VOL. 5. NO. 5

#### Does The 1960 Agriculture **Picture**

# County Agriculturalists **Express Their Views**

Lancaster Farming asked some of the agricultural leaders in the county to express their thoughts on the agricultural situation during the past year, and their predictions for the year ahead. The general trend seemed to be stand the cost squeeze. that agriculture did not fare too badly in 1959 and the picture looks about the same, or perhaps just a little bit brighter for 1960, but most agriculturalists cautioned that Membership Relations, Lanefficiency would be the watchword in the coming days.

Specialization and consolidation were mentioned by several of the contributors Most felt that costs of production will be the control ling factor in the economic picture during the coming year. Following are the reports received.



MAX SMITH

of low sub-soil moisture.

are filled with winter feed the youth achievements and supplies Most livestock enterprises returned dependable incomes while the poultry industry was a bit unsteady

The outlook for 1960 se-M. M SMITH, County Ag ems to contain no major ricultural Extension Agent: changes but a trend toward The year 1959 was a bit higher production costs Ma better than average for mo-terials, supplies, and labor, st farmers; weather condi- are all expected to come at tions were average for a go higher figures in 1960 Pri-od growing season in soite ces of major farm commodi es are expected to remain teady which means slighty reduced net income to ino t producers.

The expansion of most fa m enterprises will no doubt ontinue in order to reduce costs through greater production I predict more specialization and less diversification on many more dairy and livestock farms in the next few years.

mand will continue to be

NEW YEAR.

general public.

No doubt farming will continue to be successful in Pennsylvania southeastern for the coming year, but bet ter management and greater efficiency on larger units will be essential to with-

WAYNE B RENTSCHLER caster County Farm Bureau

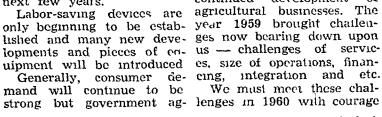
In looking back over 1959 I feel a measure of pride owing crops were good and and satisfaction over the most barns and storage bins many agricultural activities

WAYNE B. RENTSCHLER

continued development

We must meet these chal-

The staff of Lancaster Farming would like to take this opportunity to wish to each of our friends, A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS



ions in order to protect the must take greater interest faimers can not be met. in and share responsibilities eting the challenges.

general understanding of ec or is going to widen onomic civil, and secral fac. We must recognize that tors, as well as the factors the credit pattern in our of quality, service, and pri-country's agriculture has ce in order to keep pace changed in the past few with our countless achievements.

ward to preserve our Free- the farmer should make the dom of Choice, which is one best use possible of his finof the basic pillars of our ances whether they be his American economic system

STANLEY MUSSELMAN, public relations, Lancaster County National Bank

Our bank has always look



STANLEY MUSSELMAN

ed upon Agriculture as an season in 1959. There was outstanding industry in our under normal rainfall durcounty. Even in these times

encies will continue to tig- and good judgement. Both of "tight money", we see no hten up production regulat- our urban and rural folks reason why the needs of

> Unit costs of production in the marketing and pro- vary in every business. This duction of food and fibre, is no different in Farming. and the necessary tools ne- According to predictions we eded to do the jobs in me- are approaching a period during which the margin be In the days ahead we ne- tween the efficient operator ed the complete program of and the submarginal operat-

> We must recognize that vears The capital and ciedit requirements per farm It is through "Together- and per man have increased ness" that we will go for- We feel that for this reason own capital or in the form of credit.

> > WILLIS ESBENSHADE, Agricultural Extension Seivice, Executive Committee

> > The Lancaster County far mer has had a good growing



WILLIS ESBENSHADE

(Turn to page 10)

#### For Cattle Health

## Ventilate Dairy Barn

the dairy barn contributes nths is unsatisfactory and many things to the success risky under the best attenof the enterprise; however, tion and mangement. two major advantages stand We recommend that dairy out toward making this premen install an electric fan actice quite profitable: (1) exhaust system to remove More efficient production of the foul, moisture-laden, ava the herd and (2) Greater 1m air from the barn; this preservation of the farm structure. Both of these items are very important if the FIVE - DAY dairyman is to stay in busi-

At the present time nearly all dairy barns are filled to capacity since the trend is toward larger heids; unless some system of forced ventilation is establihed, ma ny herd owners will experience additional management problems The manual control of doors and win-

### EARLY PAPER

In order to give the staff a holiday. Lancaster Farming will be printed on Thursday instead of Friday this week and next. For this reason, some of the markets normally carried will be omitted from these two issues. After the issue of January 2, the paper will again go to press on Friday and the regular markets will be carried.

The proper ventilation of dows during the winter mo-

(Turn to Page 5)

### WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures during the next five days will average 2 to 5 degrees below normal. Normal temperatures for this area range from a low of 25 at night to a high of 40 in the afternoon. Slightly warmer over the week end, but continued rather cold. Some light snow ending sometime Saturday is expected. Chance of snow again about Monday. Temperature early Wednesday morning was the coldest of the season to date, when thermometers read 8 degrees in the county. Precipitation during the week was the 2 inches of snow on Monday.



COWS AND OTHER MATURE CATTLE give off considerable heat from their bodies all the time. Small calves give off much less heat, and for this reason need to be kept in a place that does not rob them of too much of their body heat. Ventilation fans may be of many different kinds, shapes and sizes, but all of them should be installed with the young stock in mind. If the calves are kept in the barn where the cows are stabled, it is a good plan to locate the fan over or near the calf pens. This will cause the warmer air to be drawn from the rest of the barn over the backs of the calves, as in this picture. If the fan is located over the calves, extra caution must be exercised to make sure that there are no openings in the building near the calf pens to cause a draft on the young animals. The fan here is a double model controlled by a thermostat. One half of the umt is in continuous operation while the other half is controlled by the barn temperature

L F PHOTO