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## Miss Janet Koser, Manheim, 1958 Lancaster County Poultry Queen

Miss Janet Koser, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koser, R2 Manheim, is the 1958 Lancaster County Poultry Queen and a candidate for the title of "Miss Pennsylvania Poultry Industry." Miss Koser was chosen for this honor Saturday evening at the annual Lancaster Poultry Assn. barbeque at Lititz Springs Park.

ATTENDANT to the queen was Miss Rosemary Andrews, R7 Lancaster.

A graduate of Manheim Central High School, Miss Koser was attendant to the farm show and yearbook queens this year. Her father is an egg producer.

Judges for the contest were Robert Best, Lancaster Farming, J. Donald Brandt, Lancaster (Pa) Intelligencer-Journal; and Larry

Baumann, Lancaster Newspapers, Inc. Master of ceremonies was James Forney of WLAN, Lancaster.

WHILE ACCOUNTING will take about two weeks, early indications are that the barbeque will prove to be a financial success. Nearly 4,000 halves were served at the grounds or boxed as carry-outs. This number is about equal to the number sold last year.

Winners of the cooking contest were Mrs. C Warren Leininger, R2 Denver and Miss Joyce Nolt, R1 Reinholds. For their prize-winning recipes, see the Women's Page.

The prize-winning cooks and Miss Koser will compete in state contests at Dutch Days in Hershey in August.

## One Point Decline In Prices Received For All Except Dairy Products in May

HARRISBURG, June 12 — A one point decline in the index of prices received by Pennsylvania farmers in mid-May for all their products except dairy was reported today by the State Department of Agriculture.

The dairy products index remained the same as the previous month as the average price received for wholesale milk continued at \$4.60 per hundred pounds, a Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service survey showed.

Pennsylvania's index for farm products other than dairy dropped to 241 per cent of the 1910-14 base as Keystone State farmers received lower prices for hay, potatoes, eggs, rye and soybeans. Including dairy, the index for all products declined one point for the 30 day period, but was 16 points higher than a year ago.

At mid-May, higher prices were received for corn, beef cattle, cows, steers and heifers calves, milk cows, hogs and chickens the survey also revealed.

Corn was up 2 cents per bushel to average \$1.47 while beef cattle prices rose \$2.20 per 10 pounds liveweight to average \$212.0. Steers and heifers were up \$1.1 a hundred pounds liveweight, and calves showed a gain of \$3.10 to average \$29 per hundredweight. Milk cows increased \$5 to an average of \$265 per head, or \$45 more than a year earlier.

Hogs rose \$1.30 per hundred weight and increases were also recorded for sheep and lambs. Chickens and broilers showed slight increases, while turkeys suffered a minor drop. Egg prices declined 4 cents a dozen but were 8 cents higher than a year ago.

## University of Connecticut Graduate Named New Assistant County Agent

A recent University of Connecticut graduate, Winthrop Merriam Jr. will be the new assistant county agent in Lancaster County, according to an announcement Monday by Dr. H. R. Albrecht, extension director.

Merriam's appointment will start July 1, although he is expected to report in the county on June 17.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Merriam, Coventry, Conn. A farm boy, he has had 10 years of work in 4-H Club projects. He was graduated from Windham, Conn., High School.

While at the University of Connecticut, where he majored in animal production, he was a member of the Block and Bridle Club and served as chairman of the 1958 Little International Livestock Show. He was a member of the livestock judging team.

Already experienced in county agent work, Merriam served last summer as a 4-H assistant in Tolland County, Conn. During the summer of 1956 he operated a sheep dipping service for the state of Connecticut. From 1953 to 1955 he served in the Army with the rank of corporal.

He is married to the former



WINTHROP MERRIAM JR.  
Elizabeth R. Parizek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parizek, Willington, Conn. They have two children, Katherine Prall and Charlene Rose.



LANCASTER COUNTY Poultry Queen and a candidate for the title of Miss Pennsylvania Poultry Industry is Miss Janet Koser, R2 Manheim. Shown with Miss Koser is Miss Marcelena Hess, 1957 Poultry Queen. Miss Koser was selected from a field of eight lovely farm girls who entered the contest. (LF Photo)

## Lancaster County Represented By 62 Boys at State FFA Week

Lancaster County is represented at state FFA Week at Penn State this week by 62 boys. The agriculture students will participate in judging contests, sing in the state chorus and play in the state band.

State officers will be elected during the convention. While at Penn State the boys will observe demonstrations on farm mechanics, wildlife, beekeeping, land judging, livestock, dairy, forestry and poultry.

Here are boys attending and the activity in which they are participating.

LAMPETER - STRASBURG: Ronald Book, poultry judging, Arthur Breneman, dairy cattle judging, John Reinhart, farm mechanics contest, William Mellinger, farm mechanics contest, Le Roy Brubaker, officer candidate, Burnell Andrews, band member.

PEQUEA VALLEY: Charles Hooper, farm mechanics, William Yohn, livestock judging, John Yost, dairy cattle judging, Glenn Yost, member chorus, Norman Hershey, member band, Lee Hoar, member band, John Yohn, member band.

COCALICO UNION: John Zimmerman, band, Richard Lorah, farm mechanics, Vernon Shenk, land judging, Robert Good, FFA

delegate, William Wingeroth, farm mechanics.

MANOR: Larry Snyder, agronomy contest, Richard Hackman, poultry contest, John Hegg, dairy, cattle contest, Dennis Sangrey, livestock contest.

MANHEIM CENTRAL: Gerald Greiner, public speaking, Kenneth Bushong, chorus, Barry Haldeman, chorus, Joseph Sharp, chorus, Ronald Auker, chorus, Dean Hoffer, officer candidate, Clair Hoffer, dairy cattle judging, Ronald Rohrer, livestock judging, Harold Becker, poultry judging, Clair Kreider, farm mechanics contest, Robert Fahnestock, agronomy contest, Glenn Shenk, farm mechanics contest, Marlin Cassel, agronomy contest.

WARWICK UNION: Vincent Backer, dairy cattle judging, David Longenecker, livestock judging, Kenneth Seibert, livestock judging.

SOLANCO: Ralph Kreider, band, Lewis Darnell, band, Murl Aument, band, Clyde Kreider, band, John Graham, band, La Verne Mull, chorus, Wilbur Solenberger, chorus, William Cooper, land judging contest, William Jackson, livestock judging, Donald Trimble, dairy cattle judging, Rodney Martin, dairy cattle judging, Darrel Groff, poultry judging, Wilbert Asbury, farm ma-

## Hot Weather Needed for Field Crop Production

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania farmers need a period of hot weather to stimulate the growth of crops, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

While rains Monday night and Tuesday night might help in some areas, the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service also reported the need for additional rainfall in most sections of the Commonwealth.

Main farm activities for the week ended June 9, as cited in the weekly crop and weather round-up, were the harvesting of hay, cultivating of corn and vegetable crops, harvesting strawberries and the setting out of tobacco plants.

HAY MAKING HIT full swing during the week of favorable weather and first cuttings were termed generally good. In some Northwestern counties, hay is making slow growth because of cool, dry weather. Pastures in some scattered sections are becoming short because of dry weather.

Barley is ripening in the South and some Central sections, while wheat is heading rapidly in the South and is good after a slow start. In some areas, barley and wheat have been flattened by wind or rain. Cultivating of corn is progressing in most areas, although some corn remains to be planted in extreme Northern Tier counties. Planting of soybeans is underway in the South.

SOME POTATOES — early Cobblers — are in blossom in Southern sections and good growth is reported. In the extreme Northern areas, some potatoes remain to be planted. Tobacco plants are being set out in Lancaster, Lebanon and York Counties, but plants are small and warm nights are needed to stimulate growth.

Strawberries started to move in volume in the South and Central parts of the state. Sweet cherries are beginning to ripen in the south. Peaches are sizing nicely and thinning is underway. Temperatures averaged three to five degrees below normal during the past week. Heaviest rainfall — 2.13 inches — was recorded in the Brookville area.

chinery contest, Harold Clark, poultry contest, John Weaver, land judging, Donald Wenger, livestock judging, Martin Dombach, dairy products judging, Fred Esbenshade, farm mechanics, Robert Armstrong, officer candidate.

DONEGAL: Luke Brubaker, chorus, Donald Musser, chorus, Kenneth Young, band, Richard Ober, livestock judging contest, and David Hess, dairy cattle judging.

The following FFA Chapter Advisors will attend the convention: George Myers, Lampeter-Strasburg; H. E. Givler, Pequea Valley; H. P. Siglin, Manor; Harold McAllister and J. H. McGahen, Manheim Central; R. C. Henney, Warwick Union; Ralph Bitler, Solanco; and Grant M. Miller, Donegal.