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LANCASTER COUNTY'S Queens of the Furrow are Ruth Ann Carroll, left, of Peach Bottom, and Rosemary Andrews, R7 Lancaster. Miss Andrews was named winner of the local contest Monday and

received a jeweled wrist watch. Miss Carroll was given a silver bracelet. The two girls will enter area competition at Hershey on Aug 2. (LF Photo)

## May Milk Production Sets New Record, Despite Drop in Numbers

HARRISBURG — May milk production set a new Pennsylvania record for any month, despite a drop in the number of cows through herd liquidations, the State Department of Agriculture reported today.

The Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service said May milk output totaled 683 million pounds, 3 per cent above the previous high of 661 million pounds established in May, 1957.

High prices for beef animals plus declining returns from the sale of milk encouraged heavy culling of low-producing dairy animals, while some herd liquidations were attributed to a lack of experienced labor, surveys showed.

Pennsylvania milk production in the first five months of this year totaled 2,912 million pounds, 6 per cent above the same period of 1957 and 18 per cent over the 10 year average.

Production per cow on June 1 averaged 27.0 pounds, one-half pound more than a year earlier and two pounds above May 1 of this year, the Crop Reporting survey showed. Good pastures, relatively high feeding of concentrates and the seasonal trend toward higher production were cit-

ed as reasons for the heavy May flow of milk in the Commonwealth.

During May of this year there were 933,000 milk cows on Pennsylvania farms, a drop of 3,000 compared with April 1 and 9,000 fewer than the number listed for May, 1957. Total average monthly milk production per cow was 732 pounds this year, a 30-pound increase compared with May 1, 1957.

While the Keystone State's milk production increased during May, the nation's output dropped 1 per cent to 12,889 million pounds. This was 4 per cent above average.

## Poultry Assn. Barbeque May Net \$1,567

The annual poultry barbeque of the Lancaster County Poultry Assn. netted approximately \$1,567.84 this year, treasurer Eugene Cassell announced this week.

This net compares with a profit of \$1,584.16 realized last year. However the profit this year was made with a farm smaller gross than in 1957. Last year the barbeque did \$7,890.33 worth of business, while the total income this year was only \$5,492.89.

## Brandywine Breeders to Drop '59 Spring Sale

The board of directors of Brandywine Angus Breeders, Inc., met recently at the Eagle Hotel, Eagle, Pa., for a regular business meeting.

Kenneth Llewellyn, Easton, president of the group, presided and introduced Francis Enciso, secretary-fieldman, Pennsylvania Angus Association, who gave a report on the annual spring quality sale sponsored by the group.

PLANS FOR FUTURE sales discussed and the board voted to dispense with their spring sale in 1959 and consolidate with the buyer's opportunity sale, also sponsored by the group each spring.

They decided to hold a field day Aug 9, at Reynard Run Farm, Downingtown, with Bill Batchelor, owner, in charge of arrangements.

The group discussed and decided to partially sponsor the fair at Goshen, and to personally urge nearby Angus breeders to show.

JIM COYNER of the American Angus Assn. spoke to the group on the herd classification program recently inaugurated by the American Angus Association. He stressed the fact that the program is voluntary and is another tool for breeders to use in selecting the better

## Rosemary Andrews, Ruth Carroll Win 'Queen of Furrow' Contest

A red-head and a brunette are Lancaster County's entries in the Queen of the Furrow contests. They are Miss Rosemary Andrews, R7 Lancaster, and Miss Ruth Ann Carroll, Peach Bottom.

The two girls were selected from more than 20 contestants for the county honors at Millersville Monday evening. They will compete in area semi-finals at Hershey on Aug 2.

Miss Andrews is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Andrews. She lives on a 150 acre poultry and dairy farm off Route 72 south of Willow Street.

SHE WAS MAY Queen at Lampeter-Strasburg High School and is attendant to the Lancaster County Poultry Queen.

Miss Carroll is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilmer Carroll. A sophomore at Elizabethtown College, she placed third in the

Miss Lancaster County Contest held last fall. She lives on a 33 acre farm.

The contest was held against the backdrop of 'Plain and Fancy' which is being presented at Lyte Auditorium at Millersville. The hox signs and rural backdrop kept the air of the contest truly in the traditions of Lancaster County.

JUDGING THE CONTEST were Dr. William Duncan, Millersville State Teachers College, Russell Shelly, professional photographer, and Wayne B. Rentschler, Lancaster County Farm Bureau.

Winner of the state contest will get a tour of New York City, a new wardrobe and will preside at the National Plowing Matches and Conservation Exposition at Hershey Aug 21 and 22.

The county contest was sponsored by the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District.

## Penn State Says Work Nearly Done On 1959 Edition of Agronomy Guide

In progress since last April, work soon will be complete at Penn State University on next year's edition of the Agronomy Guide, most popular of all agricultural extension publications.

A half-dozen teams of Penn State agronomists and industry representatives have met on campus, or soon will, to put finishing touches to crop fertilizer recommendations that each year contribute to a better Pennsylvania agriculture.

Again the Guide will be devoted to recommendations on lime and fertilizer and on crops, including forage, small grains, corn, potatoes, tobacco and fine turf. It includes, also, suggestions on rotations, planting, and production.

FRANK G. BAMER, chairman of agronomy extension, said some 50,000 copies will be printed and distributed to farmers at their request, starting next fall at another of the annual series of district agronomy meetings throughout the state.

Following preliminary conferences for drafting tentative formulations, six industry-agronomy teams have been working on the final recommendations. These are based upon findings in research, the observations of extension agronomists on farm needs, available farm supplies, and industry's capacity to produce.

Industry representatives include members of the new Pennsylvania Plant Food Educational Society, seed dealers and other related organizations. They cooperate with the University in a voluntary advisory capacity.

BY SUBJECT MATTER, the teams making the final draft for the 1959 Agronomy Guide include the following:

Forage varieties and mixtures — George Serviss, Ithaca, N. Y., Cooperative G.L.F. Exchange, Robert Pollock, Philadelphia, American Cyanamid Co., and David K. Shroyer, Annville, Millard Lime & Stone Co., with Dr. John B. Washko, of the Penn State agronomy staff as chairman.

Small grain varieties — H. A. Hanneman, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, Dale T. Friday, Worthington, O., and Arnold Evans, Exton, both of Allied Chemical Co., with Dr. C. S. Bryner, as chairman.

Corn hybrids and culture — C. A. Reichard, Allentown, R. A. Reichard Co., and E. T. York, Washington, D. C., American Potash Institute, with Dr. D. P. Satchell, as chairman.

Potato varieties — E. C. Pifer, chairman, and tobacco varieties. J. H. Eakin, chairman; Donald R. White, Gettysburg, Central Chemical Corp., Vincent Sauchelli, Washington, D. C., National Plant Institute.

Turf and special plantings and weed control, H. B. Musser, chairman, F. R. Anspach, Philadelphia, Pennsalt Chemical Corp., William E. Angstadt, Reading, Reading Bone Fertilizer Co., and Fred V. Grau, Woonsocket, R. I., Nitroform Agricultural Chemical Co.

General — P. E. George, Thomasville, Thomasville Stone & Lime Co., S. F. Thornton, Norfolk, Va., F. S. Royster Guano Co., and J. H. Brown, Baltimore, general manager of the American Agricultural Chemical Co., with Dr. A. C. Richer, chairman.

Published each year since 1951, the Agronomy Guide has been growing in demand each year. Over 53,000 copies of the 1958 edition were printed and distributed.