking equipment. Vern Packard, dairy industries specialist at the University of Minnesota, says you should not use household detergents on dairy equipment since cleaning demands are different. Many household cleaners and detergents also have odors or flavors that may be transferred to the milk.

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Provide Supplement for Beef Cows in Cornstalks

Beef cows turned into cornstalks require free-choice mineral and salt. Bob Jacobs, animal husbandman at the University of Minnesota, says cows can get along without supplemental protein for a while, but weathered cornstalks and crop residue don't have enough protein to meet requirements.

Cows nursing late calves should be provided with protein blocks, or fed 5 pounds of good quality hay per head daily. The protein requirement can also be met by feeding one-half to one pound of 40 percent protein supplement per day.

Protein blocks will take care of the cows' needs with little labor involved. If you use protein blocks, provide one block for each 15 cows so each cow will have access. Be sure to place the blocks where they will remain clean and dry. Jacobs recommends placing the blocks in some 2-inch lumber on the ground troughs.

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Consider Supplemental Enterprises

If you're trying to get full-time earnings from less than full-time employment as a crop farmer, consider improved income possibilities with supplementary livestock enterprises. University of Minnesota economists say heavy demands and only light to adequate supplies during 1969 should result in favorable prices for meat, milk and eggs.

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Cookies for Christmas

To have all your cookies at their best on Christmas day, classify the kinds you plan to make according to their storage life. The first cookies to make are those that need to be stored for a time to mellow their spicy goodness, such as fruit cake cookies, says Verna Mikesh (MICK-esh), extension nutritionist at the University of Minnesota.

Next bake those that are ready for eating as soon as they are baked, but keep well from now until Christmas like refrigerator cookies. They're tender and store best in a loosely covered container. Some cookies need to be stored in a tightly covered container to keep them moist and tender. These include rocks and hermits. Bake the cookies last that you'll use right away such as rich butter cookies.

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New Durable-Press Yard Goods

Here's some news for you homemakers interested in new items on the market. The first durable-press yard goods for upholstery, slip covers, draperies and bedspreads has been introduced. There are six patterns in five color combinations and 15 solid-colored fabrics. A second practical feature of the fabric is the soil-resistant finish.

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Take Care of Your Scissors

With the holidays and gift-giving time approaching, you're probably beginning to wrap your holiday gifts and packages. Mrs. Edna Jordahl, extension home management specialist at the University of Minnesota, reminds you that shears and scissors must be used with care. You may damage good cutting tools if you use them to cut cardboard, heavy cord and wire. Avoid cutting over pins and never use the points of scissors or shears for prying. Keep cutting tools clean and away from moisture. Wipe the scissors with a soft cloth before and after use.