

## What's The Weather?



Paul Sutton, from the United States Weather Bureau office in Harrisburg, here explains to Pennsylvania Flying Farmers some developments in their most important element — the weather. Mr. Sutton here holds a chart which helped illustrate his lecture. (Lancaster Farming Photo).

## John Fulton Is Winner 8 Times At Horseshoes

HARRISBURG — For the eighth year since 1936, John Fulton, Carlisle RD, Cumberland County, won the State Farm Show farmers' horseshoe pitching contest with two straight wins in the finals over runner-up Stanley Thurston, New Millport, Clearfield County.

The two veterans of many Farm Show tournaments easily won their qualifying rounds over four other contestants. Third place went to Kenneth Burris, Bellefonte; fourth, Harold M. Eyth, Chicora, Butler County; fifth, Joseph Mayes, Warrior's Mark, Huntingdon County and sixth,

## TWIN LAMBS AT FARM SHOW

HARRISBURG, — Friday-the-Thirteenth brought twin lambs at the Farm Show. The twins arrived to a Suffolk ewe at 5 a. m. Frank Bresler, Peach Bottom, is owner of the sheep.

One open class steer was purchased by each of the following: Schluderberg-Kurdle, Baltimore, Hershey Abattoir, Hershey; John Frey, Stonersville; Seachrist Bros, York Mengel, Hummelstown and William C. Diller, Pottstown.

Don R. Snyder, Montoursville, Lycoming County. The winner's prize was \$25 and second \$20. In Farm Show championship contests a winner may not compete two years in succession. Fulton first won in 1936 and again in 1938, 1940, 1947, 1949, 1951 and 1954.

## Governor Asks Farm Program To Assist State

"If Pennsylvania is to remain in the forefront as a progressive agricultural state, it is essential that we join together in creating the best possible climate for farming in the state," Gov. Leader Monday night told the General Assembly.

Among points he listed were: 1, Make an unspecified appropriation for the Agriculture Department to provide a more progressive program to promote Pennsylvania farm products; 2, Revamp the state general food law; 3, Appropriate \$50,000 to establish an open livestock show; 4, Modernize the basic law dealing with the manufacture and sale of livestock and poultry feeds;

5, Protect the farmer against misrepresentation of the chemical content of fertilizers; 6, Appropriate \$500,000 for agricultural disease eradication research at Pennsylvania State University; 7, Appropriate \$30,000 to finance six regional and a statewide junior dairy show, and 8, Remove the \$12,000 annual ceiling of funds counties are authorized to spend agricultural and home economics extension work

## PMTA Citations Awarded to Two County Drivers

Harrisburg, — Two Lancaster County residents, Samuel Maxwell, Lancaster, and Amos Boyd, Quarryville, received citations from the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association last week for outstanding cooperation in the Association's Cooperative Safety Patrol during 1955. Mr. Maxwell's was a third year citation, Mr. Boyd's a second year citation.

This award, established in 1952, was presented by O. D. Shipley, PMTA Director of Safety, at the January meeting of the Association's Council of Safety Supervisors in Harrisburg.

Shipley described the 250-car Safety Patrol as "but one" of the activities conducted by PMTA in the interest of traffic accident prevention "The Patrol is composed of safety engineers from trucking companies, insurance companies, and supplier groups. These men patrol Pennsylvania's great highway system daily, reporting to PMTA's central office on the behavior of individual truck drivers. Reports are processed and forwarded to truck owners for appropriate action," Shipley explained.

The Pennsylvania Plan for Cooperative Safety Patrol is in its seventh year of successful operation. During this period, over 30,000 observation reports on professional drivers at work have been completed and processed.

"The Pennsylvania Plan is but one of several safety programs carried out by PMTA. Others include the annual Safe Driver Rodeo, Driver of the Month Awards, Highway Hazard Reporting Service, and Community Traffic Engineering Services," Shipley said.

## Nut Growers Elect Weber as Group President

HARRISBURG, — The Pennsylvania Nut Growers Association elected George Weber, York County agent as new president at the Farm Show meeting. He succeeds Dr. S. J. Roberts, of Harrisburg as president.

Other officers chosen are: William Weaver, Macungie, Lehigh County, vice-president; H. M. Oesterling, Marysville, Perry County, secretary-treasurer; Directors: John W. Hershey, Downingtown, Chester County; Fayette Etter, Lemasters, Franklin County; Elwood B. Miller, Hazleton, Luzerne County; Dr. S. J. Roberts, Harrisburg, Dauphin County; Ralph D. Gardner, Harrisburg, Dauphin County; John Rick, Reading, Berks County.

## Tobacco Sells Fast at 30-12; Few Hold Out

Approximately 70 to 80 per cent of the 1955 Lancaster County tobacco crop passed into buyers' hands by midweek with bids of 30 and 12 cents. Thousands of acres were moved.

General Cigar Co., the American Tobacco Co., and Bayuk Cigars, Inc, were buying, starting Monday. Bids of 28 and 12 met resistance, but when the price was moved up, the movement began.

Some buyers were reported holding out for 35 and 10 to 12. Earlier some sold at 18 and 20 for pull-off crops

## Poultry Sales

POULTRY — BY USDA

LIVE POULTRY  
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18 — Market unsettled. Demand light for more than ample supplies of most classes. Few lots rock-pullets 39-40c. Large White Rock caponettes 25-29c, few lots 30-31c with bulk unsold Cross fryers, straight cockerels 20c, White Rocks 22-24c. Vantress Reds 22-24c with bulk unsold No. 2 qual. mixed broilers in slow sale at 15c down to 10c. Turkeys about steady. Demand good for light supplies. Few lots heavy type young hens 45c, young toms 30c. Receipts Jan. 17 included Maryland 15,100 lbs Delaware 7,700 lbs.

Wholesale selling prices No. 1 and fancy quality broilers or fryers heavy type 3-4 lbs 20-24. Pullets 4½ lbs and over 39-40. Hens, heavy type 26-30, light type 15-20. Old roosters 12-15. Ducks Muscovy 18-23, Pekin 32. Turkeys: young hens 45, young toms 30.

EGGS:  
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18 — About steady. Demand good for barely sufficient supplies of top quality large. Other grades in adequate supply for a fair demand.

Wholesale selling prices: Min. 10 per cent AA quality large 45-

## Artificial Lights Aid Poultrymen; Egg Yields Gain

HARRISBURG — Artificial light can help the poultrymen raise better laying hens, H. H. Kauffman, extension poultry specialist of the Pennsylvania State University, said in a talk at the Pennsylvania State Poultry-Federation Farm Show meeting.

"Poultrymen can counteract the influence of nature's light pattern by using artificial light," Kauffman said. He explained that such light can be particularly helpful when used during the growing, laying and molting periods in a hen's life.

Unless there is added light during the shorter days in fall and winter egg production will be depressed and the molting hormones will be stimulated. The short days of October to December seem to depress growth of late hatched birds, he said.

Kauffman explained that in Pennsylvania's latitudes the potential natural light is about 8.5 hours on Dec. 21, and that after that date the days start to get progressively longer by about 2.5 minutes each day. — By June 21 there is about 15.5 hours of light per day, with each day getting progressively shorter to Dec. 21.

Winter-hatched pullets may start laying at four to five months of age because they are stimulated into production by the longer days, Kauffman indicated. Late summer-hatched pullets may be depressed in growth by the short days in fall, but the artificial light will offset the depression, he concluded.

58# white 50-51, brown 49-50, medium white 46-47, brown 46-47. Extras. minimum 60 per cent A quality large 45-50# white 45-45½, brown none, mixed 44-45, medium white 43½-44, brown none, mixed 43½-44. Standards 43-44, current receipts none, checks 37-38½.

Receipts Jan. 17 — 4,365 cases, all by truck.

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