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INACTIVITY IS ONE OF THE BIG PROBLEMS among pigs confined to a small area. Here two pigs play with the hose Kerry Fritz is using to wash down the feeding floor — a daily chore on the farm at Lititz R1. After the chores are done, Fritz sometimes gives the pigs a hose, a basketball, a rubber tire, innertube or anything of that nature to keep the pigs busy. These replacement gilts and boar pigs will go into the herd to produce crossbred feeder pigs and replacement stock. Manure from this feeding floor is hosed into a gutter outside the pen. From there the waste goes into a lagoon located down the hill from the pen. L. F. Photo

## Swine Sanitation Program Proven On Lititz Farm

Pigs never touch the ground from farrowing house to slaughterhouse at the Robert Henney farm Lititz R1

The sows are on pasture all the time except when they are in the farrowing crates or in the nursery with their litters, but the fattening hogs spend their short lifetimes on concrete floors

From the time the pigs are farrowed in a windowless farrowing house with thermostatically controlled ventilation and heating, to the time they are sold to the packer they are on a rigidly controlled program of sanitation and nutrition.

Henney, a teachers of vocational agriculture at Warwick Union High School as well as a farmer says he sometimes gets the feeling that all he does is jab hogs with needles all day

Each of his 72 sows gets an injection for cholera and erysipelas twice a year. The pigs get their needle teeth clipped and a shot of iron to prevent anemia on the second day after birth. At a week or 10 days each pig is injected with Percina, a substance for prevention of scours, and at the age of eight weeks each one gets a shot for cholera. This adds up to a lot of needles in a year's time when you con-

sider that the farm produces over 1,000 pigs per year

The entire layout of the new buildings on the farm is planned with an eye to efficiency of operation. When Henney acquired the farm, he decided not to use the existing barn in his hog operation. Instead, he constructed two sow shelters, a farrowing house, a pig nursery and a fattening floor

Most of the buildings are of pole type construction with concrete block walls and pea partitions. All the work on the buildings was done by Henney and one helper, James Boose.

Henney says he has learned quite a few things about the pig business in the year since he moved his animals into the new buildings

For example he says, one of the biggest problems, aside from disease which is always a threat in any operation, is inactivity of the feeder pigs on the fattening floors.

Unless they are given something to do to keep them occupied during part of the day, the pigs begin tail biting, fighting, and generally cause problems.

Henney has found that anything he can put into the pen for the porkers to play with reduces the trouble. Lengths of rubber hose, innertubes, tires or a basketball will give the pigs enough exercise to take their minds off trouble.

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## Wheat Yields Are Mostly Good; Straw Is Short, Good Quality

Wheat harvest began in earnest this week with farmers reporting yields of excess of 40 bushels per acre in most areas of the county.

Millers reported quality of the grain is high with test weights ranging from 59 to 62 pounds per bushel and moisture below 14 per cent in most cases. The only exception was in the extreme southern end of the county where heavy rains two weeks ago contributed to the moisture content which ranged from about 14 per cent up to 17.5 per cent. Even here the test weight was very high.

Farmers were being paid

prices at the mills ranging from about \$2.00 up to in excess of \$2.08. This is about 25 cents above harvest price last year.

Reports of widespread contracting for the wheat crop in the county appear to have been exaggerated, but there was a certain amount of contracting with dealers and

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## Farm Show Reorganizes At Manheim

Howard Swan, North Charlotte Street, Manheim, was elected president of the Manheim Community Farm Show Association, at the reorganization meeting Monday night in the agricultural room of the high school.

Other officers elected are first vice president, Roy Hershey, W. High Street, Manheim, second vice president John Bruckhart, Manheim R3, secretary, Mrs. Jane Eshelman, Mount Joy R1, treasurer, Kenneth Miller, Manheim R1, and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Abram Weidman, Manheim R1.

New directors of the association, elected for a three year

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## Milk Co-op Will Hear Top Officials

Two top officials of the Metropolitan Cooperative Milk Producers Bargaining agency will be the guest speakers at a special meeting of the cooperative in the county on Monday.

Arthur D. Little, Economist, and Thomas Tedesco, field man will address the meeting which is open to all dairymen of the county. It is being sponsored by the agency, the Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative and the Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative.

Little and Tedesco will discuss manufacturing milk prices.

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## Guernsey 4-H Plans Meeting

The July meeting of the Lancaster County Guernsey 4-H club will feature a fitting and showing demonstration and a picnic.

Members, meeting at the home of Robert McSparran, Peach Bottom, at 8 p.m. July 11, will have a picnic and observe a demonstration by two of their fellow members.

Donald Ankrum, son of Mr.

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## Entry Deadlines Announced For SPABC Show

July 14 has been set as the deadline for entries in the 1962 edition of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeding Cooperative show.

The two day affair this year will be held on the cooperative's grounds on the Rte 230 bypass west of Lancaster with Ayrshire, Guernsey, Brown Swiss and Jersey entries being judged July 31 and the Holstein entries going into the show ring August 2.

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## Potato Blight Not Present In Lancaster

Potato growers were cautioned this week to be on the look-out for late blight in the field.

County Agent M. M. Smith said this week, late blight has been found in small amounts in Somerset County, and the recent weather in some areas of York and Lancaster county has been just sufficient to permit the spread of the disease to spread if it is present in the fields. Recent weather has been steady, with much rain in

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## Poultry Ass'n Schedules Tour

Plans for the annual tour of the Lancaster County Poultry Association were announced this week by association president Mark Myer.

The tour this year will stop at points of interest in Chester, Bucks and Montgomery counties, on Wednesday, July 25.

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## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures during the five day period are expected to average two to five degrees below the normal range of 66 at night to 86 in the afternoon. Little day to day changes in temperatures are expected. Precipitation during the period is expected to be less than .2 inch falling as very light showers or drizzle mostly to the east of Lancaster County late in the period. No measurable rain is expected in the county during the period.

## Farm Calendar

July 9-12—9 a.m. — Farm management workshop for teachers of vocational agriculture in the Lampeter-Strasburg High School.

9-13 — Leadership training school for 4-H members in Washington, D. C. Two from Lancaster County going.

July 9-8 p.m. — Soil Conservation District meeting in the County Court House.

8 p.m. — Ayrshire-Jersey-Brown Swiss 4-H meeting

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