

# Lancaster Farming

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\$2 Per Year

## 'My Land Is The Way I Want It'

### Here's How Mark Greider Became 'Farmer of the Year'

"When we took over this place, every time it rained we had a river right through the lots and around the barn from that field. Now even after a hard rain, you have to hunt a puddle of water."

These words were spoken, not by the subject of this article, but by his son. The words tell an outstanding success story of conservation farming in Lancaster County; the choice of source—a typical Lancaster County story of family farm operations.

Our subject is Mark Greider, Lancaster RD 2. A native of the county with some 60 years residence here, Mr Greider has established a long and enviable record of farming success and community service.

The veteran Manor Township Supervisor was honored this year with selection as "Conservation Farmer of the Year" for the local Soil Conservation District, which he also serves as an associate director.

But when it came time for an interview on his selection he stated bluntly, 'If it hadn't been for my boys' insisting on it back in 1951, I might not be farming on the contour yet. We have to look to our youngsters for progress, and on conservation I'm very thankful for my sons.'

It was Harold, 29, father of a boy and girl, and a part-

ner in the Greider operation, who told of the difference in water runoff from conservation.

Harold and C. Robert, 31 and father of four boys, live on the "upper place" on Columbia RD 2. It is there Greider contouring started.

But, to start at the beginning

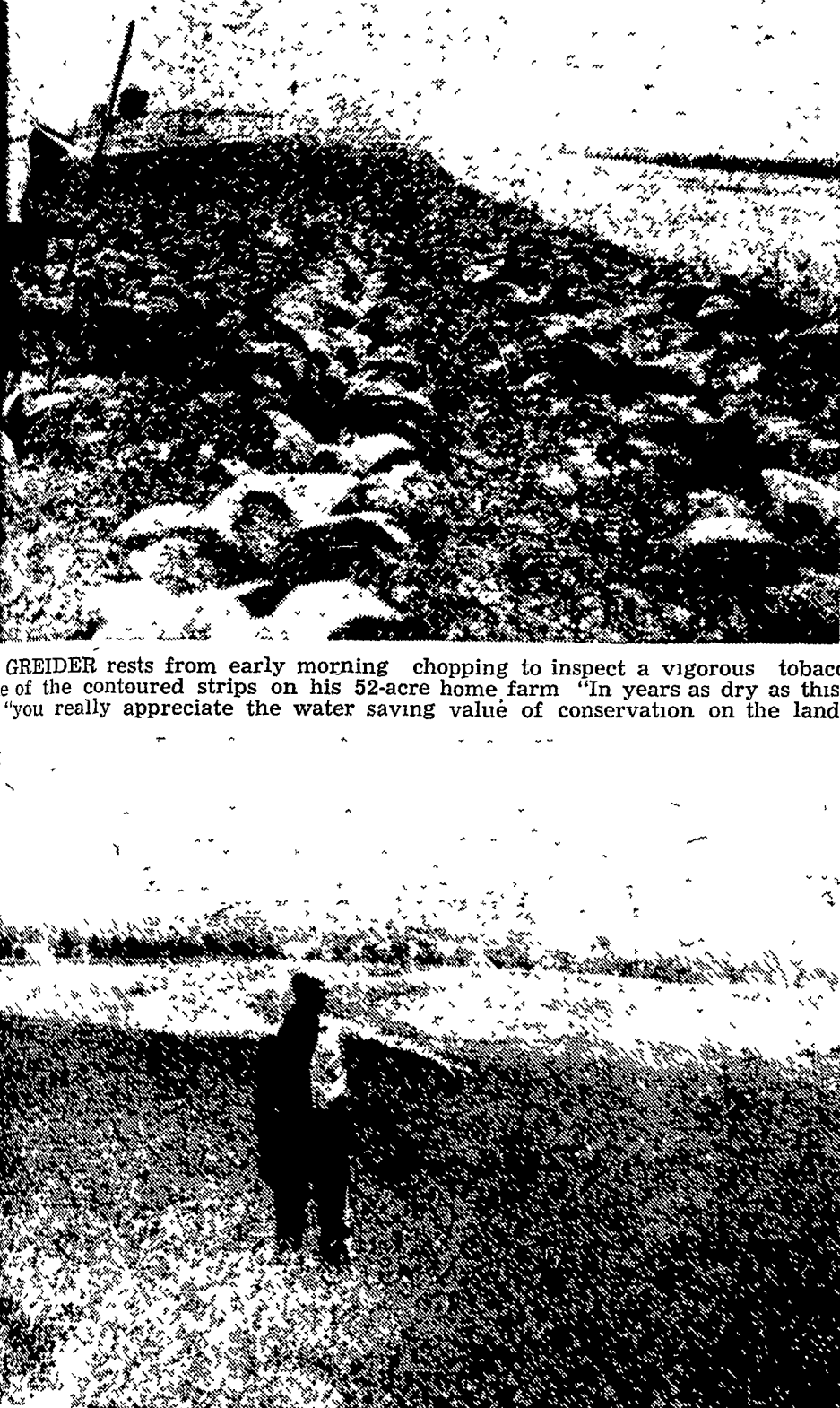
Mark Greider was born some 60 years ago on what is known now as the Ferris Miller farm in Rapho Twp. He was plowing behind horses at age 11.

He started on the "home place", between Mountville and Millersville in 1931.

On this 52 acre farm Mr. and Mrs. Greider raised their family of four sons, which also includes Martin, a Lancaster electrician—with two girls and two boys — and Kenneth, a pre-engineering student at E-town College, top hand on the home place and father of two girls.

About here a proud grandfather points out that if you have kept count, that's 11 grandchildren.

In 1950, the family operation was expanded with the purchase of 120 acres, six miles northwest, to provide (Turn to page 9)



GREIDER rests from early morning chopping to inspect a vigorous tobacco crop of the contoured strips on his 52-acre home farm "In years as dry as this", "you really appreciate the water saving value of conservation on the land."

### Broiler-Type Placements Off

Broiler-type chicks placed in Penna—during the week ending July 4 totaled \$14,000 up 11 per cent from the previous week, but down 14 per cent from the same year-ago week, according to the state crop reporting service.

Penna. hatcherymen shipped 190,000 broiler - type chicks out of state, with 49,000 in-shipments

Indicated number of Penna broilers for market in about 10 weeks is 705,000, compared with 929,000 last year

Broiler-type eggs set during the week totaled 1,256,000, up three per cent from the previous week, but down 16 per cent from the corresponding week last year

Placements in the 22 important broiler producing states during the week ending July 4 totaled 337 million, up slightly from the previous week, down five per cent from last year.

### Penn State's Baker Cited for Survey

Dr Ralph L Baker, Professor of Marketing at the Pennsylvania State University, was recently cited for his contributions to the work of the poultry survey committee of the American Feed Manufacturers Association, Inc

A member of the poultry survey committee, Dr. Baker served with four other prominent researchers in land-grant colleges and state universities.

### Conestoga Collegian Earns National Honor

Roland P. Gehman, Conestoga RD 2, a June graduate of Penn State, ranked first in undergraduate awards for technical papers, as announced at the recent meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers at Cornell University.

Gehman received \$50 and expenses to the national meeting. Majoring in agricultural engineering, Gehman wrote a report entitled 'A Proposed Reserving Clutch and Control System for Self-Propelled Windrower.'

### FIVE - DAY

#### WEATHER

#### FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

U. S. Weather Bureau,

Lancaster Office

Temperatures will average about normal to three degrees below normal range of 66-87. Cooler over weekend. Warmer Tuesday or Wednesday. Showers occurring mainly over weekend. Little hope for substantial rain from Hurricane Cindy. At last reports storm expected to move out to sea off Virginia Capes, leaving little but showers in S. E. Penna.

### East Pa. Hay Show Set For Aug. 27-29

Continued emphasis on better hay crops, the annual series of district Hay Shows will be held at five locations in Pennsylvania. The first will be at Hershey for the 16-county Southeast district.

Shows will be conducted by extension staff, John E. Baylor, in cooperation with farmers and a score of sponsors

For the other shows district Sept 22 at Pennsylvania State University farm near Search Hall Northwest, Lee Turk farm, Swilleville Southwest, Penn State research farm near Ligonier North-

23 Grange Hall, The sixteen counties embraced in the Southeast show—Dauphin, Lebanon, Berks, Schuylkill, Bucks, Lehigh, Northampton, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Delaware, Adams, Chester, Lancaster, York, Franklin and Cumberland—will bring, or send, their hay samples to Hershey the morning of Aug. 27

They will be judged at 1 o'clock that afternoon The show, in Hershey stadium, will be open to the public Aug 27, 28 and 29

A Hay Day will be held as an added attraction Aug 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in a 40-acre alfalfa field adjoining the stadium All phases of haymaking are to be demonstrated — from mowing to baling

Among equipment to be featured will be a self-propelled combination mower-crusher-windrower that does all three in one operation. Others will be tandem rakes, bale throwers and batch hay drying equipment.

Winners of the first three places will get free chemical analyses of their hay, and first and second place winners will be entitled to exhibit hay in corresponding classes at the 1960 Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Selected again as judge for all of the shows is William H. Hosterman, Washington, D. C., a native Pennsylvanian from Spring Hills, Centre county

Hay expert with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, he has judged nearly all of the district shows and also the Farm Show hay exhibits.

At Hershey the defending grand champion will be the Hershey Estate farms which won last August with field cured, late cut alfalfa.