

Farm Bureau Feed Volume Is Way Up

The Lancaster County Farm Bureau Cooperative's feed tonnage through July is up 15 per cent over 1962, and a goal of 12 per cent increase over this year has been set for 1964, the co-op's feed sales staff was told Thursday at the annual feed sales conference.

John Wolgemuth, Assistant General Manager and Sales Manager, speaking at the conference on the theme, "Growth — the only sign of life", pointed out that new and modern feed milling facilities, up to date feed formulation and effective feeding programs have contributed greatly to increased feed tonnage.

Charles C Burkins, cooperative General Manager, said the 1962 volume represented a 24 per cent increase over the previous year.

Other speakers at the conference in the Landis Valley Motor Inn included A F Kish, Feed Consultant of the local cooperative, Dr J B Jeffers American Cynamid Company; A W Carpenter, Executive Director, Eastern Federation of Feed Merchants, and Donald Haas, Feed Sales, Penna Farm Bureau Cooperative Ass'n

Attending were Harold Geb, Arthur Shenenberger, Mel Koser, Roy Spangler, Donald Rutt, Victor Denlinger, and Harold Kinsey, all feed sales representatives and the following branch managers: Reuben Hess New Holland; Richard Morrison, Quarryville, and Heber Shelley, Manheim

Meat Production Shows Increase

HARRISBURG — With pork setting the pace, Pennsylvania's meat production in the first half of 1963 was 4 per cent higher than in the comparable period last year.

Pork production was up 10 per cent compared to a 4 per cent increase in the nation, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Beef production was up 2 per cent, and veal was up slightly. Lamb and mutton production was down 28 per cent.

US production of beef for the six-month period was up 6 per cent from a year earlier, veal was down 11 per cent, and lamb and mutton were down 8 per cent.

Livestock slaughter in Pennsylvania in June was less than 1 per cent above June, 1962. The number of hogs slaughtered was up 7 per cent, but all other species were lower.

● John Frey

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Of the nine pigs he has left, two of the best gilts will be bred, and the rest of the litter will be fattened for market.

To get into the pig business quicker, John purchased a bred gilt (a littermate of the grand champion at the 1963 Penna Yorkshire Club's show and sale) from Old Home Manor Farm, Homer City, and penned the gilts together until three weeks before farrowing time.

The sophomore in vocational



LITTER OF PIGS AT TWELVE weeks is examined by the teacher of vocational agriculture. John Frey, second from left, won the county FFA swine ring program management award and a \$50 bond. With John are, left to right, his brother William, William M. Fredd, John's mother, Mrs. Fred Frey, Ralph Layman and Richard Wood. Fredd, long-time teacher of vocational agriculture at Solanco High School, took the visit as an opportunity to introduce Layman and Wood, two new teachers to the Frey family. L. F. Photo.

Agriculture at Solanco High School built a farrowing crate from steel tubing and put heat lamps over the area reserved for the small pigs. Three weeks before farrowing date he moved the gilt into the crate so that she would become accustomed to it.

When the pigs were born, John was on hand to make sure all were breathing and sanitation practices were car-

ried out. His attention to detail paid off this week as the Sears Foundation, sponsors of the swine ring, awarded John a \$25 savings bond for following the best management practices in his chapter and another \$50 bond as county winner.

From the five pigs farrowed by his second gilt, the Solanco FFA president, plans to breed the three gilts, keep one boar for breeding purposes and sell the other boar, also for breeding stock.

He will show two boars and one gilt at the Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition in November and one gilt at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in January 1964.

John and the show ring are not strangers. Helping his brother, Fred, with the family show string of Angus cattle

has given John opportunities to exhibit an animal before the watchful eye of a judge.

In his FFA program John has 10 show steers, an Angus cow and heifer, an Angus show heifer, ten acres of corn and five acres of alfalfa hay.

Other county winners of \$25 bonds at the four county banquet were J. Kenneth Hess, Lampeter-Strasburg High School; Barry C. Hirneisen, Ephrata H S; Elvin E. Hillard, Pequea Valley H. S.; Clair Bruckhart, Manheim Central H S; Tony Folker, Eastern Lancaster County H. S.; Dennis E. Patches, Elizabethtown H S; Jay L. Mylin, Penn Manor H. S.; David Becker, Donegal H S, and Frederick Hess, Warwick H S.

Other counties represented were York, Adams and Frank-



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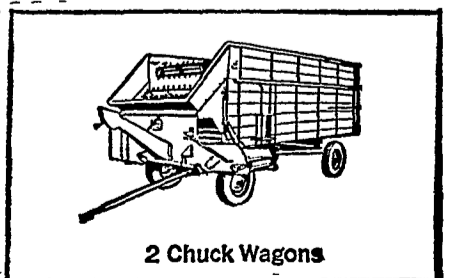
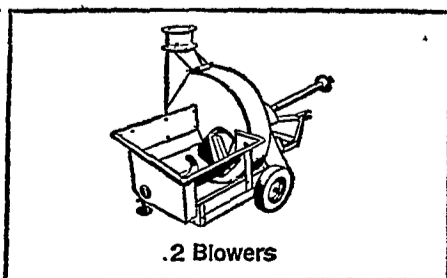
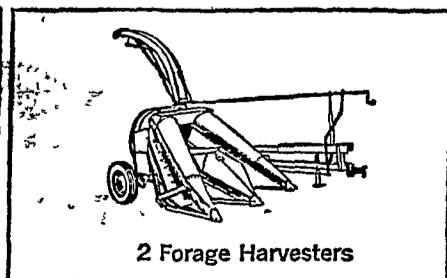
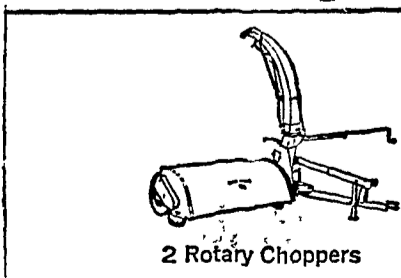
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