

● **Alfred Overly**
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Earl R1. When he enrolled in the on-the-farm training classes under the G.I. Bill of Rights at the Lampeter Strasburg High School in 1956 the young farmer listed his total net worth as \$4,100.

Switching from a dairy cattle feeding program based mostly on corn stover forage to one based on alfalfa hay, Overly was able to raise the milk production of his 25 cow herd by 100 pounds of milk per day almost immediately.

Using the records as a springboard, Overly adapted other modern and scientific farming methods to improve the agriculture on the home farm. "The pencil is one of the best tools I have" Overly says.

After the death of his father and grandfather Overly found the home farm being sold to settle the estate. In 1959 he purchased his present farm near Unicorn in Southern Lancaster county and moved his family onto it in March of last year.

A dairy program built around 96 acres of corn and alfalfa includes 24 cows and about the same number of young stock. To balance out the program, Overly raises five acres of tobacco and four acres of tomatoes. Five acres of woodland and 20 acres of permanent pasture along with small acreages of small grain round out the farm operation.

From the humble beginning, Overly and his wife, Barbara, a former Oklahoma native, have built their net worth to \$39,287 this year.

They have two daughters and a son.

Selection for the Outstanding Young Farmer award was based on the following points: Financial status, 25; Livestock production practices, 15; Crop production practices, 16; Farm mechanics practices and labor saving devices, 10; Purchasing and marketing practices, 10; Participation in community activities, 10; and Young Farmer leadership, 15 points.

The 32 year old farmer is currently serving his second consecutive term as regional vice president of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association and is president of the West Lampeter Young Farmers.

Overly is the third Outstanding Regional Young Farmer from Lampeter-Strasburg in four years. In 1958 John Jacob Oberholtzer, of Leola was selected, and in 1959, Elvin Krantz, of New Providence R1 was awarded the honor. George Myers, teacher of vocational agriculture, is advisor of the Lampeter Young Farmer chapter.

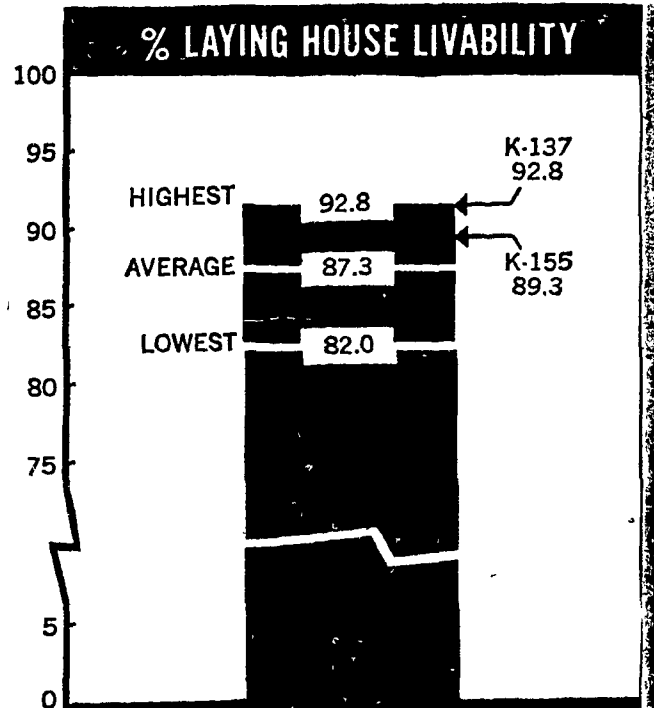


A PLAQUE REPRESENTING HIS SELECTION as outstanding Young Farmer of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Region was presented last week to Alfred R. Overly, Quarryville R2, second from left, by George Derr, left, assistant state supervisor of vocational agriculture and advisor of the state Young Farmers Association. Looking on are Mrs. Overly and Paul Kline, Litz R2. Kline received a certificate for outstanding work in the Young Farmer Association.

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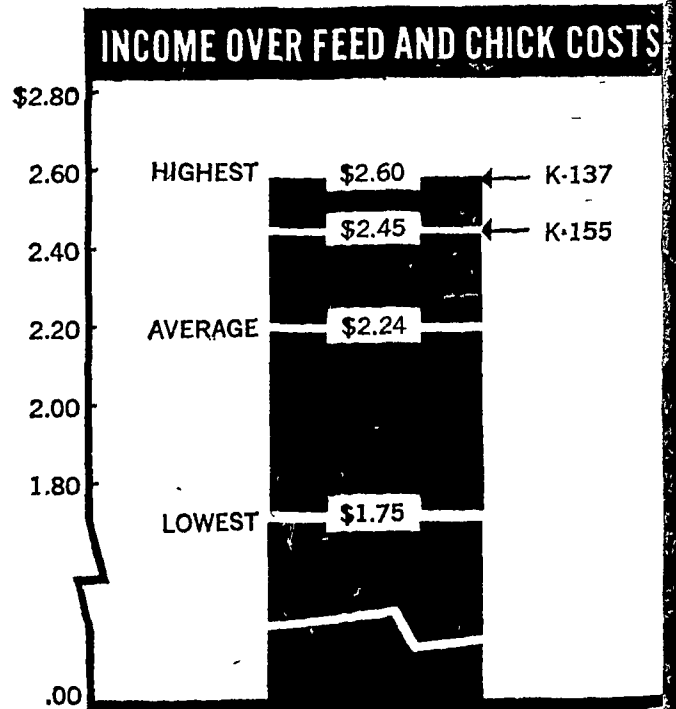
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