

Next Week —

Next week again Lancaster Farming will reach you a day late, because of no mail service on New Year's Day. We also wish a happy New Year to all.

Lancaster Farming

Do You Know That . . .

Lancaster County produces more alfalfa hay than any other county in the state. In 1956, 91,010 acres produced 169,580 tons worth \$4,799,600.

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\$2 Per Year

Tobacco Crop Nearly All Sold Buyers Claim

Buyers claim that by now all that remains of 1957 tobacco are a few odd crops of low quality leaf scattered throughout the county. Buying proceeded rapidly and the prices offered deviated little from the 20 cents for straight run or 26 and 12 cents for sorted crops.

A couple of trends were set this year, one buyer said. One is that sizing probably never will be again required for the crop. The other is that firms desiring sorted and sized crops will probably contact with the grower before the crop and is ever out of the field offering him a premium price for the extra work involved.

The top price reported for a crop this year was 28 cents paid for a crop of irrigated sized leaf.

The quantity of tobacco available this year continues to be a matter for speculation. The federal state crop reporting board said earlier that the crop will average 1,400 pounds an acre. But many buyers and farmers alike, believe that this average is much too high.

The reason for this is that in the northern part of the county some acreage planted was never harvested. Yields in that part of the county were very light. But in the New Danville-Conestoga area the crop this year is said to equal that of almost any normal year.

Irrigated crops add further to the confusion. Because producers here are relative novices in the use of supplemental water, there are irrigated crops that produced yields well below the county average. But some of the crops receiving extra water made well over 2,000 pounds to the acre.

Buying this year followed the normal pattern established in the last few years. American and General were out first followed closely by the independent buyers and small purchasers. Bayuk, the third of the "Big Three," came out weakly a few days later.

Burning quality of the 1957 leaf has been a matter of major concern to buyers for companies not using a processed binder. In a year such as this, too much water when irrigating or too little water due to the drouth can cause poor burning qualities.



HOGS HIT THE HIGHEST prices this week since August. This lot of hogs grading U. S. 1, at the Lancaster Stock Yards is similar to several other lots which sold from \$21 to \$21.50 a hundred pounds. These hogs were bought for Lester Hartman, Phoenixville, a small killer. They were produced on a local farm. (LF Photo)

Firms using the processed leaf can mix stocks and thus minimize the effect of a single poor buring crop.

It is estimated, however, that there will be some crops left un-bought in the sheds. What disposition can be made of these, for the most part very low quality crops, remains yet to be seen.

Saying that the average production in the county was 1,200 pounds an acre and that there are 30,000 acres in the county, the value of the 1957 crop appears to be about \$7.2 million. This is using an average price of 20 cents a pound, which, according to buyers, will be very close.

19 Lancaster County FFA Students Selected as 'Keystone Farmers'

Fifty-three farm boys, all members of the Future Farmers of America in Pennsylvania's southeastern counties, have been selected by the FFA for the coveted degree of "Keystone Farmer." Ceremonies are being arranged for Jan. 15 at the FFA State meeting during the 1958 State Farm Show.

The list of those chosen was certified to the State Farm Show Commission Monday by George D. Derr, consultant in agricultural education in the Department of Public Instruction and State FFA adviser.

Highest degree which can be earned at the State level by an FFA boy, the Keystone Farmer title is awarded to vocational students for outstanding achievement in agriculture and rural life. To qualify, the FFA must have demonstrated marked ability in leadership, completed at least \$500 in productive agricultural enterprises, and attained satisfactory achievement in improving his farm's efficiency or his farm home's comfort. Not more than one boy in every 50 FFA members can receive the honor, under national FFA rules. Those selected from the southeastern counties are:

BERKS COUNTY — Governor Mifflin High School, James R. Martin, R.1 Denver; Kutztown Area High School: Charles D. Wessner, R.2, Kutztown; LeRoy C. Knittle, Ronald E. Newhard, and John C. Shaeffer, all of R.3, Kutztown; Carl W. Sechler, R.2, and Richard Charles Aulenbach, R.2, Fleetwood, Perry Township High School; Richard H. Hartman, R.1, Shoemakersville; Wilson High School: Richard Allen Reinhold, R.1, Reinholds.

CHESTER COUNTY — Downingtown High School: Thomas Newlin, R.2 Downingtown; Octorara Area High School: Clair Samuel Blank, R.1, Parkesburg; and Charles Newton Griest, Parkesburg, R.3; Oxford Area High School: Walter Ramsey, R.2 Oxford; West Chester Joint Junior-Senior High School: Joseph P. Yates, Jr., and Charles F. Davis, both of West Chester.

DAUPHIN COUNTY — Hershey High School: William P.

Dove, R.2, Hummelstown; Upper Dauphin Joint High School: Ronald L. Knorr, R.1, Elizabethville, Delroy Fayne Straub, Lykens, and Richard R. Kessler, Millersburg.

LEBANON COUNTY — Northern Lebanon Merged High School: Richard Nye, R.1, Jonestown; and James Light R.3, Lebanon, Heidelberg Township High School: Frederick Dulabohn, R.2, Myers-town.

LANCASTER COUNTY — Coahico Union High School: Robert H. Good, R.1, Denver Donegal Joint High School: C. Kenneth Young, R.1, Mt. Joy; Lampeter Strasburg Union High School: Arthur Breneman and LeRoy Brubaker, both of R.1, Willow Street; Ronald D. Book and J. Robert Book, both of R.7, Lancaster; Ned Paes, R.1, Strasburg; and Donald Welk, R.2, Strasburg; Manheim Central Union High School: Martin Lee Cassel, R.1, Manheim and Dean Hoffer and Barry Haldeman both of R.3, Manheim; Penn-Manor Joint High School: Andy M. Funk, R.1, Millersville; and Harry K. Hess, Washington Boro; Southern Lancaster County Joint High School: Dale Shirk, R.1, Quarryville; Kenneth Redcay, R.2, Quarryville; William Jackson, Peach Bottom; Robert W. Armstrong, R.1, Drumore; Raymond Deiter, New Providence, and William H. Goss, R.1, Kirkwood.

YORK COUNTY — Dover Area Joint High School: L. Donald Knisely and Donald E. Hoffman, both of R.1, Dover, Eastern High School: Wayne E. Paup, R.2, Hellam; Kennard-Dale High School, Richard L. Wilson, R.1, New Park; and James Horton, R.1, Stewartstown; and Spring Grove Joint High School: Philip E. Sterner, R.1, Spring Grove.

1958 Agronomy Guide Available

The 1958 Agronomy Guide is now available at the county agents office in most Pennsylvania counties. It is little changed from last year.

The only major change in variety recommendations is that Thorne has been dropped as recommended wheat and Duell has been added with no qualifica-

New Inspectors Added to Enforce Fresh Egg Law

In An effort to assure Pennsylvania consumers of obtaining quality eggs, the State Department of Agriculture Monday appointed five new inspectors to carry out a more intensified egg inspection program.

State Agriculture Secretary William L. Henning said the new inspectors will augment the present force of three men responsible for making periodic visits to retail, wholesale and route outlets where eggs are sold.

The new inspectors have been appointed as a result of a \$150,000 appropriation made by the 1957 State Legislature which designated that the money be used for the enforcement of the Pennsylvania Fresh Egg Law.

In addition to the augmented inspectional staff, the Department announced that new regulations to go into effect Jan. 16 make it compulsory for all eggs sold in cartons to be graded, carry the name and address of the packer, and list the weight of the eggs. Grading is now on a voluntary basis. Under the new regulation, carton eggs not graded for size and quality after Jan. 16 must bear the words "not classified."

"It is our aim to assure Pennsylvania consumers of agricultural products that the highest quality is being offered for sale and that they meet specified standards," Henning declared. "We cannot do this without an effective regulatory program."

The State's 67 counties have been re-divided into nine inspection areas better to serve consumers of eggs and the industry, according to Henning. The program will be under the supervision of E. J. Lawless, Jr., chief of the poultry and egg division in the Bureau of Markets.

Violators of the new regulations are subject to a \$25 minimum fine and to a maximum fine of \$500 for a third offense. The violation also is punishable by a prison term if deemed necessary.

4-H Corn, Tobacco Club Roundups To Be Dec. 30

County 4-H corn and tobacco club members will hold their annual roundup Monday, Dec. 30 at the Bayuk Cigar Co. warehouse at 850 North Water St., Lancaster. Both roundups will begin at 1 p. m.

Record books on both projects should be completed and filed at the county extension office by Dec. 27.

In the tobacco competition, two hands of 15 leaves must be exhibited. One hand will be Wrapper B's, commonly known as binders, and the other Filler B's, not farm filler, but filler binders.

The leaves should be of uniform color, size and shape, and free of disease, insect or mechanical injury.

The exhibit score will be the average of the two hands.

Ten ear corn samples should be of the hybrid selected last spring.

It should be uniform in length, thickness of ear, size, shape and color of kernel corn.

Members are urged to note that yields are to be reported in pounds rather than in bushels when filling out the record books.

Tobacco club members so desiring may leave their exhibit to be shown in the 4-H classes at the Farm Show.

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Now Is The Time . . .

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TO REINFORCE MANURE — Superphosphate is one of the most useful fertilizers during the winter months; it is recommended that dairymen use from 1½ to 2 pounds daily per cow in the gutter and on the barn floor; this will not only make the barn more dry and sanitary but will add phosphorus to the manure. Steer feeders may also add superphosphate to the pens at the same rate but apply just prior to bedding the cattle. A ton of manure reinforced with superphosphate is about equal to the fertilizer elements in 100 pounds of 10-10-10 commercial fertilizer.

TO FEED SMALL POTATOES — Livestock producers may want to make use of small potatoes for feeding purposes; beef cattle and dairy cattle may be fed raw potatoes at the rate of 15 to 20 pounds per head per day; they may be fed in place of or in addition to silage. The amounts fed should be started slowly and increased gradually. To eliminate possible choking it is best to slice or chop before feeding. Sprouts should not be fed. Hogs may be fed cooked potatoes but not raw ones. The water from the cooking should be discarded and not fed.

TO GET YOUR FARMERS' TAX GUIDE — A supply of "Farmers' Tax Guide" is on hand at your Internal Revenue Office or at our Extension Service Office, P. O. Bldg., Lancaster. Farmers are required to file an estimate of your income and pay the tax due by Jan. 15, and pay balance due by April 15, or file complete return and pay tax on or before Feb. 15.

TO PROTECT ANIMAL HEALTH — During the winter months it is quite common for confined animals to get colds, pneumonia, or shipping fever. Proper barn ventilation may prevent many of these ailments. This is especially true with small calves. Newly-purchased animals should be segregated for several weeks to protect the rest of the