

County Youths Attend AIC At Penn State

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"Southeastern Pennsylvania is the best agricultural area in the state and of course Lancaster County is the outstanding agricultural county in the nation"

He pointed out that dairying was our largest farm industry with poultry ranking second. An invitation to visit all parts of Pennsylvania was extended to all delegates from other states.

Secretary Ezra Taft Benson told the delegates that the new bill passed by Congress "is a long step toward freedom for our farmers and away from control over farming by rigid government formula"

Remarking that we live in an age of stupendous change the secretary pointed out that the challenge facing cooperatives is this "Can cooperatives effectively help farmers maintain their control over farming — can they effectively help preserve our traditional family farm type of enterprise — can they adequately help the individual exert effective bargaining power?"

The Secretary outlined a four point program for cooperatives:
1 Build your cooperatives bigger
2 Be satisfied with nothing less than top notch leadership
3 Bring about more cooperation between cooperatives
4 Build a better press, better public relations for the entire cooperative movement

Mr Benson concluded his talk by saying, "Farm people have come a long way in cooperation with one another. Working together, farm people can exert effective bargaining power. They can maintain control of farming. They can maintain the traditional family farm pattern. They can meet the challenge of the space age. With God's help we shall not fail."

This 30th session of the American Institute of Cooperation drew over 2,000 delegates from all 48 states, Puerto Rico, and Canada. The institute is chartered in Washington, D.C. as a university without a campus. Meetings are held annually at one of the several Land Grant Colleges.

This year the Agricultural Cooperative Council of Lancaster County made it possible for the following youth to attend the institute for four days: Robert Armstrong, Drumore, Charles Rohrer, Paradise, R 1, Wilbur Hosler, Manheim, R 3, John Yost, Narvon, R 2, Luke Brubaker, Mount Joy, R 1, James Nolt, Manheim, R 1, Richard Hackman, Willow Street, R 1, and Doris Sollenberger, Holtwood, R 2.

Adult advisors on the trip are Wayne Rentschler, Farm Bureau, Lee Brobst, Production Credit, Cranford Brantley, SPABC, and Jack Owen, FFA advisor.

Members of the Agricultural Cooperatives Council are Lancaster County Farm Bureau, Mount Joy Farmers Assn., Producers Cooperative Exchange, Eastern States Farmers Exchange, Inter State Milk Producers, Lancaster Production Credit Assn., Farm Loan Assn., Pennsylvania Co-op Potato Growers, Southeastern Pa. Artificial Breeders, Producer's Livestock, Tobacco Cooperative, Washington Boro Tomato Growers.

As soon as the green grass supply tapers off during hot dry summer months, weeds become more tempting to dairy cows. Weed flavors such as French weck, wild onions, pepper grass, sate and ragweed begins to show up in milk and cream. Farmers can minimize weed flavors by taking cows off the pasture at least two hours before milking.

A farm pond can be a delightful addition to the landscape and provide much family fun such as swimming and boating - or it can be a death trap. All too often it is the latter. Drowning rank second only to machinery as a cause of accidental farm deaths, according to safety officials.

Farmer's Share of Consumer's Food Dollar is 40%, USDA Says

Marketing charges accounted for 60 per cent of the money consumers paid for food in 1957, the same as in 1956, according to a report issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. The remaining 40 per cent represented the farmer's share of the consumer's food dollar. The proportions of the food dollar going for marketing charges and to farmers in 1956-57 was the same as in 1954, immediately before World War II.

Although this particular report is based on figures for 1957, other statistics computed monthly by the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service indicate that in May of this year charges for marketing a fixed quantity of U.S. farm-grown foods were 5 per cent above the 1957 average, while the farm value of the same foods was 12 per cent above the 1957 average. In May 1958, farmers were getting 41 cents out of the retail food dollar.

Marketing costs continued to

rise in 1957. However, the improvement in farm prices in 1957 held the farmer's share at the 1956 level — halting the decline which had been under way since 1951.

The report points out that marketing charges in 1957 were nearly double those in 1945, whereas the farm value of food was up 17 per cent.

Both payments to farmers and marketing charges more than doubled between 1940 and 1957, according to the report. Retail prices for food in 1957 also were more than double the 1940 level and were about the same as in 1951 and 1952.

The persistent rise in marketing charges is ascribed to rising costs of materials, labor, transportation, overhead, and other factors in the marketing of foods, and to additional marketing services. Farmers' unit costs for goods and services used in production have also risen sharply since 1940.

Solanco Fair Association Announces Program

The Solanco Fair Association is planning a "bigger and better" fair than ever, according to word received from Miss Cecil Jackson, publicity director for the group. The fair which is scheduled for September 17, 18, and 19 has planned the following program of entertainment:

Wednesday, Sept 17 — 1:00 p.m. Judging Dairy Cattle 6:30 p.m. parade followed by official opening of the fair 8:30 p.m. pm. crowning of the harvest queen

Thursday, Sept 18 — 10:00 a.m. tractor driving contest 1:00 p.m. judging beef cattle and swine 8:00 p.m. talent contest. Three age groups elementary, high school, adult. First and second prize in each group. Open to the general public. Limit of five minutes for each contestant. Anyone interested in entering contest contact Ralph Bittler, Quarryville.

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Friday, Sept 19 — 1:30 p.m. baby parade 9:00 p.m. awarding of the rural youth contest prizes.

Music for the evening will be furnished by the Little Dutch Band.

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*Pennsylvania feeder runs own
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Purina-fed steers gain 25½% more ...sell 50¢ per 100 higher

Sometimes it's hard to see the difference in feeds just by looking at them. Same way when you listen to the sales stories. So Lester Kreider, of Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania, ran his own split feeding test.

Out of a group of 20, he separated six steers and put them on a ration of corn and cob chop, barley, molasses, and Purina Steer Fatena 32% with stilbestrol. The other 14 steers went on the same ration except for the protein supplement. A competitive brand was used as a direct comparison.

100 DAYS LATER...

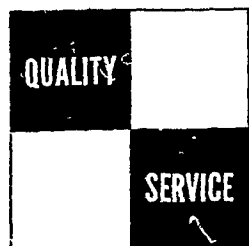
Mr. Kreider paid \$17.60 per hundred pounds for the six Purina-fed cattle. 300 pounds (average per

steer) and 100 days later, he sold them for \$21.00 per hundred. Average daily gain was exactly 3 pounds.

The fourteen head on a competitive ration were slightly higher quality cattle, and cost Mr. Kreider \$18.50 per hundred. Yet after 100 days on feed, they showed only 2.39 pounds daily gain, and brought 50¢ less per hundred at market than the six Steer Fatena-fed steers.

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