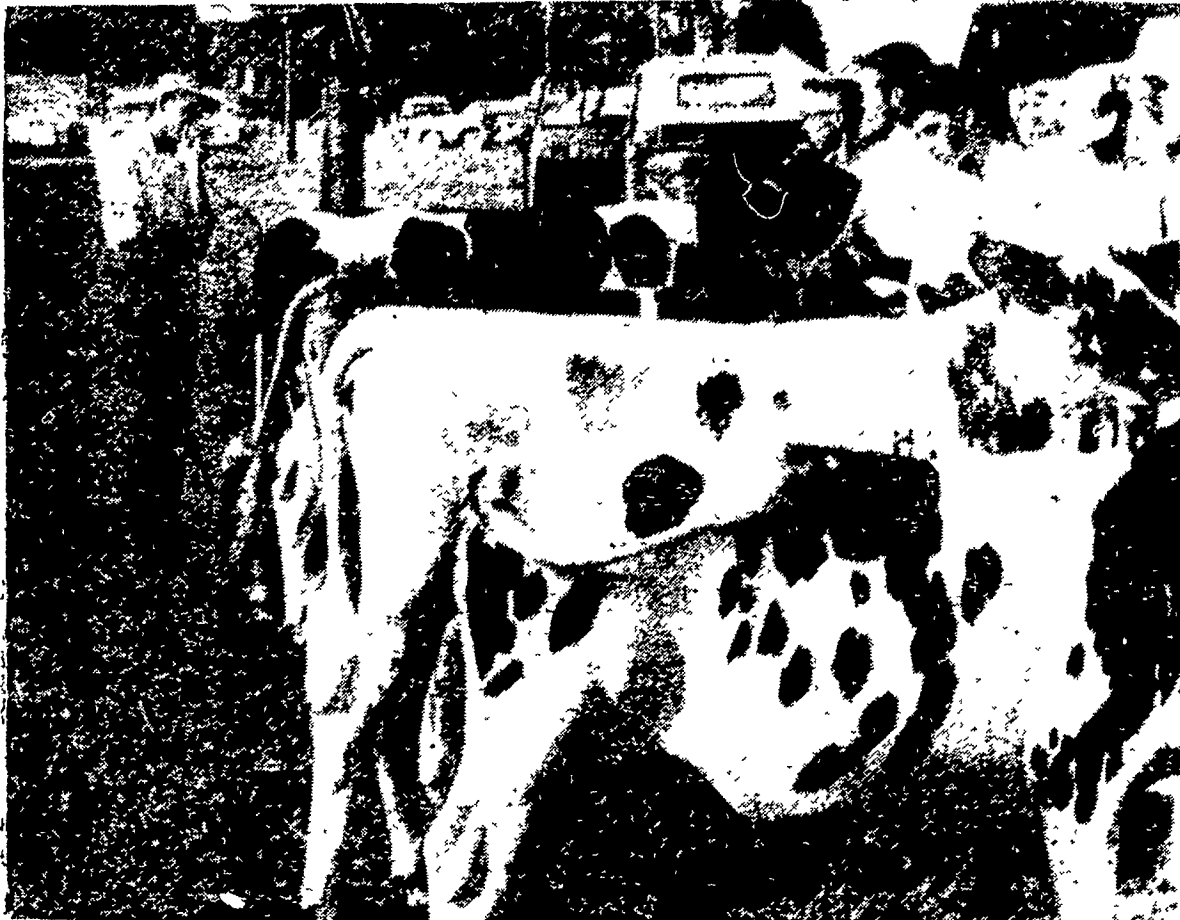


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TOP HANDS IN the Solanco showmanship contest were, from left, Paul Welk, Kenneth Garber and Donald Trimble. The trio of Quarryville area youths placed at

the top of a large class of dairy showmen. They were commended for constant attention to their animals and the judge.

(LF Photo)

## 92 Year High Production Predicted For Many Crops in Pennsylvania

HARRISBURG — This is the best crop year Pennsylvania has had since the keeping of records started in 1866

Record yields of corn, oats, wheat, potatoes and tobacco are predicted by the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting service of the State Department of Agriculture.

Despite some losses due to delayed harvesting, the average wheat yield is estimated at 29.5 bushels an acre, exceeding the previous high set in 1954 by 1.5 bushels.

Corn prospects continue excellent and as of September 1 production was forecast at 76,080,000 bushels, a whopping 42 percent above last year and six percent above Pennsylvania's previous high of 71,736,000 bushels produced in 1956. Yield is estimated at 60 bushels an acre which compares with 46 bushels last year and the previous record of 56 bushels set in 1956

Oat harvest, usually completed by September 1, was still underway on that date in northern sections of the Commonwealth. It was delayed in many areas by wet weather and in several instances fields were too wet to permit use of heavy equipment.

However, the expected oats yield is 43.5 bushels an acre, which will exceed the previous high, 42 bushels an acre, established in 1951 and 1955. Production is estimated at 32,060,000 bushels compared with 30,264,000 bushels produced last year.

With a 1,750 pound per acre yield forecast, tobacco production should break all records since drastic acreage reduction were made in the early 1930's

Harvest got underway ahead of schedule this year. August weather was favorable for growth and maturing of tobacco. With cutting well underway, the crop is reported to be of generally good quality with leaves thin and of good width and length. The previous high production record was 1,700 pounds an acre.

While potato production is well above last year's figures, the crop will not exceed the State average due to reduction in total acreage. Late summer potato production is indicated at 702,000 hundredweight and fall potato production at 7,667,000 hundredweight.

Some Katahdins are still showing green in some localities. Digging of Cobblers started in south and central regions in early August.

New seedings of hay are making excellent growth. Second and third cuttings of hay made good progress during the month of August despite rainy weather. Hay in most sections of the State made excellent growth, but due to poor weather for curing, some quality was lost. About 3.9 million tons are expected to be cut compared with 3.2 million last year.

The US Department of Agriculture indicates that a continuing increase in crop production this year exceeds anything yet reached by American agriculture. Among the leading crops — corn, cotton, soybeans, barley, oats, hay, spring wheat, and sorghum grain — all but cotton and oats have record or near-record production prospects and all but hay are estimated at record per acre yields.

## Dean Hoffer, FFA Attends Meeting

Dean Hoffer, Manheim R3, Pa. Star Farmer of the Future Farmers of America, returned this week from the Northeast Regional competition for Regional Star Farmer, at the Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Mass.

Hoffer reports that Wallace Caulk, Delaware's candidate, was awarded the Regional Honors in a mammoth FFA pageant during Saturday evening's Exposition performance.

"We took part in the regional public speaking contests, attended banquets both Friday and Saturday nights, and then each state representative represented his state in the pageant," Hoffer said.



HARVEST QUEEN Joyce Bledsoe, shortly after coronation ceremonies during the Solanco Community Fair, Quarryville, smiles her pleasure in the honor voted her by students of Solanco High School, where she is a senior this year. The 17-year old, blonde, blue-eyed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bledsoe, Little Britain. (LF Photo)

## Two Shows Open Season

### Elizabethtown-Quarryville Fairs Head 1958 Farm Show Season for Co.

The fair season is in full swing this week for Lancaster county farmers, as Quarryville and Elizabethtown productions followed in the footsteps of the season's "first" at Lititz.

The Elizabethtown Kiwanis Community Farm Fair week, this year is featuring an enlarged industrial and commercial exhibit area, along with their midway and agriculture exhibits.

Quarryville's Southern Lancaster County Community Fair, by the Town Fire Hall retains its "strictly by, of and for farmers" character.

The Solanco production is replete with dairy, fitting and showmanship, beef and swine judging classes, the county 4-H tractor driving contest, Harvest Queen contest, talent contest, street parade and the Rural Youth contest.

Next week the West Lampeter Community Fair will continue the "strictly farm" contests with a Wednesday through Friday production at the Lampeter Community Center.

Livestock and crop exhibits will be judged Wednesday, with Thursday's program including a dairy judging contest, Queen contest, picnic supper in the pavilion, the antique auto show, and the livestock parade at 7:15 p.m.

The All Western Horse Show will be held starting at 2 p.m. Friday. After a two-hour afternoon competition, evening classes will resume at 6:30 with western riding, pole bending, pickup race, musical chair, relay, potato, bar-

rel races and a trail class. There will be a special feature of calf roping exhibitions, according to Robert Good, show chairman.

Ephrata's Farmers Day Fair, Wednesday through Saturday, will open with a parade at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The Baby Beef judging will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday. Miss Lancaster County selection will be made Thursday.

Following the Lampeter and Ephrata fairs, New Holland and Manheim have scheduled productions starting Oct. 1. The New Holland fair will run Wednesday through Saturday, Manheim through Friday.

Feature event of the New Holland production will be the club animal auction, at the New Holland Sales Barn.

Manheim's show will open with the baby beef show, Wednesday. The parade will be featured following the Friday, Dairy Show, with coronation of the Queen of the Manheim Farm Show following the parade.

Winding up the season for Lancaster county will be the Mt. Joy Farm Show. Top event will be the County Plowing Contest on the Carl Hummer farm, Friday. Livestock judging will take place Thursday, along with the announcement of the 1958 Corn Queen.

## State Expects to Save \$100,000.

### Annually With New Bang's Test Plan

HARRISBURG — Some \$100,000 a year will be saved in the administration of the state brucellosis program under a new testing system, State Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning said today.

"During the past several months the Bureau of Animal Industry has been collecting milk samples for time-saving milk ring tests from milk collecting stations and has discarded the collection of milk samples at the farm by milk collectors," Secretary Henning said.

The savings will be realized in that milk collectors were paid a dollar for each farm call. Under the new plan, no farm calls will be necessary, Henning explained.

Another advantage under the new system will be elimination of the possibility of withholding milk of suspicious cows and submitting milk samples from cows not in the herd, he added.

Mechanics of the new plan were outlined by Dr. H. A. Milo, director of the State Bureau of Animal Industry. He said that milk samples will be taken from herds operating under both the area and individual certified plans. Herds operating under the new individual plan that are milk ring suspicious will be blood tested and blood drawn by the local veterinarian if the owner desires. However, the drawing of blood must be conducted in the presence of a state or federal veterinarian who will send the blood samples to the BAI Animal Laboratory at Summerdale, near Harrisburg.

In the event that no reactors are disclosed as a result of the blood agglutination test on a herd of this nature, the annual authorization for the yearly retest will be mailed when due to the owner and a copy to his veterinarian.

But if reactors are disclosed, it will be necessary that the herd have the customary two negative blood tests — again to be conducted in the presence of a state or federal veterinarian.

Milk ring suspect herds operating under the area plan will be blood tested by Bureau of Animal Industry veterinarians for the present.

The new plan will be abolished at the end of two plant collections.

"We feel confident that these two collections will be sufficient to give us accurate information as to the percentage of cattle and herd infection in our brucellosis control and eradication program," Dr. Milo said.

Milk for the milk ring test will be taken from cream cup samples retained in milk receiving stations.

Pennsylvania was designated as a modified certified brucellosis free state on March 21 of this year. The state had only 2.1 percent infected herds at that time. However, only 3.1 percent of the state's 1,280,000 head of cattle were infected with the disease.

On the individual plan the herd owner selects his veterinarian and pays him for the application of the blood test. On the area plan, the state and federal governments pay the veterinarian on a fee basis.