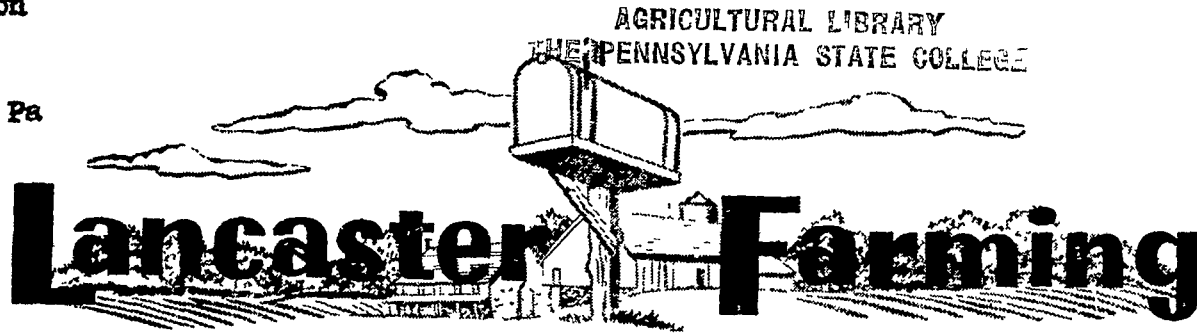


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Do You Know That . . .

Lancaster County leads the state in swine production? Some 43,000 head were reported on farms as of Jan. 1, 1957. They were valued at \$1,066,500

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## Economists Say Farm Income May Shrink

Three Penn State agricultural economists told the truth about what farmers can expect in the coming months of 1958, as they see it, at a meeting Thursday night at the Farm Bureau Cooperative.

And as usual, the truth hurt a little bit.

They said that present indications are that farm prices will stay about the same, costs are going up, but that no general depression is in sight.

Now on a circuit of the state after attending the National Outlook Conference in Washington, are Kermit Birth, Wayne Kelley, and William Johnson, all of the PSU Agricultural Economics Department.

Johnson said that the general business situation is experiencing a contraction, but said that it appears to be little more than a breathing spell before the next production increase.

He said that he is "cautiously optimistic" about an expanding demand for farm products during the next 12 months.

Birth brought out that prices have continued to increase and probably will continue to do so. This means that prices paid to farmers will share in the general price rise structure, but that prices paid ordinarily fail to match the prices farmers have to pay for products used on the farm.

Kelly emphasized this situation in predicting that off-farm produced items will increase in price faster than will on-farm produced goods.

For the poultryman, the predictions were a mixture of good and bad.

Record supplies of live poultry are expected again next year with prices little better than this year's lows on turkeys and broilers. Eggs, on the other hand, will hold up well for at least the first six to nine months of the coming year. A down-trend is expected during the last quarter of 1958 as

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SHOWN WITH THREE OF his five children is Elvin Hess Jr., R1 Strasburg, selected by the Lancaster Junior Chamber of Commerce as Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year. Hess operates a 92 acre dairy farm and milks a 21 cow herd of

registered Holsteins. Shown here are Randy, 1; Eddie, 3; and Donna, 5. Not present were Carol, 9, and Kenneth, 10. Mrs. Hess is the former Miss Velma Landis of Witmer. (LF Photo)

## Farm Show Dairy Cattle Entries Largest in History with 690 Head

The Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission Monday announced that advance entries in the livestock divisions of the 1958 Farm Show should assure the largest dairy display in the history of the exposition. The 1958 Farm Show opens Monday, Jan 13 and continues five days and four nights in the 14-acre Farm Show building.

The combined livestock departments of the 42nd Farm Show will have approximately 2,000 head of horses, beef and dairy cattle, swine and sheep, about the same as in other years, State Agriculture Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning reported.

Entries for the dairy cattle department total 690 head representing the six leading Pennsylvania breeds. Beef cattle at approximately 400 head include a new division for Polled Herefords for the first time with 71 head entered by Pennsylvania breeders. There will be 130 head of 4-H Club baby heaves entered in competition for the grand champion club steer of the show.

Although 362 head of swine were entered for the coming show the number had to be cut to 294, the limit that present pen facilities provide, Henning said.

Sheep entries total 371, including 39 pens of three lambs each, entered by 4-H Club members.

Horse entries total 114 head.

## Automation Next, Dairy Specialist Tells Farmers

Bulk milk tanks and pipeline milkers that can be cleaned in place will soon become standard equipment on dairy farms, predicts Penn State dairy specialist Ivan G. Parkin. His prediction was made at meetings held Thursday at the farms of Elvin Hess Sr., R1 Strasburg, and Melvin Martin, R1 Gap.

Parkin said that the change is inevitable because it is easier and less costly. The bulk tank industry, now in its infancy, is due to come up soon with a good practical method of in-place cleaning to do away with some of the hard labor now required.

One of the major subjects of the meetings was the proper size of tank to buy.

The tank should be able to hold six milkings of the largest herd the farm will eventually sustain, Parkin said.

He also discussed some of the problems which have been encountered by bulk tank users. They concern mainly the proper handling of the milk and efficient safe cleaning of the storage unit.

To get best readings on a fat test, Parkin said, the milk must be agitated at least four minutes. Proper handling of the milk requires that the blend temperature never go above 50 degrees.

To assure adequate cooling of any amount of milk stored in the tank, the compressor should have a rating of one horsepower for every 100 gallons of milk the tank must cool in 24 hours.

Manufacturers recommendations in cleaning a tank must be adhered to strictly, he admonished. Failure to do so may result in corrosion.

Each manufacturer lists different strengths of solutions to use as required by the alloy used in the tank construction.

After cleaning, use of water under pressure and with a hose nozzle is required to rinse all the corrosive residue from the walls. He told the farmers never to use chlorine for cleaning since it is not a cleanser and will damage the walls if used for that purpose.

## Leaf Buyers Paying 26-12 For 1957 Crop

Buyers for the 1957 tobacco crop moved during the last few days ending some of the speculation on what they are willing to buy this year.

Some tobacco moved at 25 cents during last week. This price was being paid for straight pull-off. However Tuesday buying started in earnest with a price of 26 cents for wrappers and 12 cents for filler seeming to be standard.

No premiums were reported offered for sized tobacco.

Irrigated tobacco was the first to move, some of it having been purchased as much as a month ago.

As has been their practice for the past several years, the American Tobacco Co was first of the "Big Three" in the field. General Cigar Co buyers followed shortly. There have been no reports of sales to the Bayuk Cigar Corp. Last year also, Bayuk held back in buying until nearly the end of the season.

Many farmers had been holding back in stripping their tobacco because they didn't know how the tobacco was to be purchased. Now, however, there seems to be little doubt that sorting alone will be all desired by the buyers.

Farmers also seem more pleased at being offered the 25 cent figure for straight run tobacco. Many feel that due to the season there will be little of their crop that will grade as wrapper.

As one put it, "I sold my crop for 26 and 12, but it was only because I wasn't offered 25 for straight run."

It is also believed by many that this year's buying will end the practice of sizing the leaves.

## PCA, NFLA Name New Directors At Meeting

Stockholders of the Lancaster Production Credit Assn. and the National Farm Loan Assn. of Lancaster Friday elected two new directors each Friday at the organizations annual meetings.

Named to the PCA posts were Samuel Ober, Rheems, and Richard Mull, Quarryville. Samuel B. Williams, Middletown, and Richard B. Lefever, R1 Quarryville, are the new NFLA directors.

Some 250 stockholders of the two organizations gathered at the Mt. Joy Elementary School for the business session held in the morning. After lunch they returned to the school to hear William H. Johnson, extension representative from the Baltimore Farm Credit District speak on "Building Fences to Keep Things Cut."

In his address he said that some organizations are building 'fences' to keep young people and new ideas out of the group.

Young people, he said, are thought by these groups to be too enthusiastic, requiring too much work from the members.

"New ideas hurt," he said, "since to accept a new one, we have to give up an old one."

The danger of fences was described as the effects of disputes over them. "Nothing has cluttered up the courts with as little consequence as disputes over line fences," he added.

Turning to cooperation, he said the greatest failures lie in lack of cooperation as individuals and organizations, unwillingness to take a position on controversial issues and reluctance to share experiences.

## Now Is The Time . . .

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**TO KEEP WATER PIPES FROM FREEZING**—This is no doubt belated advice after recent weather conditions. However, much time and effort may be saved by either covering the water pipes at least 24 inches deep, insulating them where they approach the ground surface, or by using electric heating cable; the latter method is commonly used inside buildings. Be sure the water pipe is grounded and do not change the length of the heating cable.

**TO WATER EVERGREENS**—As water supplies permit, all evergreens should go into the winter well watered, this will help to keep the roots from drying out during cold weather. This is especially true of all fall-planted trees and shrubs.

**TO UTILIZE CORN STALKS**—Corn stalks will furnish some low-cost roughage for wintering steers, heifers, or beef cows. Also, shredded corn stalks are one of the best bedding materials in the livestock industry. Frosty mornings have been used to beat down and bale corn fodder for the above uses. Fodder in bundles or shock may also be shredded for improved use.

**TO INSPECT STOVE PIPES AND CHIMNEYS**—A number of fires are caused each winter by defective pipes and chimneys in local tobacco sheds. Here at the beginning of the tobacco stripping season it is suggested that growers be sure their heating system is in good condition. Sheds, barns, livestock, and equipment are difficult and expensive to replace.

**TO IMPROVE FAMILY RELATIONS**—The holiday season should provide one of the greatest opportunities for family fellowship and better understanding. With the many activities of different members of each family there are only few occasions when all members of the family are at home. Christmas time might be a good time to catch up on knowing your family better.

## Godfrey Gives 'Honeymoon' to Sooner 4-H Clubs

OKLAHOMA CITY — TV and radio showman Arthur Godfrey last Wednesday presented his \$31,500 grand champion Hereford steer, "Honeymoon", to the 4-H Clubs of Oklahoma, which in turn will present it to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Museum.

Godfrey purchased "Honeymoon" for a record price of \$30 a pound after the steer was named grand champion at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago.

Announcement of future plans was made here today following telephonic conferences between Godfrey, Roy J. Turner, former governor of Oklahoma and a director of the Hall of Fame, and representatives of the American Hereford Assn.

Plans are being made to place the steer on the auction block again with proceeds going to the Hall of Fame. The auction is scheduled to follow the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Hall of Fame at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7. The ceremony and auction will be one of the features of the three day convention of the American National Cattlemen's Assn. in Oklahoma Jan. 6, 7 and 8.