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County Vegetable Growers Announce Meeting Schedule

Amos H. Funk, Millersville RD1, chairman of the Lancaster County Vegetable Growers Assn. has announced the following schedule for the organization's 1959 meeting in the Guernsey Pavilion, January 21.

Invocation by the Rev. Henry Shreiner, Lititz RD2, will be at 9:30 a.m. First program event will be a National Plant Food Institute presentation on soil testing and farm management.

At 10 a.m. J. A. McCurdy, PSU Extension Irrigation engineer will discuss improved methods of determining when and how to irrigate, water supply, costs and acreage needed for profitable irrigation.

At 10:45, Dr. Carlton Taylor, PSU Extension plant pathologist, will present a control program for the entire season for diseases of tomatoes, lima beans, peas, carrots and pumpkins.

At 11:15, J. O. Pepper, extension entomologist, will discuss methods of recognition and control of insects of the above vegetable crops.

C. M. Wilson, Penna. Farmer's Assn. secretary, will talk on labor problems facing growers today. His talk will start at 11:30 a.m. and include housing requirements, sanitation and other regulations farmers must comply with in hiring workers.

A platter dinner, cafeteria style, will be served at the pavilion at noon.

At 1:30 p.m. J. O. Dutt, extension vegetable specialist, will discuss essentials in vegetable production, soil building, contouring, cultural practices, fertilization and weed control.

At 2 p.m. tomato, peas and lima bean yield and grade production champions for 1958 will be recognized. J. Collins McSparran, Dru- more, and Master of the Pen-

na. Grange, will discuss future trends, honoring of contracts, quality demands of consumers, regional competition, integration, marketing and economic units in size of operation, at 2:15 p.m.

The meeting will close after a question and answer session at 3 p.m.

Local Trio Reelected



Amos H. Funk

A trio of county farmers were returned to top posts in a state farm organization this week.

Amos H. Funk, was re-elected as president of the Penna. Vegetable Growers Assn., during the group's annual meeting on the Penn State Campus.

Rudolph Grob, also of Millersville RD 1, was returned to office as state secretary-treasurer; and Paul Rowe, Strasburg RD 1, returned to the board of directors.

Outstanding Young Farmers



Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Kauffman, Manheim RD 1, center, receive congratulations Tuesday evening on Kauffman's award as Outstanding Young Farmer of Lancaster County for 1958. Extending accolades are Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Hess, Jr., Strasburg RD 1. Hess was OYF for 1957 in the annual selections conducted by the Lancaster, Strasburg and New Holland Junior Chambers of Commerce. Kauffman is an active community worker and president of the County Holstein-Friesian Assn.

Farm Show Section

The annual Lancaster Farming Farm Show Section will be found in this issue on pages 5-12. The section includes a complete preview story, the show schedule and reports on the county's 16 Keystone Farmer FFA award winners.

Farm Price Index Drops Three Points

HARRISBURG—A three point drop in the index of prices received by Pennsylvania farmers for all their products in the month ended December 15 was reported today by the State Department of Agriculture.

The Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service said the index for all farm products stood at 238 on December 15, eight points under the same date last year. An index of 100 equals the 1910-14 base price period.

Lower prices for wholesale milk, eggs and broiler chickens were cited as the principal cause for the decline in the index since all groups except dairy products, poultry and eggs recorded gains in the 30-day period.

Higher prices were received for corn, wheat, oats, soy beans and apples. Boosting the index for all crops four points above the previous month. Corn, at \$1.20 per bushel, averaged five cents above the November 15 level, but except for last month was at its lowest since August 1943.

The higher prices received for beef cattle cows and calves were more than enough to offset a drop of 40 cents a hundredweight for hogs. In view of this, the meat animal index rose one point above the November level.

Nationally, the index of prices received by farmers decreased two per cent (five points) to 246 per cent of the 1910-14 average.

28.5 million, compared with 24.6 million last year. Total hatchings Jan. 3-24 will be 11 per cent above last year.

County Crop Reporters Tabbed for Recognition

HARRISBURG—Two veteran Lancaster County Farmers are to be honored January 15 at the Farm Show for 35 or more years of service as volunteer crop reporters.

They are H. S. Royer of Strata, and Ernest W. Eshelman, of Gordonville.

Dewey O. Boster, Statistician-in-charge of the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service, said Royer and Eshelman are among a group of 17 Keystone State farmers who will receive certificates

of appreciation for their crop reporting activities.

Royer has been reporting crop data for his locality since 1920 and has not missed sending in a single report since monthly reports were begun in 1947. Eshelman has been a crop reporter since 1924.

Boster explained that the farmers will receive their awards at a statewide meeting of crop reporters. State Secretary of Agriculture W. L. Henning will present the certificates.

County TB Tests Start Monday

Dr. J. B. Mayer, Bureau of Animal Industry, Harrisburg, reminded county farmers this week the three-year tuberculin retest of county herds will begin Monday.

The program will include all county herds not participating in the individual herd plan of Tuberculosis eradication.

Herd owners not enrolled in the individual plan, may select a local tester between pasture and season to test their cattle.

County Farmers Earn State Honors

Lancaster County will be honored through two outstanding potato growers during the Penna. Co-op Potato Growers Assn. banquet, Jan. 15, at Harrisburg.

Victor J. Denlinger, Paradise, had the state's third highest 1958 potato production with 773-bushel-per-acre yield, while Leroy Kreider, Kinzers, was 2nd with 726 bushels. Denlinger had the 1948 state championship.

Farm Calendar

Jan. 10—Society No. 2 January meeting, Society No. 7 Jan. meeting.

Lancaster Co. Poultry Assn. Barbecue, 2-5 p.m. at Center.

Jan. 12—8 p.m. Fulton Grange, Oakryn Grange Hall.

Jan. 12—7:30 p.m. Southern Lancaster County 4-H Tractor club, 1959 organization meeting. Conestoga Farm Supply, Quarryville.

Jan. 14—7:30 p.m. 4-H Electric Club meeting, PP&L Building, Lancaster.

Jan. 14—10 a.m. Lanc Co. ASC committee, ASC office.

Jan. 15—7:30 p.m. Northern Lancaster County 4-H Tractor club, 1959 organization meeting Landis Bros Farm Equipment store, Manheim.

Jan. 15—Society 15, Jan meeting.

Jan. 17—Soc No 8, Soc. No. 3, Soc. No. 9, Soc. No. 12, Soc. No. 13 January meeting.

Jan. 21—Vegetable Growers Field Day, Guernsey Pavilion.—10 a.m.

Jan. 26—8 p.m. Fulton Grange, Oakryn Grange Hall.

Jan. 27—8 p.m., Lanc. Co. Extension Association, Farm Bureau aud. 1 p.m., Lanc. Co. Farm Bureau Cooperative.

Broiler Chick Placements Up 22 Per Cent

Placement of broiler chicks for week ending Jan. 7, increased 22 per cent from the previous week to a total of 873,000, and were 25 per cent above the same week in 1958.

Outshipments were 236,000, inshipments were 64,000. Indicated number of Pa. broilers for market about 10 weeks from now is 791,000, compared to 681,000 last year. Eggs set for broiler chick production totaled 1,477,000, up 23 per cent from the previous week.

Total hatching of broiler chicks during Jan. 3-24 will be about two per cent below last year.

22 State Report

Placement of chicks in the 22 broiler producing states totaled 31,347,000, up 10 per cent from the previous week. This was 17 per cent above the corresponding week last year.

Pa., Del., N. Car., Ala., Louisiana and California showed the greatest percentage increases over the previous week.

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