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Swine Producers Fieldday to Be Aug. 2 at E-town

Lancaster County Swine producers will have their annual field day Aug. 2 at Masonic Homes, the board of directors decided at a meeting Thursday.

The field day will feature a barrow judging contest starting at 10 a. m., a picnic lunch, and a speaking program and tour of Masonic Home's farms in the afternoon.

First prize in the judging contest will be a Duroc or Berkshire gilt from the Masonic Home herd. The winner will have his choice of breeds.

The field day will follow the Lancaster County Swine Producers Summer bred gilt sale by a week. The sale will be held July 24 at the Paul Martin Sale barn at Blue Ball.

This will be a night sale, starting at 7 p. m.

To date, 34 gilts and seven boars have been consigned. The gilts will be of all breeds with a few cross breeds. All are to be sold bred to a registered boar and will be certified vaccinated and Bang's disease free.

This will be the second bred gilt sale to be held by the association.

Poultry Assn. Retains Hartung Firm for PR

The Lancaster Poultry Exchange has retained the public relations and advertising firm of M. W. Hartung & Associates, New Holland, to assist in expanding the operations of the Exchange, it was announced this week.

Hartung said that the plan now is to set up a program that will be carried out through the facilities of the Exchange, thus reducing the cost of such a program.

The Hartung firm is experienced in agricultural advertising and public relations. It now handles several Lancaster County accounts.

Parity Ratio Drops to 84

During the month ended June 15, the index of prices received by farmers dropped a little more than three per cent, mainly due to price declines for vegetables, wheat, cattle and potatoes.

The only significant off-setting increases were for new crop peaches and for apples.

The index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services for the same periods declined one point, the first reduction since July 1957.

Thus, with farm product prices off considerably more than prices paid from mid-May to mid-June, the parity ratio dropped to 84, down two per cent from May, but two per cent higher than June 1957.



GIVEN A BREAK after a long period of rain and cool weather, Lancaster County farmers this week moved into barley fields with combines and binders. Wheat

and rye are starting to show some color, especially after the hot days at the beginning of the week. Much barley lodged this year causing difficulty in harvesting.

Two Lancaster County 4-Hers Elected Club Presidents at Leadership School

UNIVERSITY PARK — Young men and women from South Central Pennsylvania took an active role in the 29th 4-H Leadership School, June 23-27, at Pennsylvania State University.

Four were elected presidents of model 4-H Clubs that were set up as workshop units. They are Robert Wagner, Quarryville, RD 2; Michael Williams, Middletown, RD 1; Harold Frey, Marietta, RD 1; Robert A. Stolfus, Elverson.

Elected club vice presidents were Betty Umble, Lancaster; Ivan Hanson, Palmyra, RD 1; Sharol Greshaw, Chatham. Secretary — Katherine Cyger, Kimberton; New Reporters — Pat Mellott, Waynesboro, RD 3; Harold Smith, Annville, RD 1; Linda Rambler, Middletown.

GAME LEADERS — Virgil Baker, Elizabethtown, RD 2; Barbara Roe, Palmyra, RD 1. Song leaders — William Otto, Mt. Holly Springs; Martha Zook, York, RD 1, Judy Nolt, Lancaster, RD 1; Barbara Smith, Lebanon. Discussion leaders — Glenn Bushong, Columbia, RD 2, Janet Weaver, Halifax, RD 2.

On the program committee were Loretta Schlegel, Thompsonstown, Linda Rambler, Middle-

town, Brenda Dubble, Lebanon, RD 1, Barbara Ann Smith, Lebanon; Giora J. Albright, Landisburg, D. William Otto, Mt. Holly Springs.

These served on the banquet committee: Martha Zook, York, Virgil A. Baker, Elizabethtown, RD 2; Gayle L. Gulden, York Springs, RD 1; Michael Williams, Middletown; John R. Mumma, Chambersburg; Virginia Resinger, Ickesburg; Robert Wagner, Quarryville, RD 2.

VESPERS COMMITTEE members included Elaine Feeg, Myerstown, RD 2; Billie Ann Kelleit, Elverson, RD 2; Harold B. Frey, Marietta, RD 1.

Taking part in the candle lighting ceremony Sharon Greshorn, Chatham, Samuel Wagner, Mifflintown, RD 2; Jean R. Snader, Ephrata, RD 1, Janet Weaver, Halifax, RD 2.

On the reception committee: Glenn R. Bushong, Columbia, RD 2; J. Iran Hanson, Palmyra, RD 1, Fred A. Straley, Littlestown, RD 2, Robert A. Stolfus, Elverson, RD 1; Edwin Espenshade, Elizabethtown, RD 2; Leroy Shebley, Shermans Dale; Shirley Hoopie, Mechanicsburg, RD 2.

Folk and square dance committee members included, Bar-

bara Roe, Palmyra, RD 1, Philip K. Wace, Hanover, Marvin Peoples, Mifflintown, RD 1; Judy Ann Nolt, Lancaster, RD 1, Benjamin S. Haines, West Chester; Alice Beaver, Millerstown, RD 2.

NEWSPAPER COMMITTEE: — Janet M. Keefer, Mercersburg, RD 3; Rosalinda Sterner, Hanover, RD 2.

School chorus: W. Roger Thome, Mt. Joy, RD 2, Dale Kann, Shippensburg, RD 3, Grace Mitchell, Millerstown, RD 1.

Demonstrations and Exhibits: Harold D. Smith, Annville, RD 1; Sue Graybill, Richfield, RD 452; Alice Metzler, East Petersburg; Shirley Pugh, Orrstown, RD 1; Janet E. Hinkle, York Springs, RD 1.

Top Quality Eggs

Preferred by Consumers

Surveys indicate it would pay producers to make special efforts to keep egg quality high and sell on a grade basis to realize greater returns, according to a report from Kansas State College.

Customers purchase top quality eggs regardless of the normal price differential when given the opportunity, the report says. One survey showed that 75 per cent of the buyers bought grade AA, 15 per cent grade A, and the other 10 per cent bought grade B and C.

Type 41 Tobacco Averaged 20.5 For 1957 Crop

Type 41 filler producers took more of a beating on their tobacco crop last year than was previously estimated, according to figures released Friday by the federal government.

The new figures show that the average price for the 1957 crop was 20.5 cents a pound. The earlier estimate pegged the price at 22.2 cents a pound.

There was no change in the estimate of production. The figure still stands at 41.2 million pounds, down 7.2 million pounds from 1956.

THE MIAMI VALLEY, Ohio, filler crop, while only 4.7 million pounds, averaged 22.4 cents a pound. The 1957 Puerto Rican filler group was 26.7 million pounds, up 2.7 million pounds from the year before. No price was quoted for the crop.

The government's tobacco sheet stock report shows that 477,000 pounds of Type 41 tobacco were in sheet stocks on April 1 of this year. This compares with 509,000 pounds of Connecticut Valley Broadleaf and 435,000 pounds of Connecticut Valley Havana Seed.

However, it was an appreciable jump from the 186,000 pounds of Type 41 in stock as sheet on Jan. 1 of this year.

PENNSYLVANIA filler acreage may be as much as five per cent lower this year, the government says. Ohio filler acreage is expected to be approximately the same as last year. Acreage allotments and the Soil Bank program are in effect on the Ohio types, but not on the Pennsylvania type.

If 1958 yields should be near the 1952-56 averages, the 1958 production of continental filler would approximate 51 million pounds — 5 million pounds more than in 1957. The carryover of these types next Oct. 1 is estimated at about 125 million pounds — three per cent below last Oct. 1 and the smallest on record.

THE 1958-59 total supply — this year's production plus carryover — seems likely to be near 176 million pounds, slightly more than this year's record low.

The disappearance of Pennsylvania and Ohio filler in the year ending Sept. 30, according to preliminary indications, may be around 48 million pounds, nearly 5 million pounds lower than in 1956-57 and the smallest for many years.

The disappearance of Puerto Rican filler in the year ending last Sept. 30 held close to the fairly high level of 1955-56, but a moderate decrease is indicated thus far during the current year.

USE OF IMPORTED scrap as filler for cigars appears to have increased over that of a year ago.

Acreage of Type 41 tobacco is estimated at 31,800 this year, a drop of 27.9 per cent from the 1947-49 average. When this 31,800 acres figure is compared with the 1924-28 average of 68,100 acres, it is seen how the tobacco acreage has slipped.