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RIGHT DOWN THERE is the spot where two gullies began to fill in when Forney F. Longenecker put conservation practices on his farm. The contours and farming on the level slowed down the rush of water and allowed the gullies to fill up. Yields have gone up nearly 20 per cent. L. F. Photo.

Top Conservation Farmer Raises Yields 20 Per Cent

Lancaster County's Outstanding Conservation Farmer said this week he believes contour farming has increased yields on his farm by 20 per cent.

Forney F. Longenecker began farming in 1950 on the Lititz R3 farm where three generations of Longeneckers had lived and where he grew to manhood.

The 35 year old farmer graduated from Warwick Township High School in 1947 and farmed with his father until he married the former Kitty Eckman of Quarryville in 1950. His parents moved to a new house and Forney took over

operation of the 100 acre farm. On Tuesday night, the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District named him Outstanding Conservation Farmer of 1964.

With the help of the Soil Conservation Service, the farm was laid out in contour strips but the change over was not complete until last year when the last strip was planted to corn. Now, with the aid of contours and sod waterways, Forney estimates he gets 20 per cent more yields from the same fertilizer and seed.

He is so convinced that conservation farming pays, he has contoured a 130 acre farm. (Continued on Page 8)

Sec. Goddard Defends His Stand On Project 70

Pennsylvania's Secretary of Forests and Waters, Dr. Maurice K. Goddard, this week defended his department's stand on "Project 70".

Dr. Goddard, speaking before 250 farmers at the annual banquet of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation

District, said, "I want to reassure you that we do not want to destroy farms in Project 70."

"The only reason we have not chosen a site for a park in Lancaster County is that we have not been able to find a (Continued on Page 12)

Stock Show Board Includes Local Man

HARRISBURG — State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull today announced the 8th annual Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition for Nov. 9-13, and named Harold R. McCulloch, State College, as manager.

Walter M. Dunlap, Jr., Lancaster will represent the livestock industry on the show's steering committee.

Secretary Bull said the exposition again will be co-sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Livestock and Allied Industries Association under the direction of a joint steering committee.

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Farm Calendar

Mar 16 — 3 p.m. — Market hog on-foot evaluation at the Lancaster Union Stock Yards.

7:30 p.m. — Adult welding class at the Ephrata High School agriculture shop.

7:30 p.m. — Central 4-H tractor club meets at the shop of Arthur Young, Kinzers.

7:45 p.m. — Manheim Young Farmers meet in the high school agriculture room. Subject, materials handling.

Mar 17 — 8:30 a.m. — Judging of market hogs in the annual show and sale by the county swine producers at the Lancaster Union Stock Yards.

2 p.m. — Sale of show hogs at the Lancaster Union Stock Yards.

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Lower Prices Predicted For The Dairy Industry

Pennsylvania dairy farmers may get higher prices for milk temporarily, but can look forward to further declines in the next few years, county farmers were told this week.

Speaking at the annual county Dairy Day in the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Dr. William Pierce, Penn State Agriculture Economics Specialist, said "Prices will probably continue good, if we have a third year of drought, but if the weather is good, look for further declines mainly because the potential is there."

He said two years of drought had brought about a severe culling of herds leaving the herds young and vigorous and with more potential production.

He suggested the following four ways for dairymen to get higher milk prices.

1. Have a war — either a

State Again Scabies Free

Pennsylvania regained a scabies-free status yesterday when the U.S. Department of Agriculture declared Cumberland County free of this sheep disease.

Pennsylvania was designated a scabies-free State in June 1963 and retained that status until Jan. 8, 1964, when Cumberland County was redesignated an eradication area, after the disease was found in a flock of sheep in the county.

The Pennsylvania Bureau of Animal Industry and USDA's Agricultural Research Service cooperated to eradicate the

hot war or a warming up of the cold war "But none of us want that," he said.

2. Have another drought. "But none of us particularly want the harsh weather to continue."

3. Production controls "The majority of Pennsylvania dairymen do not want them — at least not as an alternative to what we now have."

4. Maintain or possible increase fluid milk consumption. "Why can't we sell more (Continued on Page 14)

Tobacco Seed Treating Meets Are Scheduled

A series of five tobacco seed cleaning and treating demonstrations has been scheduled for next week by the Lancaster County Extension Service.

Tobacco seed will be cleaned and a demonstration on treating seed with silver nitrate will be presented by assistant county agent, Arnold Lueck at four different farms next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

First of the demonstrations will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on March 18 at the farm of John W. Sangrey, Conestoga R2. The Sangrey Farm is located directly opposite the Herr Nursery between Millersville and Conestoga.

On March 19, farmers may bring seed to be cleaned at two locations. From 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the demonstration will be held at the farm of Richard Hess, three quarters of a mile

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Livestock Specialist Tells Feeders Heavier Pigs Are A Better Risk

Hog feeders have a better chance for profit if they buy pigs at 60 pounds than if they buy them lighter, a Penn State extension livestock specialist told county farmers Wednesday night.

Dwight Younkin, told a county swine clinic, producers' profit per pig peaks at 60 pounds, and indirectly it is more profitable for a feeder to buy pigs at 60 pounds than at lighter weights.

After the pigs reach 60 pounds, the profit line to producers levels off but does not decline to 70, 80 or 90 pounds.

Younkin says feeders realize important advantages by buying heavier pigs. At 60

pounds a pig is basically more healthy, he has all the immunity he is going to get, the risk is cut down considerably and more batches of market hogs can be run through the feed lot in a year.

Younkin said state hog farmers can compete with mid-western pork producers if they concentrate on feed efficiency.

Feed costs, which account for about 70 per cent of the total cost of pork production, are the biggest variable between hog belt and Pennsylvania operations. Labor, veterinarian fees, supplies, depreciation, repairs and interest vary little, but if Keystone farmers can reduce the amount of feed required to produce a hundred (Continued on Page 4)

Breeding Co-ops Schedule Meet

The Pennsylvania Association of Artificial Breeding Co-operatives will hold their 21st annual meeting at the Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, Pa. April 10 and 11.

The theme for this year's meeting is "Keeping Pennsylvania Dairymen Competitive." Among the principal speakers will be Dr. L. S. "Lew" Mix, vice president and general manager of Beacon Feeds. His topic will be "Dairying in 1975."

Another featured speaker is Mr. Robert W. Rumler, ex-

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures for the next five days are expected to average three to nine degrees above the normal range of 50 in the afternoon to 31 at night. Mild weather is expected through the period except briefly cooler about Sunday and again Wednesday. Precipitation may total 1/2 inch or more falling about Saturday night and Sunday and again about Tuesday night.