

# Lancaster Farming

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## Penn State U Enrollment to Reach Limits

Some 6500 applicants for admission as Freshmen at the State University of Pennsylvania will be turned down next fall, from an anticipated 10,000 requests, Dr Milton S. Eisenhower, president, advised the state Future Farmers of America in FFA week activities at State College last week.

One of the local highlights was the fact the York Lancaster County District FFA Softball Team won its third consecutive victory and retired the trophy.

At the meeting, John D Stoner, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs John H Stoner, R7 Lancaster, was named a regional vice president for a 10-county area of the State FFA. Mr. Stoner, who farms with his father on an 80-acre and a 100-acre farm south of Lampeter, graduated in 1955 from Strasburg-Lampeter where he was active throughout this school career in both class and FFA chapter offices.

At present, the Stoners are carrying 18 head of Holstein cows, and John is managing seven brood sows produced from a cross between a registered Hampshire boar from the herd of Robert Book, and Yorkshire sows.

During his senior year, under George W Myers, he had a swine project, three Holstein cows, and 300 layers through FFA as a test flock for Hubbard Farms. He also ran three acres of corn.

He will be vice president in one of five state regional districts. Active earlier in 4H, he



JOHN D. STONER

was a member of the Holstein 4H Club serving as its president, and spent one year in the 4H Electric Club. He is also a member of the famed Holstein Quartet, whose name has now been changed to the Catalina Four.

During school he was cited for his FFA leadership, serving as chaplain of the Garden Spot Chapter in 1951 and 1952, as vice president in 1952 and 1953 president in 1953 and 1954. He is now a junior advisor to the chap-

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## Strawberry Season



Fern Yoder, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Yoder, R1 Christiana, gives a hand at the height of the strawberry picking season. Whether she was saying, "One for the basket, one for

me," or not, no one knows, but this sixth-grader was happy as could be helping out her folks. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

## Acreage Reserve Soil Bank Plan Gets Underway

HARRISBURG — Requirements for participation in the 1956 Acreage Reserve Program under the "Soil Bank Act," Public Law 540, were announced today by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committees, which will administer the program, will announce locally when the program agreements are available for the signature by farmers in the county office. At that time they will have full information on the terms and conditions.

In announcing participation requirements for the 1956 Acreage Reserve Program, Secretary Benson stated:

"We have proceeded with all possible haste since enactment of the Soil Bank legislation to present a sound 1956 program to farmers. It is true, however that the program for this year is in a sense a special program designed to meet the time limitations and the requirements of the legislations for 1956.

"For that reason, 1956 will not present a fair trial of what the program can accomplish. The rates set are for the 1956 program only. Before

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## Peas Yield 1.5 Tons In Whiteford Harvest

Alaskan sugar peas are yielding a ton and a half per acre on farms in western Lancaster Whiteford Packing Co. of County contracted by the Whiteford, Md., according to W Edgar Merryman, field representative.

Cutting started Saturday, and work is in full swing at hullers throughout the southern end of the county. Quality of the crop, Mr Merryman adds, is excellent.

## Farm Products In County For 1954 \$80 Million

The value of products sold in 1954 by operators of 7,951 farms in Lancaster County was \$80,150,566, according to a preliminary report of the 1954 Census of Agriculture published by the Bureau of the Census, U S Department of Commerce.

The value of all crops sold was \$22,110,076 and included \$17,664,288 for field crops, \$1,986,191 for vegetables, \$657,187 for fruits and nuts, and \$1,802,410 for horticultural specialties.

The value of all livestock and livestock products sold was \$57,995,443 and included \$16,657,487 for dairy products, \$20,381,221 for poultry and poultry products, and \$20,956,735 for livestock and livestock products. The value of forest products sold from the county's farms was \$45,047.

Information on the value of farm products sold is presented for each county in a preliminary State report, copies of which may be purchased from the Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C., at 10 cents each.

## Crop Outlook Pretty Good Over County

Field work activities are moving ahead in an increasing tempo over Lancaster County, with prospects of some light showers Friday and Saturday. Temperatures plummeted early this week on the heels of a cold wave that swept in and carried through the calendar's end of spring.

Wednesday morning a low of 52 degrees was recorded in Lancaster, 45 at the waterworks, compared to highs of 90 degrees Saturday and 87 Sunday. Warmer weather is ahead, with a forecast of the upper 80s today. Wednesday and Thursday of last week were especially warm here, with a Lancaster high of 96.

Temperatures to Monday were subnormal, those of last week above normal. Moisture so far this month is up to schedule, with two and one-third inches recorded so far.

According to County Agricultural Agent Max M. Smith, crops are progressing rapidly after last week's highs—typical corn-growing weather—pushed crops along. Corn and tomatoes are looking much better.

He advises first cuttings of hay should be made at once or feed values will be lost, especially in alfalfa, red clover, brome, orchardgrass and timothy.

Most of the tomato plants shortage has been overcome, or abandoned fields planted into something else over Lancaster County.

## BABY BROILER MEET

A dinner meeting in the interest of promoting the new Baby Broiler will be held at Art's Restaurant on Route 72 south of Manheim at 6 30 p. m. Thursday, June 28. A guest speaker will be present, according to Paul H. Metzler, president of Goldfus Hatcheries.

## Stauffer Farms Host to Four-H Stock Judging

By LF Staff Reporter

As a preliminary to select livestock judging teams for Pennsylvania 4-H Club Week in August, around 60 farm youths and advisors from seven counties participated in an elimination contest at Stauffer Homestead Farms, R1 East Earl Tuesday.

Represented were Lancaster, Chester, Montgomery, Franklin, Lebanon, York and Adams Counties Four-H members from some of these counties earlier took part in a Center County meeting.

Hampshire Hogs, Suffolk sheep and Angus cattle—all registered purebred stock—on Stauffer Homestead Farms offered subjects for the youthful judges. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs A B C. Groff, Manager Earl S Fisher and John D Arndt, herdsman.

### Unusual Operation

Lancaster County Agent Max M Smith supervised activities in the absence of Tom King, Penn State U. livestock extension specialist. Four classes of swine, two classes of sheep and two classes of Angus cattle were judged between 10 a. m. and 3 p. m., with a break at noon for lunch in the New Holland Community Park.

Stauffer Farms' three-way livestock operation is somewhat unusual in a County where crop land is a premium. The farm where the meeting was held was the home of Mrs. Groff's parents, covering 265 acres. Another 175 acres near Churchtown help expand operations.

### 200 Head of Cattle

About 12 or 15 years ago, the



MR. and MRS. GROFF

owners turned to Angus cattle to augment livestock and crops operations, choosing primarily Bandolier and Eileenmere—some of the most popular names in Angusdom—as basic stock. Right now 200 head of Blacks are on hand about 100 cows, 60 calves, and 30 steers to be fed off.

Through combinations of grasses, Stauffer Homestead Farms are assured of summer-long grazing, using orchardgrass, ladino, brome grass and bluegrass.

Primarily, purebred Angus are marketed through consignment sales, although numerous head are moved on private treaty, and some marketed as steers. One farm sale has been held at Stauffer Homestead, and others may be held in the future.