

## Voice of Lancaster Farms

Elizabeth Weaver, R1 Paradise  
Dear Sir: I am very happy to be one of your first subscribers and accept your offer to renew my subscription for one year at the rate of one dollar.

You asked the question: "How and why I like your paper?"

I would say for many reasons. It has many items concerning activities in our community. I like the page for the farm wife and family. I just like the paper from cover to cover.

I lived on a farm all my life. Ten years ago moved away from the farm. But believe me you "I left the farm but the farm never left me."

I don't destroy the paper. When I am through reading it, I pass it on to someone else.

Franklin M. Horning, R1 Ephrata  
Dear Sirs: We like your paper very much. The girls like the recipes. In fact, we like every thing in it.

Clarence W. Armstrong, R1 Holtwood

Dear Sir: Enclosed is \$1 for one year subscription to the paper. I enjoy reading it very much.

L. E. Teeter, Oxford

Please find \$1 for renewal of the paper. We enjoy it very much.

Elam M. Stoltzfus, Cochranville

Your Lancaster Farming as a wonderful farm paper.

I found in your articles of 50 Years Ago that I was one of the invited guests at Henry Kurtz's wedding 50 years ago.

That's when we liked to take a girl friend to the table groaning with good eats plus good celery.

Lester E. Landis, Box 261, R3 Lititz

To Editor: Had a little "paper" experience three years in High School. No easy job, and today's costs are bad. Appreciate your effort. You can't please everybody and not go bankrupt

George Brenberger, R3 Quarryville

We are very well pleased with Lancaster Farming. We like the suggestions in it My wife likes the Farm Wife and Family pages.

Mrs. Eura Wingenroth, R1 Stevens

Publishers Lancaster Farming: Received your letter telling me it is time to renew my subscription.

We like Lancaster Farming very much. I always turn to the page of Farm Wife and Family. Although we are past the age to farm, we are still interested in farm papers.

As we were living on farms so many years a farm wife does cook many big meals I have tried some of the recipes in your paper and they turned out good.

Glenn B. Huntzberger, R3 Elizabethtown

Dear Sir: To let you know we enjoy the paper very much. We like the market reports and the latests news. We would miss it very much.

M. W. Rissler, R1 New Holland

Dear Sir: I like your farm paper. I had forgotten the renewal a short time. I hope there is time yet. Please find check for \$1.

Martin Hoover, Box 73, R3 Manheim

Dear Sir: I like the paper O.K. It is something different No liquor ads and a lot of junk like they have in some other publications.

William E. Miller, R4 Manheim

Dear Sir: I am a farmer living in the northern part of the County. We like Lancaster Farming because it gives a good livestock report and news in general.

## Farm Exports Setting Record; Over \$4 Billion

Calendar year 1956 is setting a new record for agricultural export volume, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced.

Based on official trade statistics through October, supplemented by Department estimates for the remaining two months of the year, the value of United States farm exports for 1956 is expected to surpass \$4 billion, 30 per cent above 1955. Exports in 1956 were approximately equal to the all-time high of \$4.1 billion set in 1919. As prices have declined since 1919, however, the quantity exported will be about 5 per cent greater than in that year.

Agricultural exports have now increased every year since 1953. The total gain since then has been 40 per cent in value and 60 per cent in quantity.

Several of the major commodity groups are establishing new records in 1956. Grain and feed exports are breaking the record set in 1947 and equaled in 1951. Vegetable oils and oilseeds are surpassing the 1955 peak, and fruits and vegetables are moving ahead of the 1947 record quantity.

This year's record is a reflection of the continuing improvement in the economic situation overseas. Plentiful supplies in the United States available for export and United States government programs, which help overcome pricing problems and dol-

## U.S. Imports Reach Record in October

The value of U. S. general imports reached a record high of \$1,120,000,000 in October, about 2 per cent higher than the previous peak of \$1,100,000,000 set in March, 1951 and March, 1956.

Total imports for the first ten months of 1956 were valued at \$10,556,900,000 or 13 per cent above the valuation of \$9,310,500,000 for the similar period last year.

Foreign shortages, are permitting United States agriculture to participate in the overall export increase resulting from prosperous conditions abroad.

Foreign consumers in the major marketing areas have increased their purchasing power, and have been buying a greater variety and quantity of United States goods. In the January-October period, value of total exports increased by the 20 per cent over the like months of 1955 and agricultural exports by 26 per cent.

The five most important destinations of United States agricultural exports in 1956 were Japan, the United Kingdom, Canada, Western Germany and the Netherlands. About two-fifths of total farm exports moved under U. S. Government programs such as sales for foreign currencies, barter and donations.

The majority of exports were in form of commercial sales for dollars. These were aided to some extent by special competitive pricing programs for such commodities as wheat and cotton, and by Export-Import Bank loans.

## Wiscosin Study Shows Bank Barns Suitable for Milk Producing

The bank barn has had its ups and downs in favor among farmers as housing for dairy cattle but a recent study by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the agricultural experiment station of the University of Wisconsin shows that this type of barn is acceptable for the health and comfort of the animals and for production of high-quality milk.

The investigators compared results in bank barns and above-ground barns, taking into account temperature, humidity, light intensity, and odor. They define a bank barn as one that has earth against the greater part of one side of its first floor, or stable section.

Results of the study are summarized in a new USDA publication by engineers Max J. LaRock of the university and Robert G. Yeck of USDA's Agricultural Research Service. They found that average temperature and humidity are slightly better for animals during the winter in bank barns than in above-ground barns. In summer, these conditions were much the same in both types of barns. Temperature and humidity were slightly more uniform along the bank walls than along exposed walls in above-ground barns.

The insulating qualities of bank walls of masonry were suf-

ficient to permit satisfactory ventilation and maintain proper temperature, during cold spells of very cold weather. There was no condensation on stable ceilings, because they were protected by the insulation of hay or bedding stored on the mow floors above. There was almost no condensation on bank walls in cold weather, but in warm weather once or twice a year, at times of a sudden rise in outdoor temperature accompanied by high relative humidity, there would be some moisture on the cool bank walls.

Condensation was frequent in freezing weather on exposed walls in both types of barns, and single-glass windows frosted. But such condensation did not cause the bacterial count of milk to rise unduly.

The light intensity in bank barns was less uniform than in above-ground barns, but the engineers found that 4 square feet of glass per cow along the exposed south wall of a bank barn having its long axis east and west proved satisfactory for lighting and for cow health.

The quality of milk produced was essentially the same in both types of barns.

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