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\$2 Per Year



Above are the Vegetable division winners of the County-Wide 4-H Flower and Vegetable Roundup held at Penn Manor High School Tuesday. (Left to right) Patrie Roberts, R. D. 1, Mt. Joy sweet corn division winner; Annette Long, R. D. 3, Lititz, Unit 1 winner and Eugene Hosler, R. D. 3, Manheim, Unit 2 winner. Thirty-eight Vegetable displays were entered in the Roundup.

## Egg Production Down 3 Per Cent First 6 Months

Egg production in Pennsylvania for the first half of 1963 was down nearly 3 per cent from the first half of 1962, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. In the same period egg production for the whole United States dropped 1 per cent.

The decline was in keeping with a 69-egg drop in U.S. per capita consumption since 1951. Even the population expansion hasn't been able to make up the difference.

PCRS said Pennsylvania's lowered egg production reflects a decrease in number of layers. Chickens raised on farms, excluding commercial broilers, were estimated at 14.9 millions — 5 per cent below the first half of '62 and 21 per cent under the 1957-61 average.

Layers on farms in June totaled 12.7 million — 4 per cent

under June a year ago. The half-year average was down 2 per cent. Only 31 per cent were pullets over three months but not yet in production. This compared to 37 per cent a year earlier.

Egg-type chicks hatched January to July were down 4 per cent.

Seasonal declines in egg settings and chick placements were registered in the state's broiler industry during the week ended July 27, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Chick placements were 8 per cent less than the previous week, and 14 per cent less than a year ago. Egg settings, 6 per cent less than the previous week, were the same as a year ago. Similar declines were recorded in the nation's 22 broiler producing states.

## Clarence Weaver Plowing Matches Tries For 150 Bushel Per Acre Date And Place Are Announced

By: Gene Daugherty

Clarence Weaver, son of George M. Weaver of New Holland, R. D. 1, showing his field corn test plot height one day after the Fourth of July (Picture on page 12) Clarence is one of 20 young farmers who are cooperating with the Agriculture Department of Garden Spot High School in a five-year corn growing study.

This field of corn has a 20,416 plant population per acre on 38" row spacing. This is an average of 7 inches between stalks. Clarence is trying this high population variety attempting to hit 150 bushels per acre this year.

Physical records were kept on the amount of manure, fertilizer, seed and spray materials that are used on this acre as well as time spent in the mechanical aspects of corn growing.

A soil test was taken to determine the nutrient needs of

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Two state plowing champions, one in level land and one in contour, will be named August 15 in the 1963 Pennsylvania Plowing Contest on the Joseph Hooker farm, Bernville, R. D. 2, 15 miles northwest of Reading.

They will be successors to two Dauphin county farmers, Frank N. Kocivar, Harrisburg, R. D. 1, and Richard M. Nestler, Harrisburg, R. D. 3, who furrowed their way to the 1962 contour and level land titles, respectively, last August at Hershey as the final feature of the 3-day National Grassland Field Day. Kocivar in 1960 was top Pennsylvania level land jockey.

First on the day's schedule will be the Berks county preliminaries. Berks plowmen will compete at 9 a.m. They will finish in time for the state finals to get under way at 12 noon.

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## Lincoln 4-H Club Hears Talk On Trip To Oklahoma

By: Pat Zartman, Reporter

The Lincoln Community 4-H Club held its meeting on July 29.

President Jerry Snader presided. The next meeting will be held on August 20 at Walter's Park. Guests will be the New Holland Baby Beef Club.

The entertainment for the evening consisted of Mr. Warren Leminger, Mr. John Edwards, David Heisey and Tom Zartman giving reports on the different activities club members had on the 4-H trip to Oklahoma. Mrs. Dorothy Fry gave a "Show and Tell" about flower arranging.

## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average two to six degrees below the normal range of 64 at night to 84 in the afternoon. Near normal temperature on Saturday becoming cooler on Sunday and Monday with warmer weather again Wednesday. Precipitation is expected to total .01 to .02 inch falling as showers or thundershowers on Saturday. Rain may again occur about Tuesday.

## Farm Calendar

Aug. 12 — 8:00 a.m. — County Teachers of Vocational Agriculture Livestock judging workshop at Millarden Farms, Annville.

6:30 p.m. — Masterettes 4-H Club Mother and daughter banquet, Kauffman's Park, Manheim.

8:30 p.m. — Lancaster County Soil Conservation District meeting Lancaster Court House. Items to be discussed: Plowing Contest and Water Shed Survey.

Aug. 13 — State 4-H Day at Penn State University.

Aug. 15 — 7:30 p.m. — Manheim Young Farmers meeting, Manheim Central High School. Subject, Feeding Dairy Cows. State Plowing contest on Joseph Hooker Farm, Bernville R. D. #2, Berks County.

Aug. 17 — State Beekeepers Association meeting at Penn State University.

10:00 a.m. — County Swine Producers field day at the farm of Richard Maule, Quarryville R. D. #2.

7:00 p.m. — Lancaster County Pannonia Grange Picnic at Fulton Grange Hall, Oakryn.

## Manheim FFA Boys Report From California

Editor's Note: This is the second report from the Manheim Future Farmers on a six week tour of the western part of the United States. John Wagner is the reporter for the group.

Friday, July 5

After seeing the caverns at Carlsbad National Park in New Mexico, and bats flying out of the cave at 7:45 in the evening, we camped at Chaparral Park.

Saturday, July 6

We got up at 7:00 in the morning to make El Paso by evening — made it by 12:00, did our laundry, camped at Memorial Park, El Paso, toured the city and later toured the city of Jaurez, Mexico.

Sunday, July 7

Attended services at First Baptist Church at 10:15, toured city of Jaurez again and in the evening saw the bullfight in Jaurez.

Monday, July 8

Headed for Blaca Navajo Mission in New Mexico where Daniel Shonk's brother is working. It was raining hard,

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## Prices Received About Same As Year Ago

Prices received by Keystone State farmers in mid-July were 4 per cent higher than a month earlier and about the same as a year ago, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The gain was attributed in part to a seasonal advance of 25 cents a hundredweight in the price received for milk, plus a one-cent per dozen increase in egg prices. Stronger hog and corn prices also were influencing factors.

Hog prices, continuing their advances for the third consecutive month, rose to \$18 per cwt. Corn was up two cents a bushel to \$1.41 while most other field crops were showing minor seasonal declines.

The index of prices received, a measure of the trend and changes of prices received by farmers, was 221 per cent of the 1910-14 base. This compares with 212 a month earlier and 221 a year ago.

We have too many written laws, and not enough sensible ones.