

**Witmer Guernseys
Make Outstanding
Records in Breed**

A registered Guernsey herd has made an outstanding production average in the Lancaster County DHIA, according to the American Guernsey Cattle Club. The 45-cow herd of Raymond F. Witmer, Willow Street, has finished the 1955-56 testing year with an excellent average of 10,697 lbs milk and 534 lbs fat, highest fat average in the county for a herd of this size.

As one would imagine, several of Mr. Witmer's cows made high individual records. For instance, in the 305-day class, Barbian Golden Dolly produced 14,782 pounds fat, Zettler's Prediction Drucilla, 13,088 and 645, and Barbian Fonatta, 13,266 and 634.

Witmer also had three cows in this year's county 3000-pound fat club. They included Sue's Peerless Santa, with 107,151 pounds milk and 5177 pounds fat in 10 years, Meadow View's Agnes Gloria, 96,140 and 4572 in 9 years, and Meadow View's Red Blossom, 70,312 and 3237 in just over six years.



One of the busiest seasons of the year in Lancaster farming is at hand, as the heavy crop of tobacco moves from fields to sheds. Here is a view of a truckload at the entrance to barns on the new state tobacco experimental farm near Landisville. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

merican agriculture so amazingly productive.

May I ask you to look back with me for a moment — back to changes that seem to me to explain why you now have a State Poultry Federation. It is not far back — because in just one generation the poultry industry has changed from small flocks running loose in barn yards to its present status as one of the most scientifically advanced segments of agriculture.

Many of us can remember when we hunted hens' nests in the straw stack or the hay loft. And we remember too, when fresh eggs were a seasonal product — available only during the spring and summer.

How times have changed!

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**American Agriculture Not Political
Benson Advises Poultry Federation**

(Editor's Note: Published below is the address by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson before the Pennsylvania State Poultry Federation, at the 3rd Annual Poultry Festival in Hershey Saturday evening):

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Secretary

I am honored by your invitation to participate in this 3rd Annual Poultry Festival of the Pennsylvania State Poultry Fed-

eration. It is appropriate and fitting that the Poultry Festival is held here in the Pennsylvania Dutch county, and on the occasion of the Pennsylvania Dutch Days.

Throughout the length and breadth of this great land, the sturdy folk who are our Pennsylvania Dutch, are known as "good farmers." The title is well-earned whether you are poultrymen, dairymen, or crop producers. And there is no higher title that one farmer can bestow upon another.

A few weeks ago I had the privilege of attending the 175th anniversary meeting of the New Jersey Agricultural Society. Whether it is 3 years or 175 that an organization has been active, I find inspiration in the

many organizations within agriculture that go on year after year — working — studying — building to make farming more efficient and farm life more satisfying.

And whether an organization may be a few years or many, the farm people who are its members have their eyes to the future. Of course, we look backward occasionally. We want to see where we have been, so we may know where we are. But we want to know where we are so we may see more clearly where we are going. What's ahead? This is the important question — along with what we can do about it, as organizations and as individuals, to make the future what we want it to be.

It is this spirit — this unceasing quest for improvement — that explains the inventiveness and experimentation through which our farming has changed so rapidly. It is this striving always to build something better that has made Am-

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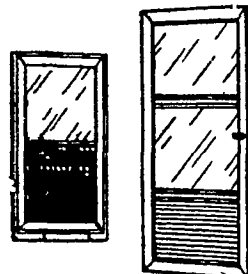
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