



Manheim's "Regional Star FFA Farmer", Gerald Greiner, receives an impromptu assist from one of his fattening steers in spreading bedding for his 25 feeders. —LF PHOTO



After filling the troughs for his Yorkshire-cross brood sows, Gerald pauses for a moment to make sure all is well in the modern farrowing house. —LF PHOTO

## Manheim F.F.A. Leader Honored as Star Farmer

### Greiner Competes For Highest State Award

It merely requires a 30-minute visit with Gerald Greiner, S. E. Penna Regional Star Farmer for 1958 in the state Future Farmers of America award system, to determine the reasons for his selections for competition to determine the State's FFA Star Farmer.

The husky, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester G. Greiner, Manheim R D 4, in the past 4½ years has compiled one of the outstanding records in Penna FFA circles.

For the skeptical, that 30-minute visit is all that's needed to decide that here is a hard-working, thinking, "dirt" farmer.

When this reporter arrived at the Greiner farm, there was a short wait as Gerald returned from a nearby field on a tractor pulling a just-

emptied manure spreader.

Our host had an appointment in just a few minutes and his evening chores to finish before getting ready to leave for it. So, we tagged along to inspect his operation and get the above photos.

First it was a quick trip to a nearby farm, which the Greiners recently purchased, to feed 25 of his 35 fattening steers Gerald has installed

a self-feeder in the remodeled barn, with a steer shed on the ground level.

"The feeder is automatic at the bottom, but not on the other end," he reported, and proceeded to empty bags of ration into the hopper. Next, he dropped several bales of bedding straw down and started breaking them.

After a fast work-out with a pitch-fork, the bedding was scattered and we returned to the home-farm.

There he led the way to his "floor" of Leghorn layers. He keeps 2,000 layers, using automatic feeders and watering systems. "This", he grins "is the way to do it right."

We then hurried to his farrowing house, where ten Yorkshire-cross sows and his herd boar waited for feeding time. His string of 50 fattening barrows are on self-feeders, but the traditional feed-bucket and troughs go to work in the farrowing house.

Like most farmers Gerald this will have to do and we'll can spot something he would like to improve, repair or change in everything he does. He has an idea that a farming partnership with his dad

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