



GRAND CHAMPION OF THE MANHEIM Fair Baby Beef show was this Angus steer shown and owned by Marlin Cassel, R1 Manheim. "Blackie" came from Fletcher Farms, New York. Cassel has been feed-

ing him on ration of 800 pounds corn, 800 pounds barley, 400 pounds oats, and 200 pounds of 32 per cent supplement. This is his fourth year in both 4-H and FFA competition. (LF Photo)

State Officials Disappointed as USDA Declines Bid for Federal Assistance

Keen disappointment in failure of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Disaster Committee to grant any federal assistance to farmers in six southeastern Pennsylvania drought-stricken counties was voiced Friday by State Agriculture Secretary William L. Henning.

"Governor Leader is on record as urging federal emergency assistance to our distressed farmers," he declared. "The turn-down by the federal agency means a hardship for many farmers who have suffered heavy losses in corn and hay crops and face the winter feeding season with a serious shortage of livestock feed."

Counties affected are Berks, Chester, Lebanon, Montgomery and Monroe. They had requested a variety of federal aids which were considered by the Pennsylvania USDA Disaster Committee on Sept. 19.

The state committee at that time agreed that disaster conditions existed from extended drought, but did not adopt a formal resolution declaring the counties as a major disaster area, Henning explained. They recommended the application of emergency feed and other programs for each county, he said.

"Had formal action been taken, Gov. Leader would have wired President Eisenhower, requesting that the counties be declared a disaster area," Henning continued. "The Governor then took the only logical step, a telegram to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, urging immediate and most serious consideration of the recommendation submitted."

Final decision in the Pennsylvania appeal was left to the national committee by members of the Pennsylvania USDA Disaster Committee.

The national committee's reply, sent to the State USDA Disaster Committee, of which Arch V. Ritts, Valencia, Butler County,

is chairman, was announced by the USDA state office as follows:

Relet Sept. 19, 1957, recommending that an emergency feed program be made available in Berks, Bucks, Chester, Lebanon, Montgomery and Monroe Counties. The Governor of Pennsylvania has not requested the President to designate these counties as a major disaster area under Public Law 875 which is necessary before the secretary can take formal action. However, upon your request a survey has been made of the drought area. This together with other factual information available does not indicate to the USDA disaster committee that the situation in these counties measures up to the minimum standards required for designation as a major disaster area under Public Law 875.

H. L. Manwaring, Deputy Administrator, Production Adjustment, Commodity Stabilization Service.

The national committee in Washington sent Harry Thomas, a fieldman, to inspect conditions in all six counties. On this tour he was accompanied by Ritts and N. C. Dale, Pennsylvania USDA state administrative officer. In each county they were joined by the County Farm Agent and the local USDA Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee chairman.

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More Chemicals to Be Used on Farms in Future

Over the next few years there will probably be a rapid increase in the treatment of crops and farm land with agricultural chemicals, especially by air, according to scientists of the USDA's Agricultural Research Service. The increase is expected to be mainly in the use of fertilizers, insecticides, weed killers, and fungicides.

The scientists cite the following reasons for believing more and more use will be made of chemicals on the land: (1) Development of new crop varieties, many of which have proved attractive to pests; (2) the discovery of effective pesticidal chemicals that can be applied in liquid form; (3) public demand for elimination of crop and other losses due to pests; (4) discovery that large crop losses in many areas, formerly charged to soil deficiencies are actually due to nematodes or other pests; (5) improved organic fertilizers; (6) the invasion or spread of such pests as pink bollworm, Mediterranean fruitfly, witchweed, soybean cyst nematode, and others; and (7) the abundance of trained pilots and aircraft since World War II.

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Ronald Auker, R4 Manheim, thirteenth, Abram Mumma, 404 West High St., Manheim, fourteenth, Kenneth Myer, R4 Manheim, fifteenth, Clair Hoffer, R4 Manheim, sixteenth, John Nolt, R1 Manheim, seventeenth, R Hurst, R2 Lititz, eighteenth, im Halde-man, nineteenth, Glenn Bricker, R2 Manheim.

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