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Caution in Joining Hog Partnership Deals

Reports have reached the Lancaster Farming magazine of recent efforts in the county to interest farmers in joining hog partnerships. We haven't been approached to join in one of these ventures, but decided to investigate, in the interest of our readers. Following is an article reprinted from the July 18, 1959 issue of the Farmer, popular Corn Belt farm magazine. We report this week from a farm writer friend in Lancaster that the founder of "one of the outfits" had bragging up a half million dollars in just a few years. We urge our readers to study this article from Lancaster Farming and consider well before signing any agreement of this type.)

The "Breed" scheme has been used to take advantage of a number of Iowa farmers. Several have come to Lancaster recently seeking help. But little can be done

for farmers who signed contracts 2 or 3 years ago to produce a breed of hogs on a "partnership" basis.

The promoter hasn't paid them as well as the glib salesman promised. He told one Iowa farmer that he'd net \$1,000 a year after expenses for 3 years, his gross income has been less than \$100 a month. And out of this he paid feed and other costs for a boar, sows, and their pigs for 8 months of the year.

Some farmers have taken a hard look at their contract and they find they are on the short end of the deal. How the deal works. The boar is sold half in breeding unit of three to five gilts and one boar at \$375 for each animal. He pays all costs of feeding and caring for the hogs. The promoter, who keeps a legal half-interest in all animals, agrees to advertise and sell as many as he can. The contract specified that the promoter handles all sales of animals, and divides the income with the farmer. The company advertised a \$200 average price to be paid for animals that qualify as breeding stock. Actually, farmers got but half of slaughter price for the majority of pigs they produced. Since most boars went

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USDA Frozen Egg Buying Stopped

The USDA has announced suspension of frozen egg purchases. Bids were accepted last week on 650,325 lbs. of dried whole egg solids, the equivalent of approximately 65,032 cases of shell eggs.

The Dept. purchased 4,110,000 lbs. of frozen eggs, at a cost of \$1,001,400, since it began buying frozen eggs on June 18.

A total of \$9,382,300 has been expended on purchases of 8,321,850 lbs. of dried eggs since the beginning of the surplus removal program

However, the retail price of eggs during period of severely depressed farm prices, has seldom it ever adequately reflected possible savings to consumers.

Some retailers used the depressed egg market to supply them with a "loss leader" to stimulate traffic in their stores, but generally, the farmer's losses went into the middleman's pocket

Bar-B-Q Finances W. Lampeter Fair

The West Lampeter Community Fair, Inc. has scheduled its Fifth Annual Chicken Brbecue at Lampeter Community Center Pavilion from 4 to 8 p.m., Saturday, August 8, according to Roy B. Herr, general chairman.

Herr reports this year tickets will be \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children under 12 years of age.

All proceeds will be deposited to finance the 1959 Fair

youngster (16 years or under), who sells \$15 worth of tickets.

For sales of \$25 or more, a free ticket and pen will be given. For the greatest sales volumes reported by 6.00 p.m., August 5, there will be prizes of \$5 for 1st; \$3 for 2nd, and \$2 for third high sales

Pa., W. Va. and Ohio Growers Reject Federal Wheat Program

Approximately 80.7 of the U. S. wheat producers voting in the July wheat program referendum favored a continuation of the program for 1960, according to a USDA announcement.

This was a loss of about 3.4 per cent of the growers in favor of the federal programs, while remaining a full 14 per cent more than the two-thirds majority needed.

Pennsylvania growers were among those of three states, including Ohio and West Virginia, which failed to give the program even a simple majority.

New York growers voted

votes running around 88-95 per cent, had the greatest regional support.

The Wheat Bowl, of Nebraska - 74%; Colorado 79.7 per cent; Kansas 74.9 per cent; Montana 90.8 per cent; N. Dak. 91.8 per cent; Okla. 80 per cent; S. Dak. 91.6 per cent, and Texas 85.7 per cent remained about as usual in support.

S. Carolina, with 95.9 per cent in favor, had the highest percentage of "Yes" votes.

Nearly 130,000 of the total 199,240 votes cast came from the eight Wheat Bowl states.

Rose Tour Is Wed.

Rose 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Clubs annual tour scheduled for Wednesday in the southern end of Lancaster County, according to Max M. Smith, county agent.

The tour starts at 8:30 a.m. at the home of Fred W. Linton, Quarryville RD 2. (1 1/2 miles of town on Rt. 472, west of Quarryville, on the left side of the road.)

The tour will enable club members to see some of the best in the club and to receive feeding and management information of other members.

Scheduled stops are as follows: at the following homes, in order: Fred W. Linton, Quarryville RD 2; Kenneth Weaver, Quarryville 1, and Judy and Jay Ranck, Quarryville 1.

The noon stop will be at the Memorial Park in Quarryville. Each family is to bring its own food and utensils. Soft drinks and ice cream will be available.

The stop will include ball games and other recreation. Afternoon stops will include:

Mary Jane Herr, Refton; Carol and Kenneth Hess, of Strasburg 1, and Nancy Landis, Strasburg 1.

Tomato Field Days Slated For Tues. & Wed. in County

Lancaster County Extension Service has scheduled a series of Tomato Field Day programs for Aug 4 - 5, with Penn State tomato specialists appearing.

The meets will be: Aug. 4, 6:30 p.m., Herbert Royer farm, Lancaster RD 5, 1 1/2 miles northeast of Lancaster, off Rt. 222.

Aug. 5, 9:30 a.m., Henry Shreiner farm, Lititz RD2, 1 mile NE of Elm.

Aug. 5, 6:30 p.m., J. Lester Charles farm, Manheim RD 1, half mile west of the Field Research Lab, north of Landisville.

Dr. Carlton Taylor, extension disease specialist, will discuss tomato diseases.

Dauphin-Lebanon Area Hay Drying Tour Slated

Four farms featuring batch and wagon dryers have been listed by the Northeastern Hay Drying Association as stops on a tour August 5 in Dauphin and Lebanon counties.

Stanley Gates, Lafayette Hill, association president, said the hay drying tour—open to the public—will start at Hershey Estates Farms where a 6,000-bale capacity batch dryer and new type hay making machines will be in operation.

These machines will include a self-propelled unit that cuts, crushes and winds a 10-foot swath in one operation; also three different brands of mower-crushers, two rakes connected in tandem and a bale thrower.

The tour will assemble at the Hershey Community Theater parking lot at 10:30, and after the tour of the Hershey farms luncheon will be served at 11:45 at Cocoa Inn.

First of the afternoon-stops all in Lebanon county, will be 1.15 at the Mark C Hershey place, Lebanon, RD 5, on Highway 322 near Quantin.

There the tourists will see a five-unit wagon dryer used in preparation of home-mixed feed for a large poultry flock.

SPABC Tallies First Million First Services

The five year old Registered Holstein, Roaring Maples Lucifer Galaxy, became the millionth cow to be serviced by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeding Cooperative.

This accomplishment came about through the fifteen years of service rendered by the S.P.A.B.C. to dairy herds in Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware State.

L. Galaxy was born and raised on the Roaring Maples Farm, owned and operated by the Harold Book Family which is located approximately seven miles east of Lancaster.

Mr. Book has been a member of the Cooperative since its origin. During the past fifteen years he bred a total of 369 first services for an average of twenty-four first services each year at an average of 70% efficiency on a 60-90 day non-return basis.

L. Galaxy has three completed lactations that total 30,184 lbs. of milk and 1,508 lbs. of fat. She was serviced and is carrying calf to the 'Excellent Gold Medal Sire, SH53 Langdonhurst Ormsby Burke Lad.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Monday - Wednesday will avg. near range of 66 - 86. Over the weekend, less humid, Warmer with scattered showers Wednesday fair. Precipitation in less than .5 in; .75; Safe 1 in., and Holtz. in. Fall. Lancaster normal is 4.7; normal at Waterford Holtz. Har. ighly under normal Thursday.