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Frost Threat Scares County, Speeds Work

Threat of frost damage put a bit of fright in Lancaster County farmers last weekend, but, although some light frost was reported, there was no damage.

This is one of the highlights of the week's weather and crop report as given by County Agricultural Agent Max M. Smith. "It proves," he told Lancaster Farming, "we could get hurt this early in the season. It has speeded up farm work. Tobacco harvesting is about 75 per cent completed in the County, and now is the time to make silage of soybeans and sorghum. Silo filling is in full tilt right now."

Lancaster County farmers should seed winter oats this week and next on well drained ground. Winter barley seeding is best here the last week of September to early October, say Sept 24 to Oct 6. The three best varieties locally are Wong, Kenbar and Hudson. The Hessian fly-free date locally will not come until about Oct 10, he pointed out for those planning to seed winter wheat.

The bulk of the tomato crop has moved to market. "It is too early to figure the County tobacco yields—it's too early," Mr. Smith said pointing to the County average of 1400 to 1500 lbs per acre. Some figures forecast 1700 lbs, but Mr. Smith said he wouldn't venture a guess.

In a national crop report issued this week, prospects of a 3,300,000,000 bu. corn crop promise to break records, despite drought damage in some parts of the Corn Belt. Soybeans, estimated at 462 million bu may exceed last year by 90 million bushels.

Fall vegetables are expected to be in larger supply nationally, but fruit prospects are two per cent below 1955 and three per cent under average.

Rain was quite general over Lancaster County Thursday of last week, with reports of one inch to an inch and a half. Fol-

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Broiler Prices 12.42 Cents Off From Last Year

Broiler prices at the Lancaster Poultry Exchange this week averaged 19.03 cents, in a range of 18.75 to 20.25, considerably below the range of 26 to 29.75 cents for the corresponding week a year ago, ending Sept. 10, 1955. The range a year ago last week was 26 to 29.75 cents.

Here are comparative figures:
Week ending Sept. 8, 1956:
 Listed, 54 lots, 167,400 birds; offered, 53 lots, 166,700 birds; sold, 48 lots, 154,000 birds, range 18.75 to 20.25, average 19.03

Week ending Sept. 10, 1955:
 Listed 50 lots, 120,700 birds; offered, 50 lots, 120,700 birds; sold, 49 lots, 110,700 birds, range 26 to 29.75, average 27.45 cents.

Steel for Poultry Center



Steel has arrived for the new Lancaster Poultry Center Building, and a derrick is already on hand to place the beams in position. The basement of the \$30,000 struc-

ture is complete, and volunteer laborers are urged to call—Lewis Mortensen, secretary, at his home in East Petersburg. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Fair At York Opens Season Along Tanbark

By ERNEST J. NEILL

YORK — All the hoopla and sounds and smells of the tanbark trail is in progress at York this week during the 1956 York Interstate Fair.

Lancaster County triumphed by conquering the Shorthorn Show completely, with Warwick Farms, R4 Littitz continuing the winning streak that has taken them to victories this season at the Maryland State Fair and the Indiana County Fair.

Warwick Beaming Boy, three-year-old roan bull named grand champion at Maryland and Indiana County, topped all as senior and grand champion winner at York. Owned by Irl Dafin, shown by herd manager Orus King, seven victories were racked up by the Lancaster County entries. Others winning for Warwick included: Warwick Princess, senior and grand champion female; Warwick Flying Prince, junior champion bull; Warwick Flying Eddie, reserve junior champion; Warwick Flying Thyme, junior and reserve champion female; Warwick Fortress Model, reserve junior champion female.

In all, Warwick garnered 10 championships and 12 blues.

Crowds thronged the fairgrounds all week, and, according to John M. Rudisill, manager in charge of the livestock

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Flying Farmers in Atlantic City Visit; New Officers Named

Labor Day weekend found several Pennsylvania Flying Farmers going by plane to Atlantic City. Making the trip were Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Logan of Kennett Square, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Pisor of Portersville, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Travis of Smicksburg, Mr. and Mrs. John Gehman of Barto.

At a director's meeting, Mr. Logan resigned as a state director due to his recent election to the governing board of the national Flying Farmers Association.

Mr. Gehman was elected president for 1956-57, Gail Kimmel of Enon Valley as vice president; Mr. Travis treasurer, and Mrs. Logan secretary.

Solanco Fair Next Week to Open Season

Opening the Lancaster County fair season next week will be the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair at Quarryville, beginning Wednesday, extending through Friday.

Dairy judging and judging of swine and beef cattle will highlight events opening day. Date of dairy judging was moved up to permit exhibitors to show in the State event at Harrisburg Thursday.

Dick Adams of the University of Pennsylvania will judge dairy stock beginning at 1 p. m. Baby beeves will be judged at 2. Parade night is Wednesday with ten prizes from \$10 to \$25, coronation of a Harvest Queen that evening, a Baby Parade Thursday afternoon, followed by a Pet Parade, the Lancaster Chorus Thursday evening, and the County 4H Tractor Driving Contest Friday.

Cool Weather, Damaging Frost Curtail Crops

HARRISBURG — Continued cool weather and some damaging frosts in the northeastern quarter of Pennsylvania reduced farm crop prospects, especially for corn, during the week ended Monday, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

Corn for grain is an excellent crop in the southeast and central sections, but much soft or immature corn is expected in northern counties, a Federal-State survey showed. Week-end temperatures dropped below freezing in the Phillipsburg area and brought early frosts to some localities.

The outlook for the next few days shows little change in temperatures with scattered showers about Thursday.

Elberta peach harvest is about at peak in the southeast and progressing in all other sections, the Department reported. Picking of apples for processing gained volume during the week. Harvest of tomatoes and corn for processing continues, but is past the peak.

Killing of late potato vines preparatory to harvest is underway in many sections of the State. Potatoes are yielding well but some are rotting in the ground due to wet conditions, the survey found.

For the State as a whole, field work on farms progressed satisfactorily in most areas. In northwestern counties wet soils continued to hinder harvesting of oats and wheat, also preparations for fall planting. Seeding of wheat and barley is underway in northern and central areas.

Second and third cuttings of hay are being made. Some difficulty in drying was experienced in the northwest. Spring seedings for hay are in excellent condition.

Garden Spot Ninth in U. S. Farm Products

Lancaster County in 1954 again led the nation's non-irrigated counties in value of all farm products sold — a staggering \$80,150,566, according to figures just released by the United States Department of Commerce.

Topped by irrigated counties of California, Arizona, Washington and Colorado only, Lancaster County ranked 13th in the United States, moving down the line from ninth place in 1949. However, sales totals moved much higher, from the \$69,681,490 figure of five years earlier.

Lancaster County is the only county east of the Mississippi represented in the first 18 by rank, with Polk County, Fla., in 19th place. Aroostook County, Maine, famed for potatoes, stood 23rd, against 16th place in 1949.

Sussex County, Delaware ranked just above Aroostook in 22nd place, also dropping from a higher rank — 13th place — in 1949.

Chester County, Pa., reports sales of \$32,730,526 in 1954, against \$31,107,184 in 1949, standing in 60th place for the current report against 47th in 1949.

Another Lancaster County neighbor, York, placed 87th in 1954, where in 1949 it was 65th. Sales in 1954 totaled \$27,178,969, and in 1949 the total was \$25,756,944.

These were the only three Pennsylvania counties among the first 100 in the nation.

Total Value
 Total value of products sold from United States farms in 1954 was \$24,643,068,087, with \$4,926,148,983, or 20 per cent, in 100 leading counties, according to 1954 Census of Agriculture figures for ranking counties released today by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce. The comparable total for 1949 was \$22,051,129,389, with \$3,838,910,612, or 17.4 per cent, in 100 leading counties at that time.

Fresno County, Cal., ranked first in value of farm products sold in 1954 with \$208,212,800 — 0.8 per cent of the U. S. total; in 1949 Fresno County ranked second with \$144,006,192. Kern County, Cal. was second in 1954 with \$173, with \$122,066,240 in 1949. Los Angeles County ranked third in 1954 with \$170,452,397; in 1949 Los Angeles County was first with \$156,962,336. Tulare County, Cal.; Maricopa County, Ariz., and San Joaquin County, Cal., ranked fourth, fifth, and sixth, respectively, in both 1954 and 1949.

The top 100 counties in value of farm products sold in 1954 were distributed by States as follows: California, 24; Illinois and Iowa, 13 each; Texas, seven; Florida, five; Washington, four; Arizona, Arkansas, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oregon, and Pennsylvania, three each; Idaho,

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