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## Hogs Like To Be Alone On The Augsburger Farm

Should the herdsman be in constant attendance when a sow is farrowing?

Walter Augsburger and his father, Jacob, of Reinholds R1, do not think so. "A hog likes to be left alone, but you have to know what she is up to" Jacob said recently as he described his sow program.

The Augsburger partnership farrows about 30 sows, twice a year, without the use of crates, farrowing house, or any special farrowing equipment.

The sows are on pasture 365 days a year and the pigs are born wherever the sow decides to make her nest.

"When the sows are farrowing, we may walk through the meadow three or four times a day, but we don't go near the sow while she is farrowing," Walter said. The sows find a quiet place in the pasture, cut down grass and weeds for a bed and farrow their litters with no help from the owners. After the sow has finished far-

rowing, Augsburger picks up a shelter with the loader on his tractor and sets it down over the nest of pigs.

The 30 sows have the run of about 20 acres in two lots and they, or their litters, are never confined to a shelter until the pigs are weaned to go into the feeding pens.

With a stream for water and the ground for a feeding floor, the only equipment needed for the sow program is a fence and a movable shelter Augsburger made the shelters out of six sheets of outdoor plywood — one for each side and two for the roof — and has found them to be very satisfactory.

But what about number of pigs per litter?, some hog men ask. Augsburger says he has marketed nine pigs per sow -

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THIS PLYWOOD SHELTER IS ALL THE protection needed by a sow and her litter on the farm of Walter and Jacob Augsburger, Reinholds R1. Four sheets of exterior plywood form the sides and two more make the roof. Walter Augsburger, shown here, places the shelter over the little pigs after they are born.

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## Second Generation Dairy Heifer In Cloister FFA Calf Chain

The Cloister Future Farmers' calf chain go into the second generation.

Last week Irvin Schannauer Jr., Reinholds R1, received the first heifer calf offspring of the calf ring.

The original calf in the ring was purchased by the chapter from the herd of George Rutt, Stevens R1, and presented to Ray Kline, Stevens R1, two years ago. Kline's cow, Garwood Lady Posch, was bred to Cochran General and dropped her first calf during the summer.

A committee, composed of Thomas Zartman, Thomas Spittler, Stanley Leininger, Dave Zimmerman, Barry Hirneisen, and Paul Weaver, all students at Ephrata High School, selected the freshman vocational agriculture student to receive the calf.

Irvin was selected from among 10 boys on the basis of an application outlining his feeding and health program, and a list of the approved practices he plans to use in caring for the calf. He has agreed to breed the heifer to a proven bull and return the first heifer calf to the chapter.

Clifford Bollinger, Lititz R4, has the chapter's other chain calf, a 15 month old Holstein heifer. The chapter also has

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## 4-H Girls Win Fourth Title

A pair of 4-H girls won honors for the fourth consecutive time at a meeting of the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council Conference held in the

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## Danish Youth Sees Farms Much Like Those At Home

I thought there would be more difference in agriculture in the United States and Denmark, Frede Helth, and International Farm Youth Exchange said this week.

Helth is staying in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy G. Myer, 410 Willow Road, while he is in the county.

When asked to name the most interesting thing he has noticed since he came to America in May, Helth pointed out the similarity of agricultural production in the two countries. However he did point out some differences. Very little corn is grown in his native Jutland Peninsula. Cow beets

form the major portion of the roughage for dairy herds, and almost every farm has dairy cows, he said.

The beet tops are chopped for the silo but the roots are stored in trenches or on open ground with straw and soil over them. During the winter, the beets are chopped and fed raw along with a barley, oats and rye, and protein mixture.

Helth, twenty two, said he plans to return to his native Denmark and apply for admission to an agriculture college. His education was interrupted at the end of seventh grade, but he learned English through a correspondence course.

He has two sisters and one brother, all younger, but he says his brother who plans to

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## SCD Sets Meet With Associates

The Lancaster County Soil Conservation District Directors have set October 15 as the date for their annual meeting with Associate Directors.

Henry E. Givler, secretary of the district this week urged all associate directors to attend the meeting in the Production Credit Building, Roseville Road, to discuss several problems facing the district.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., discussion will cover such subjects as "Are we in Lancaster County ready for Project 70?" "How can associate directors do a better job of promoting conservation?" "How can more young people be interested in the job of conservation?"

Representatives from cooperating agencies are also invited to attend.

## Second Annual Feeder Sale Is Scheduled

The Second Annual Farmers Field Day and the 9th Annual Feeder Calf Sale, two big events, are scheduled for the Lancaster Union Stock Yards, October 25th.

At the all day affair, the yards will be entertaining the cattle feeders of Eastern United States. Last year farmers from seven Eastern states were represented at this event.

Feature of this year's Farmers Field day will be a presentation and demonstration "Your Beef From Feed Lot To Table", by Mr. Monte Flett,

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## Stoltzfus Cow Tops DHIA

A registered Holstein cow in the herd of Dan S. Stoltzfus, Mount Joy R1, finished the highest 305 day lactation in the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association during August.

Candy made 883 pounds of butterfat in 20,540 pounds of milk with a 4.3 test.

David S. Smucker had the second high cow with 846 pounds of butterfat, 23,429 pounds of milk and a test of 3.6 per cent. The cow was a grade Holstein.

The high average for the month was made by the 29-cow mixed herd of Phares K. Huber, Reinholds R1. The herd made an average of 58 pounds of butterfat in 1,542 pounds of milk with a 3.3 per cent test.

Second high average was the 56 pounds of butterfat and 1,607 pounds of milk with a 3.5 per cent test. The averages were made by the 27 cows in the herd of the Red Rose Research Farm, 221 Pitney Road, Lancaster.

Other cows completing lactations with over 800 pounds of butterfat were in the herds of Elam P. Bollinger, John U. Lapp, Elam B. Beiler, and B.

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## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average near the normal temperatures for this time of year. Normal temperatures range from 67 in the afternoon to 46 at night. Cooler temperatures over the weekend will be followed by a moderating trend each day thereafter. A few widely scattered showers are expected Saturday.

## Farm Calendar

Oct. 14 — 7:30 p.m. — Soil Conservation watershed meeting at Churchtown fire hall.

Oct. 15 — 7:30 p.m. — Soil Conservation District meeting with Associate Directors at Production Credit, Roseville Road.

8 p.m. — Manor Young Farmers Association meeting in Penn Manor High School. Subject is Insurance.

8 p.m. — Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative educational meeting in the Landisville fire hall.

Oct. 16 — 10:30 a.m. — State Dairy Herd Improvement Association directors meet at The Pennsylvania State University.

Oct. 17 — 6:30 p.m. — 4-H beekeeping club roundup at Ralph Gamber's honey house, 910 State Street, Lancaster.

8 p.m. — County Honey Producers meet at Ralph Gamber's.

8 p.m. — Manheim Young Farmers Association meets at Manheim Central High School.

8 p.m. — 4-H Wildlife club meets at the home of Roy Gentzler, 2337 New Holland Pike, Lancaster.

Oct. 19 — 9:30 a.m. — 4-H Entomology club roundup at the Lancaster County Farm Bureau Cooperative, Diller-ville Pike.

1:30 p.m. — Manheim Young Farmers Association Turkey Shoot at Kissel Hill.