

## Farming Down South Differs From County

(Editor's Note: Nance Mooney, who writes for Octoraro Newspapers, is on a tour of the Southern States. Here are some of her impressions, as recorded in a letter to Lancaster Farming.)

"In Virginia I had a glimpse of the mountains, but in North Carolina the land became more level and the texture of the soil changed, a lack of rain also was evident. By the time I got through the Carolinas, the soil looked like a gray powder.

"Cultivation in Virginia is extensive. In North Carolina, tobacco and corn, and in South Carolina, cotton, were the chief crops. In Georgia I had a good look at swamps, in Florida, billboards

### Some Farms Shabby

"Virginia has large farms,

## Connelly Named to Regional ASC Post

Raymond Connelly, Jr. has been promoted to program specialist on the State ASC Committee staff. Well known in this county, he has been previously a farmer-fieldman with the Pennsylvania ASC.

Of Biglerville, Adams county, he will be in charge of the Production Adjustment Programs and the Acreage Reserve program of the recently enacted National Soil Bank program.

Taking the position Mr. Connelly vacates is Richard A. Pennay, a Susquehanna county dairy farmer.

they look like estates. Further South the farms began to look shabby. Lancaster County barns are better than some of the homes. These are some of the things I observed along the highway in some places, not everywhere.

"South Carolina seemed to have better farming methods than its sister state. They have some irrigation and more modern equipment.

"It may seem common in Lancaster County to see tractors, but in the South I seen many a hoe, mule and plow.

### More Than Pittsburg

"I had an opportunity to get acquainted with the town of Allendale, S. C., where my car broke down, and I found the people very kind and friendly. I noted there that although Negroes had a very low standard of living, the whites were trying to raise it. It was gratifying to see the two races are living somewhat harmoniously in at least one part of the South.

"I wish more people of the South could visit Lancaster County. When they see a Pennsylvania license plate, they only think of Pittsburg. I told them there was much more to Pennsylvania than that!"

## Farm Exports Gain In July-May Period

WASHINGTON — (USDA) — Exports of United States agricultural commodities rose 9 per cent in value and 12 per cent in quantity during the 11-month July-May period of 1955-56, the fiscal year, compared with the corresponding period a year earlier, the U. S. Department of Agriculture today reported.



Lancaster County has provided its share to America the Beautiful with its amber fields of waving grain. Here near Manheim is a field ready for the combine, tall, straight stalks bending with

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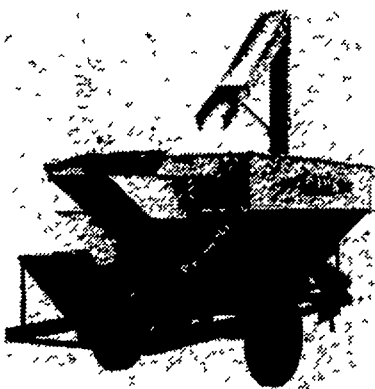
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## Farm Prices Unchanged For Month

HARRISBURG — While the index of prices received by farmers of the entire United States advanced 2 per cent between May 15 and June 15, the Pennsylvania index showed no change, the State Department of Agriculture said today following Federal-State surveys.

But the Pennsylvania index, at 228 per cent of the 1910-14 base level on June 15, was nine points below a year previous, the Department said.

Index declines in prices received by Pennsylvania farmers have been reported each month this year, beginning in December, a total drop of 15 points. Lower prices to farmers for milk and eggs accounted for most of the decline, the Department said.

The June crop price index was down from a month previous while the livestock and products index, including milk and eggs, registered a three point gain.

### Meat Animals Up

Livestock prices in general have been making a recovery in recent months. During the month ended June 15 the livestock and products index rose three points with increases in the meat animals and dairy products being tempered by a drop in poultry and eggs, the survey showed.

For meat animals, all species were higher than a month ago with cattle up 60 cents per hundred pounds liveweight, calves \$1.00, sheep 30 cents, lambs \$1.10 and hogs up \$1.50 per hundredweight.

The dairy products index was up two points as the wholesale price for milk is expected to average five cents per hundred pounds wholesale higher in June than the \$4.05 received in May.

The poultry and eggs index declined three points with broilers averaging 1 1/2 cents lower and farm chickens down one cent per pound liveweight.

### EVIDENCE

Tulsa, Okla. — When Mrs. Claude Harrell showed up in court during the trial of her husband on charges of assault and battery, the judge noticing the woman's black eyes and bruised face, changed the man's sentence from \$10 and costs to a fine of \$100 and 30 days in jail.

## John F. Krey Again Heads Meat Board; Ketner Vice-Chairman

John F. Krey, St. Louis, Mo., was re-elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Live Stock and Meat Board, Friday, June 22, in Chicago. The election of officers took place during the executive session which was held at the conclusion of the 33rd annual meeting of the meat board at the Morrison Hotel.

A record attendance, numbering more than 650 people coming from all branches of the livestock and meat industry and from all parts of the country, was on hand for the two-day meeting which was highlighted by reports and demonstrations relating to the work that has been underway during the past year in the fields of meat promotion, consumer education and meat research.

F. J. Ketner of Columbus, Ohio, was named to the position of vice-chairman of the Board.

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