

## Number of Cattle, Calves on Feed Up 4 Per Cent from Year Ago

WASHINGTON — The number of cattle and calves on feed for market in 13 major feeding states on April 1 was estimated at 4,392,000 head, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was an increase of four per cent from the 4,222,000 head on feed April 1, 1956.

There was also an increase of four per cent from Jan 1, 1956 to Jan 1, 1957, in these same states.

The April 1, 1957 number of cattle and calves on feed in the 13 states was 15 per cent below the number on Jan 1, 1957 which is about the usual decline and compares with a 15 per cent drop during the same period of 1956. Numbers placed on feed in these states during the 1957 Jan.-March quarter at 1,736,000 head were

about the same as the 1,728,000 head placed in 1956.

Fed cattle marketed from the 13 states during the first quarter this year at 2,516,000 head were two per cent above the similar period for 1956. Cattle and calves on feed in Idaho, which are not included in the 13 states totaled 100,000 head on April 1, 1957 — down 15 per cent from 1956.

## Air Force Band To Give Concert In Lancaster

The 100-piece U. S. Air Force band, conducted by former Reamstown resident Col George S Howard, will appear at the McCaskey High School auditorium Monday for two performances.

Col Howard a 1921 graduate of Reamstown High School, has received two Legion of Merit awards for his work in music in the Air Force. He was responsible for organizing and moulding the Air Force Band when the airmen were separated from the Army.

## W. T. Piper Tells Flying Farmers Of Pioneer Flying Experiences

Eighteen Lancaster and Chester County Flyer Farmers attended the state association's April meeting held at the Piper Aircraft Factory at Lock Haven.

The program included a tour of the plant, observing some of the precision work in aircraft construction, and a talk by William T. Piper, president of the company.

In his speech, Piper told of some of his early experiences in aviation.

He designed and built his first plane, but did not know how to fly. One windy day, he began to taxi up and down one of his fields and when he headed into

the wind, he landed in one of his neighbors fields. He then started down wind, but did not get airborne. He tried heading into the wind again and found he could then fly, and after repeating the landing and take off from farm to farm, he found he was getting farther and farther from home.

Finally, he got up enough courage to fly a little higher, but was afraid to bank the plane to turn around.

"I inched it around and got back home. That's how I learned to fly," he said.

Fliers attended the meeting encountered a cold front and had to fly through snow and rain.

## County Fair Dates Released By State

Dates for county fairs eligible for state aid were released Tuesday by the state Department of Agriculture.

Here in Lancaster County five fairs are listed. They are the West Lampeter Community Fair, Sept 25-27, Ephrata Farmers Day, Sept 25-28, New Holland Farmers Fair, Oct 2-5, Manheim Community Farm Show, Oct 3-5, and Mt Jov Community Exhibit, Oct. 9-12.

The department also listed three other events of interest to livestock and dairymen. They are the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show, Farm Show Bldg., Harrisburg, Sept 19, Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition, Farm Show Bldg., Harrisburg, Nov. 12-16, and the Farm Show, Jan. 13-17, 1958.

## Farm Calendar

### Today

Final day of sheep shearing school in York County

### Saturday

Farm Women's Society 3 — at Teter's School in Clay Township. Hostess will be Mrs. Harold Fry.

### Monday

ElmPenryn Community 4-H Club — 7:30 p.m. at Penryn Fire Hall.

### Tuesday

Manor Community 4-H Club — 7:30 p.m. at the home of Abram Earley, R1 Washington Boro.

### Wednesday

Farm Women 24 — 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Clarence Esbenschade hostess.

Muddy Creek Community 4-H Club — 7:30 p.m. at the home of Raymond Lausch.

### Thursday

Farm Pond meeting — 9 a.m. at LeRoy Andrews farm, R7 Lancaster. Joe McCurdy, Penn State agricultural engineer, will speak on construction and upkeep. Robert Weingard, wildlife specialist, will speak on fertilization, weed control, and fish stocking.

Farm Pond meeting — 1:30 p.m. at Joseph M. Brubaker farm, R3 Lititz. Program same as morning meeting.

4-H Holstein Dairy Club meeting — 7:30 p.m. at the home of George Rutt, R1 Stevens.

### Friday, April 26

Paradise Community 4-H Club — 7:30 p.m. at the home of Melvin Stoltzfus, R1 Ronks.

### Saturday, April 27

Farm Women 5 — Social Room, Manheim Lutheran Church.

### Monday, April 29

Holstein Breeders Tour — 7:30 a.m., CTC Building, 825 East Chestnut St., Lancaster.

### Tuesday, April 30

Swine Breeders meeting — 8 p.m. at Farm Bureau Cooperative, Dillerville Road, Lancaster.

### Thursday, May 2

Fruit Growers - Bee Keepers meeting — 6:30 p.m. at Kauffman Fruit Farm, RD Bird in Hand. W. W. Clark will examine bees and discuss spring management of bees. O. D. Burke will discuss fruit disease developments to date.

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