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\$2 Per Year

Wheat Receipts Here at Peak; Quality Lower

Although there is still some grain to be moved from the farms to terminals, most Lancaster County grain centers are passing the peak in truck traffic this week.

Prices are holding steady, with \$2 paid Wednesday at Quarryville by Ross Rohrer & Sons, and \$2.08 was maintained from Monday by Cargill, Inc., at Marietta for deliveries at the elevator.

Some Lancaster County farmers are finishing oats harvest, but as a rule most of the wheat has been harvested. "Tests weights are really low in wheat," Arthur Rohrer of Quarryville advises, with one shipment here weighing but 53½ lbs per bushel, and another shipment averaging 61 lbs for a high."

Early wheat for milling averaged 57 to 58 lbs in the southern end, but now it probably won't average out over 55 due to damage from rains.

Receipts are running about the same as last year. Mr. Rohrer told, maybe a little higher yields are better—30 to 50 bushels per acre—but quality is not as good.

In Marietta, the Cargill firm advises the general run is weighing 56 to 57 lbs, some 59 a low of 54 and quite a few at 55. Recently harvested grain may average out 56½ lbs. Any scoring 61 lbs was probably harvested three weeks ago.

Wheat is drying down very well, Cargill advises Tuesday found as many as 15 trucks standing in line to unload there. Wednesday the flow of trucks was steady, but there was no line.

Cargill handles 100 cars in 12 hours, and being open 24 hours a day may handle 200 cars. Much of it is going into storage, and will probably move back into local flour mills. Very little is going under loan.

Some Tobacco Is Harvested Outside Pequea

What probably set an early record in Lancaster County for July was the harvest of some tobacco this week near Pequea. Harry S. Sloat, associate Lancaster County agricultural agent, reports.

Harry Eschbach, owner of Pequea Valley Farm, Willow Street, said this was the earliest in his more than 50 years of farming that he has ever harvested tobacco. He started his plants in frames April 16 and transplanted them to the 5½-acre plot June 6.

In general, the Lancaster County tobacco outlook is "pretty good."

Weather has improved the past few days, and increased dry weather here has permitted combines to keep busy. The second cutting of hay is being made, and sprayers are running.

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Comparing Brandywine Notes



Tom King, (left), livestock specialist at the Pennsylvania State University, and Neal D. Ivey, of Ivy Farms, Malvern, Pa., compare notes during lunch on the lawn of the Ivey home. The occasion was the

Saturday field day of the Brandywine Angus Breeders, where guests were 4-H and FFA boys and girls. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

County Holstein Group Field Day Tuesday, Aug. 7

Several hundred dairymen and their families are expected to attend the annual field day of the Lancaster County Holstein Breeders Association next Tuesday at the J. Mowery Frey Farm, five miles south of Lancaster on Route 222, just east of Mylin's Corner.

Addressing the group, according to J. Robert Hess, R1 Strasburg, field day committee chairman, will be Glenn M. Household, director of extension for the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

Events start at 9:30 a. m. The Frey herd will be inspected and judging contests will occupy the balance of the morning session.

Families are asked to bring basket lunches, and ice cream will be provided for the noon meal. Music will be offered by Lee Wickenheiser of Mount Joy, and a quartet will sing during the lunch hour.

"Making Quality Hay" will be the subject of a talk by Lancaster County Agricultural Agent Max M. Smith, who will also conduct a 4H dairy demonstration. Judging awards will be made at 2:30 p. m.

A swimming pool will be available for use during the afternoon, and those interested are reminded to bring their swim suits.

Lancaster County Youth Walk Away With Brandywine Judging Prizes

By ERNEST J. NEILL

MALVERN, Pa. — Lancaster County youth walked off with judging contest prizes here Saturday at the Brandywine Angus Breeders Field Day on Ivy Farms.

For youth under 18, Wilbur Hassler, 14, of Manheim placed first in three sets of Angus. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark W. Hassler, he will be a Freshman at Manheim next month.

Placing second in the youth division was Darwin Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boyd, R1 Ephrata, who will be in the tenth grade next year. William McDonald of Buttenwood Farms, Millersville, scored first in heifer judging, adding to Lancaster County laurels.

Weather Hot, Sunny

More than 200 were guests of the association and Neal D. Ivey, owner of Ivy Farms.

Weather was hot and sunny, but a broad, interesting program made most ignore the sizzling temperatures. Experts in the field conducted demonstrations, a panel discussion and explanations of various factors in the current cattle business.

Wilbur received a grooming stick as his prize, Darwin a grooming brush. In adult classes, Association President Orville F. Haas of Cloud Valley Farms, Pottstown, presented first place award to Art Neuenchwander, herdsman at Millardens Farms, Annville, second to E. L. (Bud) Jenks of Boudnot Farms, Chester Springs.

During the afternoon program, a drawing was held for youth and the tidy young Angus heifer

er donated by Warren Putnam's Echo Falls Farm at New Hope was awarded Edward Radomski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Radomski at Belfrey Farm, R1 Norristown. Presentation was by Robert L. Montgomery of Ash.

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Green Tomato Prices \$1.75

\$1.00 Last Year

Prices of green pack tomatoes in Lancaster County are running 75 per cent above a year ago, a check today reveals. At the receiving station of Parke Eshleman, R2 Holtwood, prices started at \$1.75 per five-eighths bushel at the beginning of the season and have remained at that figure, compared to \$1.00 a year ago now.

Most southern Lancaster County receiving stations are scheduling receipts, and the station of Ben S. Warfel & Sons on 72 south of The Buck was open from 1 to 5 p. m. Thursday.

According to the Warfel's the first ripe tomatoes were received at their station from the Washington Boro area Wednesday, about 400 baskets in all. "Heavy foliage due to the rains will retard ripening, but this is good growing weather," they told Lancaster Farming. This firm looks for a very good crop once the tomatoes start to ripen.

Quality is improving as time goes on, the Eshleman station advised. Lancaster Farming and the season will probably continue five weeks.

July Second Coolest for Past 44 Years

July — normally one of the warmest months of the year — departed Lancaster County with a near record for coolness. Tentative figures at the Lancaster Water Works indicate an average for the month of 71.5 degrees, two and one-half degrees below normal.

Throughout the month the weather was discussed and cursed as crops made bounding growth and field work and harvesting were delayed. In general, it was the second coolest July on record here since 1912.

Precipitation too went out of bounds, according to Bernard White, weatherman in Lancaster, with a July total of 5.66 in the city, one and one-third inches above normal.

Those complaining can but look back to July 1952 when seven inches pouted down on the Garden Spot.

Only five days in July, 1956 found temperatures of 90 or more, and there were about 16 days of the 31 when some rain fell here.

In the five-day outlook, temperatures are to average about two degrees below normal through Monday, with warmer temperatures Saturday, cooler by Monday.

There may be a chance of showers Friday night or Saturday, Mr. White reports.

Poultry Sales Higher, Prices Down for Year

Although receipts at the Lancaster Poultry Exchange are soaring to new records, with another new weekly receipt record being established this week, prices are running considerably below a year ago.

Such is the case statewide, for today's farm price index report shows that as of July 15, 1956, chickens advanced 1.2 cents from June 15, 1956, but averaged 4.7 cents below mid-July 1955.

Where broilers sold from 22 to 30 cents a year ago on the local auction, averaging 28.5, sales this week Tuesday ranged from 21 to 22½, averaging 21.21.

Here is a tabulated comparison:

1956 Week Ending July	Birds Sold	Avg. Price
7th	160,250	23.98
14th	176,865	23.32
21st	194,735	21.33
28th	180,995	21.00
31st	56,100	21.21

Total 768,945
July 1955 — Six Sales

1955 Week Ending July	Birds Sold	Avg. Price
9th	100,750	29.10
16th	115,860	27.94
23rd	126,190	28.93
30th	159,570	29.65

Total 502,370
Difference: 266,575 more sold in July this year than in July, 1955.