

Fulton County Youth State's Second 'Poultry Boy of Year'

Fred Humbert, Jr., a 20-year-old Fulton County young man who earned more than \$5,000 in labor income during the past four years with on farm projects, has been named the northeast's "F. F. A Poultry Boy of the Year."

Humbert, a graduate of McConnellsburg Junction school who lives in Big Cove Tannery, was selected by judges over other farm youth from the 14 north-

eastern states during the annual exposition of the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council in the Farm Show Building.

Competing with outstanding winners of individual contest from 11 other states, Humbert was awarded a \$100 savings bond at the three-day exposition. It marks the second year in a row that Pennsylvania has been the home of the Future Farmers of America "Poultry Boy of the Year." Last year's winner was Leo Kaltenbach, of Wellsboro.

Humbert, during the past two years of farm activity, has reared 937 turkeys, 1,100 pullets, 710 laying hens, 171 ducks and 475 guineas. The birds were reared entirely under his supervision and purchased and fed with his own money on the farm of his dad, Fred Humbert, Sr. He has been president of his high school class, an officer and medal-winner in Future Farmers of America work, a teacher and superintendent in his Sunday School and president of his church youth group. He intends to take over his dad's farm in the next few years, building up a modern poultry and dairy operation.

State winners competing for the northeastern "Best Poultry Boy" title were Donnie S. Henshaw, Gore, Va.; Virgil Wilkins, Mathais, W. Va.; Roger Dearsman, Green Springs, Ohio; James Perry, Middletown, R. I.; William Van Laarhaven, Stoughton, Mass.; William T. Carter, Newark, Del.; Robert Bolduc, Galesferry, Conn.; Robert R. Calkins, Johnsonburg, N. Y.; Charles F. Fisher, Princess Anne, Md.; John C. Dobens, Jr., Nashua, N. H.; and Ralph J. Alexander, Ringoes, N. J.



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State Corn Crop 86 Percent Of Average Yield

Winter feed supplies for cattle on Pennsylvania farms are expected to be short as a result of below normal corn and hay production in southern and central counties, according to the State Department of Agriculture.

Federal-State surveys show production of hay and corn will be below the 1946-55 average. To add to the problem of farmers, much of the hay produced in these counties has been fed to cattle because of three months of summer drought conditions.

Corn production on Oct. 1 was estimated at 49,720,000 bushels in comparison with a record 71,736,000 bushels last year and the 10-year average of 61,817,000 bushels.

Pennsylvania farmers are expected to harvest 3,360,000 tons of hay this year. In 1956 a total of 3,466,000 tons was produced. The 10-year average is 3,341,000 tons.

The Department said hay quality was good in most of the state, but because of the prolonged dry

Farm Show Receiving Early Entries For First Square Dance Contest

Early entries for the first statewide square dance contest ever held during a Pennsylvania Farm Show were to be in the mails Tuesday. A maximum of 240 people may enter the event to be held during the 1958 Farm Show

which opens next Jan. 13. Little difficulty is expected by the Farm Show Commission in filling a contest schedule which will give a total of 60 sets opportunity to strive for prize awards, totaling \$750, according to John B. McCool, Farm Show manager.

The new "Folk Dance Festival and contest" will replace the Rural Talent Festival that has occupied the Tuesday night entertainment spot during Farm Show week for the past 12 years.

Competition will take place on the tanbark floor of the Farm Show Arena in three divisions—square dance team members under 21 years of age, those between 18 and 30 years of age, and a third division open to teams with members over 21 years of age.

Twenty sets of four couples each will compete in each of the three divisions, according to McCool. Acceptances for competition will be in the order in which applications are received by the Commission, postmarked Oct. 15 or later. Farm Show general entry blanks are to be used in filing applications.

period many farmers fed hay almost immediately after cutting. Officials also pointed out that numerous trucks from western counties and neighboring states have been transporting hay into southeastern Pennsylvania during the past two months.

Lack of moisture in much of the state has affected sizing of potatoes. Berks, Lehigh and Schuylkill Counties report below normal yields. Northern counties indicate better production. Southeastern areas report many potatoes not coming up to U. S. No. 1 grade.

Moderate September rains improved conditions for planting fall grains and insured germination of winter oats, barley and early seedings of wheat for harvest next year.



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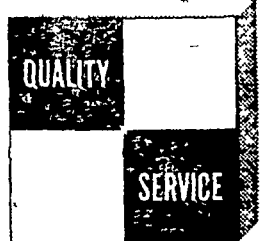
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