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THERE'S SOMETHING about a crisp, sunshiny fall day in Lancaster County. Sitting on a hillside, watching a tractor and disk write their message in the rich soil. Strolling through frost nipped clover and squinting at the horizon, faint and faraway through the golden haze. And all the

time thinking — this has been the best production year in the history of American agriculture, a year to remember with a stroll across the hillside on an autumn afternoon. LF PHOTO

## Annual 4-H Dairy Banquet Slated For Oct. 24

More than 200 Lancaster County 4-H Dairy Club members, parents, officials and guests are expected to attend the annual Dairy Banquet at 6:45 p. m., Oct. 24 in the Strasburg fire hall.

Banquet festivities will be highlighted by presentations of 12 trophies, a pair of \$25 cash awards, four plaques and lesser awards to honor outstanding efforts 4-H dairy work.

Paul Anderson, Penn State dairy specialist, will be principal speaker for the event.

Hosts for this year's banquet are members of the 4-H Ayreshire Club, with Paul Herr, Jr., Holtwood RD1, club president, serving as master of ceremonies.

A full evening's entertainment is planned, along with the awards ceremony and the speaker, Herr reports.

North Lancaster Kiwanis Club, a principal backer of 4-H dairy activities, is donating the trophies and cash awards, Herr added.

## Auditor Added To USDA Staff At Lancaster Yards

E. H. "Buck" Haller, formerly station auditor for the USDA Market Service, Livestock division, Packer and Stockyards branch, at E. St. Louis, Ill., has been named as station and division auditor for the Lancaster Stockyards.

He is the first permanent auditor assigned to the 11-state northeast district. His duties include auditing the records of all firms and dealers engaged in the livestock business in interstate commerce in this district.

Haller, a native of Evansville, Ind., his wife and two children will make their home in Lancaster.

## Barley Supports Broadened For Lower Grades

The U.S. Department of Agriculture today broadened the price support eligibility for 198-crop barley to include grade No. 5 barley or No. 5 garlicky barley.

This action will provide greater price protection to producers for this year's barley crop which has a higher than normal proportion of thin barley due to unfavorable weather conditions, particularly in North Dakota.

To determine the loan rate for specific lots, barley grading No. 5 will be discounted 18 cents per bushel below the basic support price for grade No. 2 or better, in addition to other applicable discounts.

Prior to this change, price support had been limited to barley grading No. 4 or No. garlicky.

The minimum test weight permitted under grade standards for No. 5 barley is 36 pounds per bushel. The maximum amount of thin barley permitted is 35 per cent for grade No. 4 and 75 per cent for grade No. 5.

## Corn Yields Push Record to 62 Bu.

HARRISBURG — Predicted record corn yields and production in the Commonwealth were borne out this week in a report by the State Department of Agriculture.

The Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service said that generally good growing weather during September pushed the expected corn yields to 62 bushels an acre, six bushels above the previous record set in 1956 and boosted production to 76,616,000 bushels, an all time high for the State. Very little soft corn is expected, except in some Northern Tier counties.

Most other fall harvested crops are expected to break or equal records.

Soybean yield might reach a record high of 22 bushels an acre, the report added. Production is 59 per cent above last year, but is still below normal. Hay output is 26 per cent greater this year than last and is 18 per cent above average.

Winter supplies are generally ample throughout the Commonwealth.

Tobacco harvest finished early in September with a record yield of 1,750 pounds an acre and production hit 50.8 million pounds. No frost damage was reported.

Potatoes grew well this summer, but wet weather in the northern part of the State hampered harvesting. Production for both late summer and fall varieties is above two years ago, but is below average.

Grape production is estimated to be 28 per cent above last year with an expected yield of 5,500 tons to be harvested in the Erie fruit belt.

With harvest of several fall varieties in progress, apple production is seven per cent above last year and 17 per cent above average.

## State Crop Round-up

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania farmers experienced their driest week as the current crop season drew to a close, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

Frosts during the week ended Monday killed nearly all of the standing summer crops in the Keystone State, the State Crop Reporting Service said in the final Crop and Weather Round Up for the season.

Temperatures averaged two to four degrees above normal for the week while there was almost no precipitation in much of the State. The only notable rainfall was in the northwestern mountains where about a quarter of an inch fell. A few snowflakes, first of the season in Pennsylvania, were spotted in the Central Mountains Monday morning.

Farmers in many areas of the State finished making corn ensilage during the week. Some corn in northern tier counties intended for ear corn did not mature and is being made into ensilage. Grain corn harvest got underway in several sections and made good progress.

Winter wheat seeding is almost completed, buckwheat harvest continues and potato digging is making good progress.

The weekly round up of crop and weather information will be resumed by the Crop Reporting Service in early April 1959.

## Farm Show Deadlines Set For Nov.-Dec.

HARRISBURG — Entries for sheep, swine, beef and dairy cattle and most poultry to be displayed at the 1959 Farm Show must be received by Nov. 17, the State Farm Show Commission announced today.

Entries for draft horses and the folk dance festival also close on Nov. 17. The 43rd Pennsylvania Farm Show will be held Jan. 12 through 16 at the 14-acre State Farm Show Building in Harrisburg.

Lambs and beef cattle entered by 4-H Club members have an extended entry deadline, but 4-H Club and vocational agriculture entries in the dairy and swine shows must be filed by Nov. 17.

Round-ups for 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Clubs usually are not held until late Fall, thus requiring a later deadline, Dec. 13.

Future Farmers of America and 4-H Dairy Club members showing at the 1958 State Junior Dairy Show Sept. 18 at the Farm Show Building will provide stiff competition at the Farm Show. All prize winning animals at the Junior Dairy Show were automatically entered in the 1959 Farm Show.

Total premium offerings come to an all-time record of \$62,287.50 to be paid to winning exhibitors in the 1959 Farm Show's 27 departments.

While no new departments have been added for the 1959 Farm Show (Continued on page 12)

## County 4-H'ers Plan Illinois Trip

Victor Plastow, Lancaster county 4-H director, has announced that plans for a Thanksgiving trip of five carloads of county 4-Hers to Plano, Illinois are rapidly taking shape.

The trip will be in the way of a return visit with Illinois 4-Hers from the Plano region who spent a week in Garden Spot 4-Hers homes during the summer.

The local club members will visit in their summer guests' homes, and travel to Chicago for the International Livestock Exposition which will be in progress at the time.

Approximately 20 county youths are expected to participate in the week-long trip, Plastow reports.