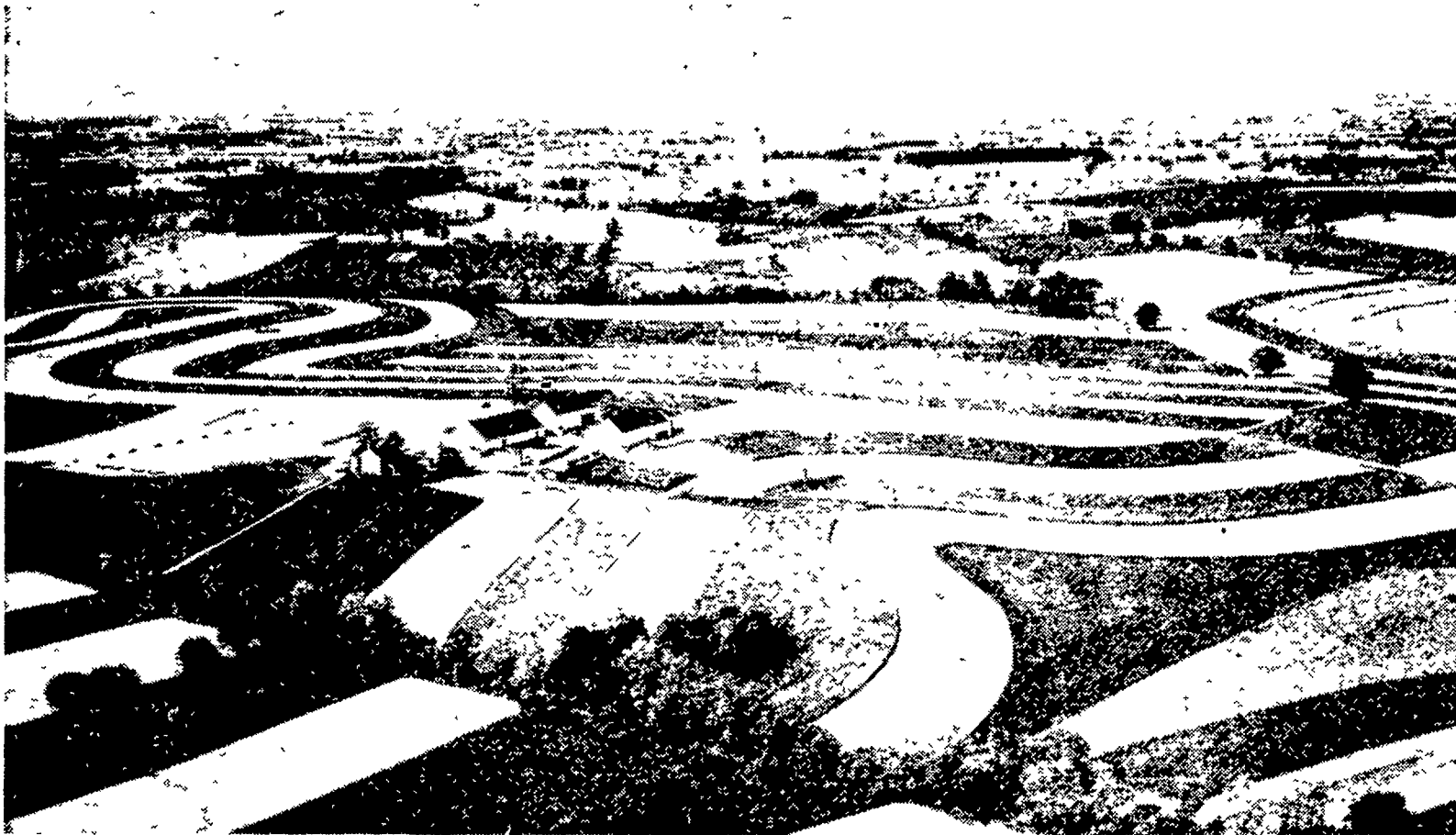


# Lancaster Farming

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ON DISPLAY AT the World's Fair in Brussels is a color transparency taken by Lancaster County agricultural photographer Grant Heilman, R3 Litzitz. This black and white photo was taken at the same time. The farm is known as the Aungst Bros farm, R1 Marietta. Both the transparency and the photograph were taken in 1954.

## April Prices Best Since 1953; Only Dairymen Take Income Drop

Pennsylvania farmers during 1957. the last of March and the first of April had the best month, price-wise, since October 1953.

The index of prices received for all farm products except dairy rose five points from mid-March.

Higher prices were received for corn, oats, barley, rye, soybeans, potatoes, apples, hogs, beef cattle calves, and sheep and lambs. Potatoes rose 35 cents a hundred, apples 25 cents a bushel, hogs 40 cents a hundred, and beef cattle a full \$1.50 a hundred.

**CALVES CLIMBED** to \$25.90 a hundred, the highest since March 1953. Lambs at \$22.50 a hundred were the highest since May 1954. Milk cows jumped to \$260 a head, up \$55 from the comparable period of 1957 and the highest since January 1953.

But on the other side of the ledger, the index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, including interest, taxes, and farm wages rose nearly one per cent during the month to 306 per cent of the 1910-14 average. This established a new high, three per cent above a year earlier. Prices of family living items averaged the same as in mid-March.

**NATIONALLY**, the index of prices received increased by only three points to 266 per cent of the 1910-14 average. Primarily responsible for the increase were record high prices for fruit and vegetables and a substantial rise in prices received for cotton.

Partially offsetting were lower prices for dairy products, eggs, and poultry. The April index was 19 per cent above a year earlier and at the highest level since January 1953. With both the index of prices received and paid up approximately one per cent during the month, the parity ratio remained at 87, about six per cent higher than in April

A **GREATER** than seasonal decline in the average price for milk sold at wholesale was primarily responsible for the five per cent drop in the dairy products price index. This was two per cent below last April, but with the exception was the highest for the month since 1953.

Farmers received an average of \$3.91 per hundred for milk sold to plants and dealers with the price being \$4.16 a month earlier and \$3.98 a year ago. Contributing to this decline in the price of all milk was a 20 cent drop in the price of manufacturing milk during the month partly the result of lowered price levels on April 1. Prices received for butterfat in cream dropped 16 cents to average 57.8 cents per pound on April 15.

**THE POULTRY** and egg index dropped eight per cent during the month as a result of lower prices for eggs, broilers and turkeys. Prices for farm chickens were reported somewhat higher in most regions, but, compared with March, April sales were relatively more important in the areas of lower average prices and, as a consequence, the U. S. average price remained at 167 cents a pound.

Prices for eggs, commercial broilers, farm chickens and turkeys all were higher than a year earlier. At 172 the April index was 15 per cent above April 1957.

**STRENGTH** in corn prices was primarily responsible for raising the index for feed grains to 162 at mid-April. This was seven per cent above a month earlier but 10 per cent lower than in April 1957.

Higher quality and a general rise in market prices combined to boost substantially the average price received by farmers for corn.

Corn prices advanced 12 cents to \$1.12 at mid-April while the grain sorghum price at \$1.77 a hundred pounds was up 8 cents.

## Norman Myrick To Address Dairymen

A knowing look at the long-range milk marketing picture will highlight the 73rd Annual Convention of The Holstein-Friesian Association of America, June 4-5, at Boston.

Featured speaker Norman Myrick, a recognized authority, has as his topic "After Milk Leaves the Farm. Where is the Dairy Industry Headed?"

Myrick is editor of "American Milk Review."

His lifelong experience in the industry dates back to boyhood jobs on dairy farms in Massachusetts where he delivered milk dipped from 10 quart jugs.

Myrick has addressed dairy groups in every section of the country and has a first-hand knowledge of problems and developments within the industry.

During his 11 years as editor of "American Milk Review", he has gained a national reputation as a champion of some aspects of the dairy industry and an outspoken critic of others.

More than 2,000 dairymen from all 48 states, Puerto Rico and several foreign countries are expected to be on hand for the annual business sessions of the national Holstein organization at the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel.

## Lewis B. Rock Follows McMillen As Benson's Aide

Appointment of Lewis B. Rock, Jr., as Assistant to the Secretary for special assignments was announced today by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson. The appointment becomes effective May 1.

Rock succeeds Robert D. McMillen who resigned recently to return to private business.

His home is in Westmoreland Hills, Montgomery County, Maryland.

## Snyder County Youth Wins COT Contest

A Snyder County youth took top honors in the state Chicken of Tomorrow contest held in Harrisburg Tuesday.

He is Fred M. Romig, R1 Beaver Springs, an FFA student. His 15 birds, weighing 53 1/2 pounds, were an Eisenbar-Arbor Acres cross.

No Lancaster county youths placed in the top 10 in the state contest. However two Lebanon County entries were seventh and eighth and a York County entry was ninth.

**HAROLD J. MARTIN**, Myerstown, placed seventh and Joy F. Donmoyer, also of Myerstown, was eighth. In the Number Nine position was Bobby Strobeck of Yoe.

Strobeck took first place honors in the Coatesville Region judging Saturday. All the top five lots of birds from the Coatesville region were grown by York County youths.

Here is the way the regional places came out: First, Bobby Strobeck, Yoe; second, Gene B. Seitz, R3 Dillsburg; third, Carl R. Shearer, R2 Dover; fourth, Donald Knusely, R1 Dover; fifth, Ronald Alwine, R3 Thomasville.

**SIXTH, ROBERT W. Armstrong**, R1 Drumore; seventh, Charles Cooper, Box 211, R3 Mannheim; eighth, Timothy A. Nishel, R1 Thomasville; ninth, Robert M. Wilson, R1 Bareville; and tenth, Jean M. Boner, R1 Lewisberry.

This was the second consecutive year that Lancaster County has failed to place an entry in the state contest.

Guest at the contest finals was Dr. William Henning, state secretary of agriculture. He presented plaques and special prizes to the winning entries.

Also on the program was Dr. E. I. Robertson, president of the state Poultry Federation, which sponsors the annual contest.

## COT Birds Average \$.59 At Coatesville

With 41 buyers in the bidding, Chicken of Tomorrow birds averaged 59 cents a pound Wednesday at Coatesville.

Paying top money for the first place lot of birds was Daniel K. Good, R1 Columbia, who paid \$2 a pound for the birds grown by Bobby Strobeck, Yoe.

The next high price paid was \$1.75 a pound.

A total of 6,078 pounds, dressed weight, of poultry was sold netting the youthful growers \$3,629.53.



**WINNER OF THE** Junior Chicken of Tomorrow contest is Fred M. Romig, R1 Beaver Springs, Snyder County. Here he is seen being presented an electric clock by Dr. William Henning, state secretary of agriculture. (LF Photo)