

Lancaster Farming

Vol. II. No. 51

Quarryville (Lancaster County) Pa., Friday, Nov. 1, 1957

\$2 Per Year

State Holstein Convention To Be In Mid-November

On Nov. 14 and 15 Holstein breeders of the Keystone state will be on their way to Hershey for the third annual convention of the Pennsylvania Holstein Assn. Breeders from Chester, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin, Perry, Cumberland, and Adams counties will be here for the two-day event. Convention headquarters will be Community Inn.

Committee meetings, Board of Directors meeting and a tour of Hershey's chocolate plant, farm, school and museum will highlight Thursday's program. The evening will feature entertainment by the Milton Hershey Glee Club, as well as "A Dutch Surprise".

Friday's schedule lists a breakfast at 7:45, the annual business session at 9 a.m. and banquet at noon.

Highlighting the banquet session, and main speaker for the convention, will be Jack Nisbet president of Agricultural Selling Columbus, Ohio. His talk "It's Fun to Sell" has been popular with audiences across the country.

Clarence Lyons, Lancaster, is chairman of the general convention committee. Serving with him is E. W. Newlin, Grantville, co-chairman; David Roth, Loysville, treasurer; Howard Weiss, Lebanon; Lester Jacobs, Hanover; Furman Gyger, Kimberton, and Jonas Gruver, York.



ASSOCIATE COUNTY Agent Harry Sloat explains to farmers visiting a hybrid corn demonstration plot at the J. Wade Groff farm, R7 Lancaster, the necessity for constant checks on corn performance. He ex-

plained that corn yields vary from location to location, because of soil, insects and exposure even when the same variety is used. (LF Photo)

'Post-Mortem' Shows Drouth Effect Lasting

By BOB BEST

The drouth has not yet begun to be reflected in the local money market, according to Lancaster County bankers and lending agency representatives.

They agree that the real squeeze will come in February or March when hay and feed supplies get short.

The only effect seen thus far is a slow-down in the purchase of feeder cattle. Fewer cattle are being bought and the buying season has reached a peak later than usual.

There are really two reasons for this change. One is that most farmers do not have enough feed or forage to handle as many steers as usual and the other is that the price of good feeder cattle has been such as to discourage buying.

The drouth has also meant a general tightening of purse strings with machinery and other sales feeling the effects.

The prospects of a good price for tobacco this year are not good and this too has had an effect.

One bright spot in the picture is that corn yields are generally better than anticipated. Where there was enough plant food for the corn yield to be limited by moisture only, yields of 70 bushels an acre are not uncommon.

However if the fertility was not in the field, yields are not high enough to pay for picking. Late corn, too, is hard hit and probably will be used only as forage.

In the dairy cattle market, prices for producing cows are holding up well. As a matter of fact, the recent state Black & White Sale at Harrisburg was one

(Continued on page 16)

Egg Production Problems To Be Aired at Meeting at Poultry Center

The education committee of the Lancaster County Poultry Assn. is presenting an egg production program at 7:45 p.m. at the Poultry Center, West Roseville Road, Lancaster.

On hand to speak will be Homer Bicksler, R3 Harrisburg, and Carl Dossin, Penn State poultry specialist.

Bicksler, former president of the state poultry federation, is an egg producer. He will discuss some of the phases of egg production that he has found to be

profitable and desirable.

Dossin will then lead a question and answer period. Those attending the meeting are requested to have some of their questions ready to hand in at the door as they arrive.

A movie "Technique of Making Poultry Vaccine," prepared by Dr. Salsbury Laboratories, will be shown.

The committee is composed of John H. Herr, Levi Brubaker, and Harry Sloat.

Refreshments will be served.

Nov. 16 Deadline For Farm Show Stock Entries

The Pennsylvania Farm Show has announced that Nov. 16 is the deadline for filing livestock and most poultry entries for the 42nd State Farm Show to be held next Jan. 13-17.

One exception in livestock will be 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Club entries which are not due until Dec. 14 following the usual Fall regional round-ups.

The announcement is contained in the 158-page 1958 Farm Show premium list which is being mailed to all county agricultural agents, vocational school supervisors and previous Farm Show exhibitors.

Total premium offerings come to an all-time record \$61,249 to be paid to winning exhibitors in the Farm Show's 27 departments. This compares with the \$75,200 premium offering for the separate Pennsylvania National Livestock Show scheduled for Nov. 12-16 in the Farm Show Building.

While no new departments have been added for the 1958 Farm Show, the commission has provided for an entirely new event — a folk dance festival and contest in which a maximum total of 480 people may participate. The square dance event is to be staged in the Farm Show Arena on Tuesday night Jan. 14. Team entries are now being received at the Farm Show office in Harrisburg. Entries close Nov. 16.

Other early entry deadline dates include: school exhibit contest, Nov. 11; school demonstration contest, and Nov. 13 for home-making.

1958 ACP Program Similar to This Year

The 1958 ACP program for Lancaster County has been adopted by the county committee with no major changes from the preceding year, according to Dorothy Neel, ASC office manager.

Farmers who plan to enroll for lime, seed and fertilizing practices should test their soil now.

Now Is The Time . . .

By MAX SMITH

County Agricultural Agent



Max Smith

TO MOW LAWNS — Keep the lawn mower going just as long as grasses continue to grow this fall is the advice of our extension turf specialist; if the grass gets too long it will mat down during the winter months and may cause some smothering. Leaves should also be removed in protected areas of the lawn for they may also cause smothering of the grass.

TO PLANT EVERGREEN TREES — The autumn months of October and November are good times to make plantings of evergreen trees or shrubs. Early spring is also one of the recommended times. It is important to set the trees at least as deep as it was planted in the nursery, dig the hole large enough to spread out the roots, and use plenty of water to press out the air pockets. Water weekly until freezing weather comes.

TO USE CARE IN BUYING LABOR-SAVING DEVICES — There's a strong trend toward more labor-saving investments on the farm; however, we should be sure that these mechanical devices really will save labor, that they will return a profit on their investment, and that you will financially profit through the investment. Some of these investments may allow the boys or the hired man more leisure time.

TO PRODUCE QUALITY MILK — The fall and early winter months should be a period of peak production of top quality milk; prices are usually higher at this time of the year. Maximum production should return greater dividends than during the late spring and early summer. Regular washing of dairy utensils is essential; the equipment should be sanitized just before using it rather than immediately after it has been washed.

Long Range Plans For Extension To Be Discussed Poultry Exchange Announces Need For More Listings

A meeting to help develop a long-range extension program will be held at 8 p. m. Nov. 4 at the Meeting Room of Jamesway Manufacturing Co., Manheim Pike, Lancaster.

Five general fields will be discussed by committees. They are youth, small and part-time farming, urban and sub-urban farming, family relations and agricultural integration.

The committees are composed of both farmers and others interested in the specific problem to be discussed.

Pennsylvania Follows Land Price Trends

Value of Pennsylvania farmland for the four month period ended July advanced three per cent per acre, the state has announced.

Directors of the Lancaster Poultry Exchange have announced that additional birds are needed for listing for sale at the Exchange.

With the large number of bonded buyers now attending the weekly auction sale, the volume of offerings can be expanded from those required in preceding months.

To list birds on the regular Thursday sale, call EXpress 7-0339 no later than Monday of the week when the birds are to be sold. This will allow buyers time to visit the farm and inspect the birds offered.

All species of poultry may be sold through the Exchange. Nominal charges are made for listing and selling birds. Birds listed need not be sold at the option of the seller.