

# Lancaster Farming

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EXHIBITING HIS CHAMPIONSHIP wildlife display at the first 4-H Wildlife club roundup is Jay Foreman, Lititz R1, left, president of the club. Complimenting Jay on the work he has done during the year is Jack Rockelman, assistant York County Agent, judge of the competition. Among the other wildlife conservation projects in the display was the wood duck nesting box made from a discarded nail keg. Foreman showed how inexpensive material found around any farm can be used to construct wildlife conservation projects. There were seven other exhibits on display.

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## 4-H Wildlife Club President Wins Exhibit Roundup Prize

The president of Lancaster County's only 4-H Wildlife club showed members of the club he deserves his post Wednesday night when he exhibited the championship display of wildlife conservation materials.

Winning out over the seven other exhibits, Foreman drew the compliments of judge, Jack Rockelman, Assistant York County Agent, for his use of inexpensive and easily-obtained materials for the construction of his exhibit.

Foreman, a 19 year old graduate of Manheim Township High School, has been a 4-H club member in community clubs for 10 years. His projects have included tobacco, beekeeping, entomology, electric and gardening.

At present he and his father, Vernon Foreman, farm 67 acres at Lititz R1, where they keep a dairy herd of 30 cows. Tied for second in the com-

petition were the exhibits of Carl Siegrist, Lititz R3 and J. Marvin Shenk, Lititz R4. Annette Long, Lititz R3 placed fourth.

Prizes awarded to the four winners were donated by the Animal Trap Company of America at Lititz.

Adult leaders of the club are Mr and Mrs Melvin Long, Lititz R3, and Robert Long, Lititz.

Foreman was in charge of the first annual roundup of the club.

## Planting Intentions For Spring Show Farmers Will Seed More

Pennsylvania farmers intend to plant more acreage to corn, barley and soybeans, to keep tobacco and oats acreages unchanged, and to make a reduction in potatoes and hay.

The Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service said today that intended acreages for the nine principal crops of the State total 4,699,000 acres for the 1962 crop year. This compares with 4,749,000 acres planted for harvest last year. Compared with the 10-year average all crops except tobacco show an acreage decline with the collective total down 11 per cent.

Total food grain acreage will be 2 per cent more than last year. Corn is expected to be up 3 per cent to 1,201,000 acres, but still 6 per cent below the 10-year average. Last year's small acreage was par-

tially due to poor weather conditions during planting season. Oats acreage is intended to be unchanged at 613,000 acres. Barley, most of which is planted in the fall, increased 1 per cent to 190,000 acres.

Acreage planted to food grains — wheat and rye — is down 13 per cent from a year earlier. Winter wheat, at 495,000 acres, also was off 13 per cent and rye, at 26,000 acres was down 10 per cent. Dry weather at planting time accounts for some of the declines. Snow cover was poor through the coldest part of the winter and there is some evidence of heaving and winter kill. The full extent of the damage is yet to be determined.

Pennsylvania potato growers will continue their down-

## Direct Seeding Tomatoes Promising, Specialist Says

Direct seeding of tomatoes is the coming revolution in the vegetable growing business, James Dutt, Extension vegetable specialist from the Pennsylvania State University told Lancaster County Farmers and custom spray operators Wednesday.

Speaking at a pest control and spray meeting in the Lancaster Poultry Center, Dutt said the big problem heretofore in the direct seeding method (planting tomato seed directly in the field with a corn planter or similar machine) has been an effective weed control program.

With two new herbicides, Solan and Tillam, the weed

control problem may be on the way out.

Increased yield is not the only factor to be considered in deciding to use chemicals for weed control, he said. "I'm convinced too many farmers do a poor job of plowing and then try to fit the soil and they overwork it and push out all the air and water-holding capacity."

In tests last year he said, direct-seeded tomatoes sprayed with Solan yielded 25 tons per acre.

He also mentioned Diphenamid, a herbicide which has looked favorable for use on cabbage, green and lima

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## Swine Herds Growing Co. Breeders Are Told

About 300 swine breeders in the state have sow herds of 20 or more sows, a livestock specialist said Thursday night.

Speaking at the annual banquet of the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association, Dwight Younkin said the trend is toward larger swine herds.

He told the 264 members and guests that hog numbers in the state are down as smaller breeders close out their herds. He predicted a "fair" year for swine producers.

Younkin suggested that breeders consider using half brothers or herd sires that have produced desirable offspring to breed for more uniformity in the herds.

## Future Farmers Win Awards

Three Lancaster County Future Farmers were awarded medals in the state Project Record contest Wednesday at Harrisburg.

Two members from the Grasslands chapter won top medals in the four-enterprise phase of the farming program contest.

Winners of the coveted gold medal were Kenneth Sauder and Carl L. Gehman, both of Garden Spot High School, New Holland.

Paul Welk of Garden Spot FFA Chapter, received a silver medal, according to the announcement made by James C. Fink, state FFA adviser.

Forty-one medals and five honorable mention awards were granted, the largest number of honors for any of the vocational agriculture contests in which members compete.

The four-enterprises contest had 75 programs qualified for statewide judging after school county and area eliminations in the 28 vocational (Continued on page 7)

He suggested that managers of barrow shows consider the adoption of carcasses as a standard in evaluating breeding progress in producing meat type.

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## Agri. Council To Discuss City, County Planning

Land use in Lancaster County will be the subject for discussion at the meeting of the Lancaster County Agricultural Council.

C. Bickley Foster, Lancaster County Planning Commission, and Burnell Cohen, Lancaster City Redevelopment Authority will discuss the parts their organizations will play in the future of Lancaster County.

County Agent, Max M. Smith will lead an informal discussion of the individuals attending the Ag-Industrial Conference recently at York.

Officers for the coming year will be elected at the meeting scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 29, in the Lancaster County Farm Bureau Cooperative Association Auditorium, Dillerville Rd., in Lancaster.

## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average near the normal range of 35 at night to 55 in the afternoon. No marked day to day changes in temperatures are expected. Precipitation may total 0.1 to 0.6 inch falling mainly near the end of the period, but with a chance of some rain Sunday or Sunday night.

## Farm Calendar

March — 7:30 p.m. - Lancaster County Future Farmers meet in the Elizabethtown High School.

March 27 — 7:30 p.m. - County 4-H tractor maintenance clubs roundup at the Farm Bureau building, Dillerville Road, Lancaster. 4-H Handyman club roundup at same time and place.

7:45 p.m. - Dairy Herd Improvement Association Workshop for all associations in the southern part of the county, at the new Solanco High School.

9:30 a.m. - Tobacco seed cleaning and treating demonstration at the farm of Harvey Metzler, Lancaster R4. Sponsored by the county.

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