

# Lancaster Farming

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\$2 Per Year

## Corn Acreage In County Cut 13 Per Cent

Corn acreage allotments for Lancaster County this year have been reduced 13 per cent, cutting 13,605 acres from last year's figures. Acreage this year will be 80,189.

Allotments are based on 73½ per cent of the average acreage of corn grown on the farm, where last year the figure was 86½ per cent.

Individual allotment notices will be mailed to farmers Feb. 28, and appeals on allotments may be filed within 15 days of mailing date.

Only 17 Lancaster County farmers have applied for loans on their 1955 crop, although the deadline for applications is not until May 31.

(Editor's Note: Reductions are in force in the Corn Belt too, for an allotment of 83 acres has been established on a 400-acre farm, the editor was advised this week)

Farmers failing to comply with acreage allotments are not eligible to participate in corn price-support programs.

## Grass, Fodder Fires On Lancaster Farms

Three Lancaster County farms were threatened with fire damage this week. A grass fire on the George Ludwig Farm, R1 New Holland, threatened buildings. The Liberty Fire Co., New Holland, extinguished the blaze.

At the Mrs. Lillie Caldwell farm, tenanted by John Blank and family west of Intercourse, fire in fodder was extinguished by the Intercourse Fire Co. before damage resulted. High winds hampered firemen.

Quarryville fireman Tuesday extinguished a grass fire that threatened the farm home of James Poole near Little Britain. There was no damage.

## Trichinosis Outbreak In Lebanon County

Three positive cases of trichinosis in Lebanon County have prompted warnings that pork must be thoroughly cooked before serving. At Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon, three persons were hospitalized. Mrs. Esther Sheetz of Myerstown, Russell Strickler, Newmantown, while tests on Gerald Walters, Lebanon, proved inconclusive.

Fresh pork sausage was blamed. All pork should be cooked thoroughly.

## CHESTER CO. TRACTOR CLUB

David Groff, Oxford, has been elected president of the Chester County 4-H. Tractor Maintenance Club. Others named were Edwin Hoover, Parkesburg, vice president; Owen Groff, Jr., Oxford, secretary; Charles Griest, Coatesville, news reporter.

## Straight, True — Snow Covered



Rocky ground provided some problems in construction of this 78-by-8 foot trench silo on the Harry Griffith Farm operated by Robert C. Groff north of Quarryville, one of two stops on Friday's Lancaster County Trench Silo tour. At the far end

of the pit, County Agent Max Smith and Penn State Extension Agricultural Engineer explain items of cost, construction, capacity and use. Around 40 attended the session. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

## Garden Spot Holstein Sale Top at \$535

Prices were considered surprisingly good in the 157th Garden Spot Holstein sale Thursday of last week, averaging \$293 on 90 lots of purebreds, totaling \$26,374.

A. G. Herman, Waynesfield, Ohio, paid the \$535 top for a cow consigned by James Corrigan, Staten Island, N. Y. Top on bulls was \$335, Piney Hill Farms, Washington, N. J., consignor, and Joseph Schott, Lebanon, buyer. Four cows brought \$500 or more. Three other cows, however, sold for more than \$500, and 12 brought \$400 to \$500.

Buyers from this area included: from Ephrata, David L. Sauder; Kinzers, J. Eby Hershey and V. Emanuel Hoover; Lampeter, John Witmer; Lancaster, C. Lloyd Dagen, Robert H. Rohrer, and William D. Rohrer; Manheim, J. Harold Balmer, G. E. Culp and A. H. Weidman; Mount Joy, James M. Eshelman; New Holland, Isaac W. Hurst and John M. Weaver; Quarryville, Park Moore; Ronks, John King, and Clarence Melinger; Strasburg, Earl L. Groff; Washington Boro, Ezra D. Heisey and Warren Heisey; Willow Street, Jacob Heisler.

## Two Cattle Die From Rabies on Solanco Farm

Tests are still underway to determine a definite diagnosis of rabies in two head of cattle that died on the farm of Clayton G. Rohrer, Lancaster Farming was advised today.

Mr. Rohrer lives on R1, Quarryville.

An Angus cow which died Thursday night and a Holstein heifer that died Friday night showed definite signs, according to Dr. P. V. Clarkson, Lancaster agent in charge of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Animal Husbandry.

### Heads Being Analyzed

Their heads have been sent to the Bolton Center division of the Pennsylvania State University near Toughkenamon for laboratory analysis. Negri bodies found in the brain showed definite symptoms but findings must yet be confirmed.

Earlier this month Mr. Rohrer lost two head of cattle, making his total loss from suspected rabies four to date. His herd has been placed under a 100-day quarantine.

### From Wild Animals

There are no other reported cases in the vicinity, Dr. Clarkson advised, although it could have been transmitted by wild rabid animals. Recently a rabid fox was killed near Holtwood, and several rabid wild animals have been reported in Chester County.

Mr. Rohrer first believed the animals had died of poisoning, but no indications along this line were found at the rendering plant.

Dr. Robert W. McMullen, Quarryville veterinarian, adds there are no additional cases of rabies on the Rohrer farm.

## Hydroponics On Market; Taste Of Tomato Argued

By ERNEST J. NEILL

Hydroponic tomatoes are making another appearance on the public markets at Lancaster, raising the question of several years standing again, "Do they lack flavor?"

Those who like their tomatoes fresh off Lancaster County fields, ripened and warmed by the sun, argue that the Florida imports — grown without soil — lack the tastiness of the fresh, home-grown varieties.

Since tomatoes are so perishable, imports from the South, particularly Cuba and Florida are necessary in the Garden Spot during the bleak winter months. The signs, "Water Grown Tomatoes," or "Hydro-Organic Grown Tomatoes" immediately raise questions.

### Jack-in-the-Beanstalk

Looking back over a visit to Florida and the Bahama Islands a few years ago, this writer recalls his first encounter with the new science of chemical farming in Miami. There city blocks had been converted into gardens without soils. Vegetables grew from sterile sand, and climbed to Jack-in-the-Beanstalk height, feeding artificially on chemicals mixed in solutions that the grower himself could control.

The growth of hydroponics might be credited to the United States Army, for in the islands of the Pacific during the last World War vegetables grown by natives were forbidden as Army fare since human excrement was used as fertilizer. Soils, worn out, and in many cases almost sterile volcanic ash, would pro-

## Dairy Day Will Feature Exhibits And Authorities

Exhibits and dairy authorities will be featured in the third Lancaster County-wide Dairy Day Wednesday, Feb. 29, at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, it was announced today by Chairman, M. M. Smith, Lancaster County Agricultural Agent.

"This educational, all-day meeting is open to the public and will be conducted by our Extension Service in cooperation with various breed organizations, milk cooperatives, and local milk distributors, Mr. Smith said.

"All the Things We've Wanted," a sound motion picture, will open the program at 9:30 a. m., although an educational exhibit of the various types of comfort stalls and related barn equipment, will be on display for public inspection from 9:00 a. m. to 4 p. m.

### Dr. Milo Opens Program

Dr. H. A. Milo, director of the bureau of animal industry in the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, will speak at 10 a. m. on "Progress in Brucellosis Eradication," followed by J. O. Pepper, extension entomologist from Pennsylvania State University, speaking at 10:20 a. m. on "Insect Control in Forage Crops."

Continuing at 10:50 a. m., Joe Nageotte, extension dairy specialist from Penn State, will tell of "Efficient Dairy Feeding." Winding up the morning session starting at 11:30, will be John W. Newlin, associate counsel, Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative, speaking on "Value of Dairy Farm Inspection."

Sessions will adjourn for lunch between 12 noon and 1:30 p. m., with lunch available for \$1.00 per person. Milk, ice cream and cheese will be donated by various milk distributors.

### Final Talk "Cow Comfort"

Opening the afternoon session at 1:30 will be "Water Supplies and Waste Disposal for Dairy Farms," by H. B. Freeman, chief sanitary engineer of the U. S. Public Health Service, New York City. At 2:00 p. m., Ivan E. Parkin, extension dairy specialist from Pennsylvania State University will tell of "Management of Bulk Milk Tanks."

Final talk on the afternoon's program, starting at 2:30, will be "Cow Comfort," by Mr. Nageotte.

From 3:00 to adjournment at 3:30, a general discussion will be held.

"This is the third year for this county-wide event, and we are very anxious to inform every dairyman in the County," Mr. Smith added. "These speakers are all authorities in their respective field and the committee is soliciting the attention of local dairymen; many practical suggestions will be presented."

### TOBACCO ACREAGE CUTS

The House late last week voted to cancel tobacco acreage allotments cuts on 1956 burley, Maryland, dark air cured and fire cured. Cuts originally planned were 20 per cent less dark air cured, 19 per cent less burley, Maryland tobacco and fire cured.

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