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A MIXTURE OF BARLEY, vetch and rye is fed into the blower by Etam Martin, Rt. 1 Lititz. The mixture will be used to carry the dairy herd through the summer if pasture gets low. This is the first time that the mixture has been used by the Martins. The unloader is a detachable electric motor driving through a gear box. The arrangement was made in a local shop to Martin's specifications. (LF Photo)

April Milk Production Up Nine Per Cent

Milk production per cow in herds of crop reporters averaged 21.76 pounds on May 1, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is four per cent above the previous record high for May 1, 1956, and is 17 per cent above the May 1 average. Total milk production in April of this year was 11,428 million pounds, one per cent above April 1956 and nine per cent above

the rate of egg production during April was 18.7 eggs per hen, which compares with 18.4 last year and the average of 18. Farm flocks of the country laid a total of 5,731 million eggs in April, two per cent more than in April 1956, but four per cent below the 1946-1955 average.

Now Is the Time ...

By Max Smith, County Agricultural Agent

To Make Plans for Quality Hay Harvest

Natural weather elements may be costly to forage crop producers unless some special effort is made to harvest a maximum amount of feed nutrients. The normal field curing of hay in late May or June usually means a great loss of color, leaves and feed nutrients. We suggest that mechanical conditioners (crushers or crimpers) be used to reduce the drying time in the field, and that hay finishers be installed to complete the curing process. In many cases, the use of natural air blown through the hay by use of a fan and duct will give improved results. Plans for the "Mow Hay Finisher" are available at the Extension Service Office, 202 Post Office Building, Lancaster.

To Sow Soybeans

If soybeans are to be grown for a temporary hay crop this summer, it is strongly recommended that they be planted before June 1 in order to have better weather for curing. Seeding now will mean cutting during August or early September when the ground is usually dry and the sun carrying more heat. Soybeans sowed in June or later will mean trying to cure them late in the fall under poor drying conditions. Seed two and one-half to three bushels of seed an acre and be sure to inoculate. Soybeans do not need nitrogen fertilizer and the application of three to four hundred pounds of 0-20-20 (or equivalent) should not come in contact with the seed.

To Seed Sudan Grass for Summer Pasture

Sweet sudan grass is one of the most popular and productive of temporary pasture crops, seeded at the rate of 40 to 45 pounds an acre. The Piper variety will give a maximum amount of grazing in spite of hot dry weather. It may be seeded anytime in May or June and generally takes about six weeks until ready to graze. This grass should not be pastured until at least 15 inches tall and is poisonous after a killing frost.

To Provide Good Ventilation

All types of livestock and poultry will thrive better on plenty of fresh air. During the summer months, windows should be opened or removed on most buildings. This is especially true in steer barns and hog houses. Animal comfort is essential for efficient gains and production.

County Agent 'Max' Smith Honored By USDA Superior Service Award

WASHINGTON — Lancaster County Agent Matthew M. (Max) Smith received a Superior Service Award here Tuesday at ceremonies in the Sylva Theater on the Washington Monument Grounds.

The award is one of the highest honors the Department of Agriculture can bestow.



M. M. SMITH

Smith's citation read "For superlative work in promotion of beef cattle feeding, and for outstanding leadership in 4-H Club achievements."

Also honored was Dr. George F. Johnson, extension visual aids specialist. His citation read "For developing the first extension visual aids program in the United States, and for attracting continued national interest in visual aids through talks, professional authorship, and judging assignments."

Max Smith, a native of Washington County, came to Lancaster County in 1937 as assistant county agent. He worked principally with 4-H and other youth organizations and set the pattern of championships that continues in the county. He became county agent upon the retirement of Floyd (Dutch) Bucher in March 1949.

Smith recognizes the importance of the livestock industry in Lancaster County which leads the state in many commodities. Figures show an income of \$31,238,950 from livestock in 1955. He was one of 10 county agents and vocational agricultural instructors in the nation selected that year to be honored by the American Hereford Assn. for doing the most outstanding work in beef cattle.

In declining the post of state Deputy Secretary of Agriculture offered two years ago, Smith said, "I feel that the work at the grass roots, with farm boys and girls and farm people, is more attractive to me than inside administrative responsibilities."

He continues to work closely with the 7,952 farmers in the county. Grassland farming using quality roughages and improved grasses for greater efficiency and a more profitable future is his central project. This phase is emphasized at the county wide Dairy Day, Beef Cattle Tour, Crops and Soils Day and at numerous meetings throughout the Garden Spot.

In youth work, Smith started with 390 4-H members in 1937. The membership is now more than a thousand.

During the past 20 years, Baby Beef Club members have fed and exhibited eight Grand Champions at the Farm Show, seven Reserve Champions and took three District Championships in the years when Farm Show was not held.

Lamb Club members have chalked up a similar record. They have exhibited nine Grand Champion and four Reserve Champion pens at Farm Show; and have shown nine Grand Champion single wether lambs at Farm Show. They, too, took three district Grand Championships during the war years.

Judging and demonstration teams have done well also. Twenty-one county teams have been

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Chicken Dishes Being Featured In Magazine

ST. CHARLES, Ill. — "10 Good Old Fashioned Chicken Recipes," a feature food article in the June issue of McCall's magazine, was developed with editorial consultation from the Poultry and Egg National Board, Mrs. Katharine B. Niles, home economics director of PENB, reports

Four pages, two in color, are devoted to extolling the versatility of chicken smothered with onions and cream, stuffed with bulgur (a cracked wheat from the Middle East), or deviled in a mustard sauce, may be favorites of the "oldsters" but may provide new taste treats for the younger set.

1957 June Dairy Month Described As 'Largest Food Festival in Month'

The coming June Dairy Month is described by the American Dairy Assn. as "probably the largest food festival ever attempted during a 30 day period"

In Pennsylvania the observance will be the realization of long-range planning the end result of four years of organizing and overcoming defeatist attitudes and sagging interest.

The state June Dairy Month executive committee, representing 19 state level organizations, forecast the event will mark the true beginning of the road to progressive, cooperative merchandising.

Here is how Charles R. De Haven, state June Dairy Month secretary, describes the observance

"We all know it is an annual celebration saluting Madam Cow and Mr. Dairy Farmer. . . we also know it runs for the entire month of June . . . and it has been in existence for more than 20 years. The 1957 June Dairy Month is as modern as a 1957 jet.

"This year it is an atomic selling force which will explode throughout 48 states with a merchandising impact triggered by an advertising expenditure ex-

ceeding \$25 million."

In Pennsylvania the June Dairy Month program is planned and carried out by an executive committee which numbers among its members Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Pennsylvania Chain Store Council, Pennsylvania Dairymens Assn., Pennsylvania Agriculture Department, Penn State University, Pennsylvania Assn. of Milk Dealers, Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative, Dairymens Sales Cooperative Assn., and Pennsylvania State Grange.

Cooperating on a market level basis this year will be 12 local organizations in addition to the newly-created Pennsylvania Food Marketing Committee.

In addition to the several million people employed directly in the dairy industry (in Pennsylvania one in every 25 persons depends on dairying or dairy products for his livelihood), food stores, restaurants, banks and merchants join in the event.

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