



THE 30-DAY OUTLOOK for June calls for temperatures to average below seasonal normals over the northern half of the nation between the Rockies and Appalachians. Above normal temperatures are predicted for the West Coast, Gulf Coast and Southeast. Near normal temperatures are expected elsewhere. Light precipitation is expected in the Mid-Atlantic region while heavy precipitation is expected throughout the Corn Belt and in the Great Plains states. (U.S. Weather Bureau)

## Committee Says Self-Financing Promotion Best

HARRISBURG — The voluntary Pennsylvania Food Marketing Advisory Committee recommended to the Bureau of Markets of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture that it encourage "self-financing of product promotion" to help farmers market their own products.

Meeting in Harrisburg for an evaluation on activities of the organization which was formed several months ago to aid farmers, representatives learned from a steering committee that the most successful product promotion programs have been and are being conducted by voluntary contributions, processors and distributors to their own organizations.

C. W. Funk, Harrisburg, chairman of the advisory committee, said each individual grower group and the processors and distributors of that product will be encouraged to finance their own promotions. However, he added that the advisory committee would work with them and coordinate the promotion through the Bureau of Markets. Also available for cooperation are extension specialists of the Pennsylvania State University, he added.

State Secretary of Agriculture Wilham L. Henning reported to the approximately 100 persons attending on activities within the livestock industry. He told of plans for the first Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition to be held at the Farm Show Building, Nov. 16-21, and the Junior Dairy Show on Sept. 19.

Reports were given by various commodity groups reviewing the special and year-around promotional programs of each.

The trouble with most reformers is that two of them so rarely agree

## Job Stoltzfus Herd Wins Places in All Divisions of April DHIA Report

The Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Assn. reports that the highest 305 day lactation completed in April was made by a registered Holstein, Prilly Wayne Bessie Homestead, owned by Job Stoltzfus, R2 Elverson. This Pabst daughter produced 16,716 pounds of milk and 669.6 lbs. of butterfat.

The high herd for the month was that of Marvin A. Eshleman, Strasburg, with an average of 1,625 lbs. of milk and 59.6 lbs. of butterfat.

The second high lactation was completed by a registered Holstein from the Robert C. Groff herd, R3 Quarryville. This cow had a record of 15,175 lbs. of milk and 668.9 lbs. of butterfat.

The second high herd during the month was that of Job Stoltzfus with an average of 1,496 lbs. of milk and 58.2 lbs. of butterfat.

A registered Guernsey from the Raymond Witmer herd, R1 Willow Street was top butterfat producer in April. This eight year old cow produced 1,869 lbs of milk and 121.5 lbs. of butterfat. The Job Stoltzfus herd also produced the second high cow, a registered Holstein, with a record

of 2,400 lbs. of milk and 120 lbs. of butter fat.

Here are the top 15 herds with the production records:

Owner	Milk	Butterfat
M. A. Eshleman	1,625	59.6
Job Stoltzfus	1,496	58.2
Raymond Witmer	1,801	55.4
Harry H. Ranck	1,469	55.3
J. Rohrer Witmer	1,007	52.8
Allen K. Risser	1,256	51.7
A. Wickenheiser	1,442	50.5
Edwin Kurtz	1,132	50.4
Henry Martin	1,247	49.3
J. Harold Balmer	1,307	49.0
Albert R. Fry	1,211	48.5
Ernest J. Sauder	1,261	48.4
Elam Billinger	1,281	48.0
J. Lester Stauffer	1,373	47.6
Robert C. Groff	1,238	47.5

Here are the herd owners with the top 10 cows in butterfat production.

Raymond Witmer	1,869	121.5
Mary Stoltzfus	2,356	110.7
Daniel Fisher	1,424	104.2
Albert Fry	2,649	103.3
M. M. Wenger	3,012	102.4
R. G. & Ivan Stoltzfus	2,175	102.2
Ernest Sauder	2,130	100.1
Amos Stoltzfus	2,310	97.0
Clarence Stauffer	2,196	96.6

## Nearly 500 State Farmers List Housing, Food as Greatest Expense

HARRISBURG — Nearly 500 Pennsylvania farm families in 12 counties played an important role during a national farmers' family living cost survey, the State Department of Agriculture reported today.

The survey, taken in Erie, Butler, Forest, Elk, Cameron, Westmoreland, Fayette, Centre, Carbon, Dauphin, Lancaster and Bucks counties, was made by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to arrive at an annual average farm family expenditure.

The average yearly living expenditure of the 4,500 farm families interviewed was \$3,309. The information was compiled with

the help of the Bureau of the Census during early 1956.

The study pointed out that the greatest expense to farmers was \$868 for housing, including home furnishings and household operations. Food purchases, averaging \$833, were the second highest cost item for farm families.

According to the survey, cash contributions and gifts average \$110 per family and medical expenses were \$240 for the year. Clothing purchases averaged \$427. The average expenditure for reading and education was \$44, according to E. R. Nordberg of the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service who was in charge of the Pennsylvania survey.



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