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## Dairy Farmers Warned to Sell Industry Facts

**GD 24 DAIRY FARMERS**  
Philadelphia—Dairy farmers attending the 20th Annual Meeting of the Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative were warned against being made a political football in the next year, and told to get together with dealers, labor, and the press to tell the "true facts about the milk industry" to the public.

In a report to the delegates from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, and Delaware who attended the two-day meeting December 8 and 9, O. H. Hoffman Jr., Inter-State General Manager, declared:

"Between now and next year's Annual Meeting, I am sure that every step will be pulled in the politician's organ, as he plays, far-tism, his tune about the plight of the farmer. I am hopeful that in spite of the fact that the farmer is lagging considerably behind both business and labor in prosperity, that he is smart enough not to buy too many pre-election brews.

### Farmer Labor Differ

"The American farmer," Mr. Hoffman continued, "understands better than he ever understood before that his lot is not comparable to that of labor, that he is, instead, a small businessman sweating out in his own factory in the manufacture of agriculture goods."

At a banquet on Thursday night, attended by 800 Inter-

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## Guernsey Breeders to Stage Spring Tour

In a recent meeting, the Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders association reorganized and announced tentative plans for a spring tour.

Ramond F. Witmer, R1 Willow Street, was re-elected president; Paul Ankrum, Peach Bottom, re-named vice president; Raymond Rohrer, RD 7 Lancaster, secretary-treasurer.

Named to a committee planning the Guernsey tour were: Rohrer, Witmer, RD 1 Willow Street, chairman; C. Stanley, RD 2 Lancaster, and Robert McSparran, Drumore.

Later in the summer a Field Day will be held, with arrangements by Melvin Stoltzfus, RD 1 Ronks, chairman; Frank Hershey, RD 5, Lancaster; and Ellis Denlinger, RD 1 Gordonville.

### EDITOR'S FARM HOME BURNS

Ernest J. Neill, editor of Lancaster Farming, learned Wednesday afternoon that fire completely destroyed the nine-room home on Sunny Slope Stock Farm, owned by him and his two sisters, near Nodaway, Iowa. Fire companies from three towns were called. Household goods of the tenants, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Goldsmith, were saved. The home was recognized for years as one of the most outstanding in the county.

## Mennonite Home Farm - Lancaster



Let the winter winds whine, let the snow blow, and take a look at a serene summer scene. Here is the pond and some of the buildings on the farm owned by the Mennonite Home, R3 Lancaster, on the Old Harrisburg Pike. Wayne Baum farms the land which provides a scene most representative of Lancaster farming.

## Half Billion Is County Industry Value for Year

**HARRISBURG** — The value of Lancaster County industries last year totaled more than half a billion dollars, Miss Genevieve Blatt, Secretary of Internal Affairs, announced today.

Products valued at \$517,590,000 were turned out by 39,941 workers who shared a payroll of \$131,266,700. The county's 600 industries last year represented capital investment of \$130,639,200. In 1953, a payroll of \$145,687,400 was distributed to 44,735 workers who turned out products valued at \$552,185,500. Capital invested in the 604 industries reporting that year amounted to \$140,356,700.

### Investment \$71,214,800

In the city of Lancaster products value at \$228,616,900 were manufactured by 17,234 employees who received \$66,033,900 in wages and salaries. The city's 190 industries last year represented capital investment of \$71,214,800. The previous year, reports were submitted by 194 industries with capital investment of \$72,648,000. A payroll of \$78,958,700 was distributed to 21,688 workers whose industrial output was valued at \$265,160,000.

Columbia's 36 industries last year registered increases in employees, payroll and value of products. The number of wage and salaried workers rose from 2,794

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## Fred Frey Steer in International Top 5

Fred Frey, returning home from Chicago and the 1955 International Livestock Exposition, advises Lancaster Farming that a steer fed by him placed fifth in a carcass class of 35 or 40.

Fred, who is active in farm youth club work around Quarryville said the Angus was shown by Bob Wildesh of Sunbury, Iowa, and came out of the summer yearling class. Fred named the steer last May from Alimar Farm, Seibertsville, Pa.

## Referendum on Tobacco Quotas Due Dec. 29th

Lancaster County growers will vote in referendum, Thursday, Dec. 29 on whether to accept or reject marketing quotas that call for 37,800,000 lbs of Pennsylvania cigar filler tobacco in 1956.

This marks a six and one-half per cent reduction from the estimated harvest of 40½ million lbs here, and is the first reduction since 1952.

Allotted acreage for 1956 would be 24,577, more than 6,000 acres below last year's allotment and 2,500 less than actually planted.

Three questions are to be included in the referendum: 1, adoption of the proposed quota and other quotas for 1957 and 1958; 2, adoption of the proposed quota for 1956 only, and 3, rejection of marketing quotas.

A two-third majority vote is required before quotas may be adopted. Notices are to be mailed to each farmer who has grown Type 41 tobacco in the last five years. Individual notices will be issued by the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

## Poultry Center Plans Studied; Land Purchased

Six men have been named to spearhead a campaign to raise funds for construction of a new poultry center in Lancaster, following final approval by the City Council permitting commercial construction at the intersection of Roseville Road and the Bypass.

Monday the two major poultry agencies, the Lancaster County Poultry Exchange, and the Lancaster Poultry Association, purchased the 3½-acre site for \$7,500.

### Members of Committee

Named at the Tuesday night meeting to take the next steps preliminary to the start of construction were: Dr. E. I. Robertson, of Eshelman's Red Rose Feeds, who is president of the association; Levi Brubaker, Lancaster, president of the Lancaster Poultry Exchange; Lewis Mortenson, head of the Sexed Chick Co. at East Petersburg; Roy Herr of Lampeter and Earl Reeves from Miller & Bushong.

These six men will secure more information and promote fund raising for a central, modern market to serve Lancaster County's \$30 million industry.

### Definite Decisions Delayed

Drawings were presented by the Buchart Engineering Co. of Lancaster and included offices, auditorium, kitchen, social room, and barbecue storage room.

Estimated construction cost of two plans would be between \$80,000 and \$85,000 and another between \$60,000 to \$65,000. Definite decisions were delayed until the costs could be studied more closely, since they were above earlier since they were above earlier programming.

## County Ag Council to Meet Next January 26

A calendar of agricultural events in Lancaster County to prevent conflict in dates is being prepared by Wayne B. Rentschler under sponsorship of the Lancaster County Agricultural Council.

Meeting Thursday night last week, the group heard Frank G. Fitzroy, district supervisor of the Packers and Stock Yards Division, USDA, at Lancaster Stock Yards, explain the importance of inspecting scales and preventing fraud in buying and selling cattle.

The meeting was in the North Queen Street branch of the Lancaster County National Bank. The meeting will be Jan. 26.

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