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Conditions for County's Crops Deemed Ideal

growing conditions for Lancaster County crops are still ideal, County Agricultural Agent M. Smith reports today, as Garden Spot farmers rush to get ahead of plant growth. Moisture and humidity are helping crops along, and the situation in that respect is very good at present. Some farmers are finishing up their second cutting of hay, and many will soon be busy with the third crop. Potato digging started late last week, and yields are reported to be among early cobbles. Tobacco is heading out rapidly and will keep farmers quite busy. Corn seed is developing now and many fields are ahead of the others.

Keep tomato and potato plants under a cover of spray to check blight," Mr. Smith advises, and almost weekly sprays should not be out of line. Pastures are excellent, and peaches look very good. A normal crop of peaches is expected.

Since Aug. 1, temperatures ranged above and below normal, with the first two days slightly above normal through Monday and Tuesday about normal. Temperatures moved up at midweek.

Saturday through Monday, rainfall totaled 1.36 inches at Lancaster, 2.50 at Safe Harbor, and over two inches at Holtwood, according to Bernard S. White of the U. S. Weather Bureau office at Lancaster. "There is ample moisture, enough to last awhile," he added. Scattered showers Friday, possibly Saturday are forecast.

Tomatoes Roll into Stations Quality "Good"

By LF Staff Reporter

Green ripe tomato operations in the Rawlinsville area are expected to get into full swing this week, according to Park Eshleman and Charles Ressler, who maintain receiving stations on their farms and are large growers themselves.

Chris Atkinson & Son, Homestead, Fla., are receiving and packing tomatoes on the Ressler farm. The first picking, which began last week, was described as good size and excellent quality, and better than last year.

2500-3500 Baskets Per Day
At the Park Eshleman farm where operations are carried on by Smith & Sponholtz, Jacksonville, Florida. It was estimated that between 2,500 and 3,500 baskets per day were received here during the past week. This week deliveries were expected to run between 5,000 and 10,000 baskets. It was pointed out that with each picking the yield increases, instead of decreases.

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Tomatoes by the Ton



Lined up row on row, a truckload of 5/8ths bushel baskets of tomatoes arrives at the southern Lancaster County receiving station of Smith & Sponholtz on the Park Eshleman farm near Rawlinsville. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Richard Hess Tops Judging In Field Day

By Ernest J. Neill

Richard Hess, R1 Strasburg, Tuesday continued family fame of the past few days by win-



G. M. HOUSEHOLDER

ning the adult class of dairy cattle judging at the Lancaster County Holstein-Friesian Association field day on the farm of J. Mowery Frey, R7 Lancaster.

Around 400 attended the meeting, and heard Glen M. Householder, Brattleboro, Vt., director of extension for the national association, tell that

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Garden Spot Second in Number of Chickens in Top 100 U.S. Counties

Lancaster County's national importance in the poultry industry is more evident in tabulation released this week by the Bureau of Census United States Department of Commerce.

Here is a summary of the Garden Spot national standing in the 100 top counties second in number of chickens four months old and over on farms in 1954: third in poultry and poultry products sold; sixth in chicken eggs sold; 13th in chickens sold; 40th in turkeys raised, and 87th in turkey hens kept for breeding.

Chickens 4 months old and over on farms in 1954 numbered 375,800,447, of which 80,087,326, or 21.3 per cent, were in 100 counties, according to 1954 Census of Agriculture figures for ranking counties released today by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Monmouth County, N. J., was the leading county in number of chickens on farms at the time of the 1954 Census of Agriculture, with 3,260,953—0.9 per cent of the U. S. total. Lancaster County, Pa. was second with 2,825,047; Sonoma County, Calif., third with 2,783,278; Los Angeles County

Chicago Cattle Top at \$27.75; Equals May 1955

Chicago cattle Wednesday topped at \$27.75, a new load lot top since May 16, 1955. Beeves bringing this price were mostly high prime, scaling 1316 lbs. Three loads, 1200 to 1400 pounds, sold at \$27.50, another lot at \$27, with some at \$26.25 and \$25.

Cattle receipts in Chicago Wednesday totaled 16,500, a heavy run for the day.

1956 Garden Spot Baby Beef Show, Sale Aug. 14-15

Next week will find Garden Spot Baby Beef Club members grooming and preparing their club steers for their show and sale at Union Stock Yards in Lancaster Tuesday and Wednesday.

All steers must be brought to the Stock Yards Tuesday morning, Aug. 14, W. S. Bixler, secretary of the Lancaster Live Stock Exchange reminds, with a final deadline for entries at 1 p. m.

No Short Feed

Steers will be placed on feed of hay on arrival and will be watered up to 4 p. m. Weighing will start at 6:30 Wednesday morning, and cattle will be sold at this weight.

"No short feed may be given until after they are weighed," Mr. Bixler reminds.

Judging will start at 9 a. m. Wednesday morning, and the sale promptly at 1 p. m. Wednesday. "We urge that each exhibitor be present for the weighing as well as for judging and sale," Mr. Bixler reminds.

Must Be Halter Broke

Steers must be halter broke, schooled to lead and must have on a halter when brought into the Yards. Any steers not sufficiently tamed so they may be easily handled will not be accepted. All entries are subject to approval for the Show Committee.

Special ribbons will be provided for each exhibitor to wear during the show, and will be issued when exhibitors call in person at the office of the Exchange secretary.

Holstein Field Day Winners



Elvin Hess, Jr. (right), president of the Lancaster County Holstein-Friesian Breeders, here presents a rotating cup award to his brother, Richard Hess of R1 Strasburg, at the County Field Day Tuesday on the Mowery Frey farm. Winners of other classes were Miss Pamela Lyons (left), 204 Hess Blvd., Lancaster, in the youth division, and Mrs. Robert Kauffman, R1 Manheim, champion judge among women. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).