

# Lancaster Farming



MEMBERS OF THE SOLANCO YOUNG FARMERS tour discuss the 100 head milking string of Brown Swiss and Holstein on the Needmore Farm, Earlville, Md., with the owner George Fry, far right. Others are Raymond Mueller, Cecil County (Maryland) agent, William Fredd, Solanco teacher of vocational agriculture; Amos Rutt, tour chairman; Clyde Aument, president of the Solanco Young Farmers association and Mrs. Aument, Mrs. Clair DeLong, and Clair DeLong, a member of the Young Farmer chapter. The tour included a trip to Winterhall Holstein Farms and the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. L. F. Photo.

## Solanco Young Farmers On Tour Shepherds To Of Army Base and Maryland Farms Hold Meeting

Fifty three Southern Lancaster County Young Farmers and their families spent day touring farms and a military installation in Maryland on Wednesday of this week. Ray Wiles, a civilian employee at the Aberdeen Proving

Grounds and a member of the Solanco Young Farmers Chapter, conducted a guided tour of the installation where the group saw army trucks and tanks go through a series of maneuvers on the testing

A County-wide sheep meeting has been scheduled for all Lancaster County shepherds to be held on Tuesday evening, April 2, at 8 00 p. m. in the basement of the Farm Credit Association, 411 West Roseville Road, Lancaster.

At Needmore Farms near Cecilton, Maryland, the group saw a loose housing dairy operation where 100 head of Brown Swiss and Holstein cows are milked in a milking parlor set up

George Fry, owner of the farm, explained that he raises hay, corn and soybeans as well as wheat for sale on the 1,000 acre farm in addition to feed for the cattle. The dairymen

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## State SCD Has 8 Point Plan For Conservation

A new eight point conservation program for Pennsylvania has been announced by the Pennsylvania Association of Soil Conservation District Directors. Amos Funk, president said this week.

The program calls for establishment of a Water Research Center to be operated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, acceleration of land inventories in the commonwealth, improvement of Rural-Urban cooperation, recognition of district water activities, a step up in watershed construction, publication of a conservation

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Ben Morgan, Livestock Extension Specialist from Pennsylvania State University will be the main speaker. He will discuss the sheep situation in the country as well as discuss recommended feeding and management practices. Morgan is also in charge of importing western ewes into Pennsylvania growers wanting to order ewes this summer should be at this meeting.

Dr. George B. Smith, Federal Veterinarian, at the Lancaster Union Stock Yards, will also attend this meeting to discuss the Sheep Scabies eradication program; he will also be able to answer questions relating to sheep disorders and inter-farm shipments.

## Swine Growers Plan Banquet

Three directors will be elected at the annual banquet of the County Swine Producers Association next week.

The banquet, scheduled to begin at 6 30 p. m. on April 5 in the Plan and Fancy Restaurant. Intercourse, will feature a speech by Dean Wolf, editor of Hog Extra, a special issue of a national farm magazine.

## Small Wheat Growers May Vote In May Referendum

Wheat growers who produce less than 15 acres will be eligible to vote in the scheduled wheat referendum if they indicate their desire to do so by returning their wheat allotment notice to the county Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation office, an ASC field serviceman said Tuesday. Arnold Pinay said since more than 90 per cent of the growers in Lancaster County fall into the "under 15 acres" category thousands of county farmers could be added to the voting lists. However, unless the wheat allotment cards are returned to the office at least seven days prior to the referendum in late May or early June, the grower will not be eligible to vote.

Previously only growers who produced 15 or more acres of wheat could vote in a national referendum. Referring to the 1964 wheat program, Pinay said, "The 15 acre rule (exemption) is gone. It is no longer on the books."

Pinay explained that under the 1964 program the small farmer would be given an allotment of 10 per cent under his 1959-61 harvested acreage or his previous allotment whichever is larger.

If a small wheat grower signs to vote and the referendum is approved, he will have to stay within his allotment or be subject to stiff overplanting penalties. Signing to vote in

the referendum automatically puts a farmer in the program if it is approved.

The farmer with 15 acres or less who does not sign up to vote may not participate in the program even if it is approved in the referendum. He may, however, plant up to the average amount of wheat he raised in 1959-61, but will not be eligible for price supports of diversion payments.

If a small wheat grower farmer signs up to vote and the referendum loses, he may ignore his allotment and plant all the wheat he wishes to grow without penalty, but will not be eligible for price supports.

If the small farmer signs to vote and the referendum passes he will be eligible for price supports at the national average (Approximately \$2 00 per bushel) on 80 per cent of his production which he will sell under certificate. The remaining 20 per cent will be supported at the national average for feed grain (about \$1 30 per bushel).

If the small farmer elects not to vote he may grow wheat up to his small farm base but will not be eligible for price supports or for payments for diversion. If he grows over his small farm base, he will be subject to marketing penalties.

If the farmer elects to vote and the referendum passes, he

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## Farm Bureau To Begin Receiving Tobacco Crops

The new tobacco cooperative formed under the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau will begin receiving 1962 crop tobacco about Wednesday of next week. Richard Hann of the state Farm Bureau said this week

Final arrangements for warehousing and labor to handle the crops were being made late this week, Hann said. The cooperative plans to lease one warehouse in the city and probably several barns in the county to store the crop.

Farmer sign-up began this week at a meeting in White Horse followed by two meetings at New Holland and two at the Lancaster Office of the

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## Guthion Is Okay For Spring Spray On Alfalfa

Guthion has been cleared for spring application on alfalfa, according to Harold Mengle, crops manager for the Eastern States Farmers Exchange.

Speaking at a soils and forage meeting of cooperative member farmers in the Willow Street area, Tuesday night, Mengle said the Food and Drug Administration cleared Guthion for spring application just this week. He recommended the chemical for use on alfalfa which had not been sprayed with Dieldrin or Heptachlor last fall. Guthion is effective against alfalfa weevil, spittle bugs and leaf hoppers, he said, but is more effective against some than others. He did not

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## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average eight or more degrees above the normal range of 37 at night to 57 in the afternoon. Warm weather Saturday is expected to turn a little cooler Sunday and Monday and warm again Tuesday and Wednesday. Precipitation may total 0.2 to 0.5 inch falling mainly as scattered showers over the week end and again about Wednesday.

## Farm Calendar

Apr. 1. — 8 p. m. — County Sheep Producers meeting in the Farm Bureau Cooperative building, Dillerville Road.

Apr. 2 — 7:15 p. m. — New Holland Young Farmers farm mechanics class in the New Holland High School.  
8 p. m. — County 4-H Leaders council executive board meets at the home of Wilbur Houser, Lampeter.

8 p. m. — Southern Lancaster County 4-H Holstein club meets in the Solanco Junior High School, Quarryville.

Apr. 3 — 4 30 p. m. — County Teachers of Vocational Agriculture meet in the Garden Spot High School, New Holland.

6:30 p. m. — County Swine Producers annual banquet at the Plan and Fancy restaurant, Intercourse.

Apr. 5 — 6:30 p. m. — Parent and Son banquet of the Manor FFA in the Penn Manor High School cafeteria.

Apr. 6 — 10 a. m. — State Association of Soil Conservation District Directors meet in the Autoport, State Col-