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EASTER AND CHICKS SEEM TO go together. Dr. Robert F. Gentry, head of the Poultry Disease Research Laboratory at the Pennsylvania State University, left, discusses hatchery sanitation with Jay R. Greider, Mount Joy R1. Visiting the hatchery with Dr. Gentry was Dr. John V. Shutze, Extension Poultry Specialist from PSU. Dr. Gentry has developed a statewide program of hatchery sanitation which helps hatcherymen evaluate their programs. L. F. Photo.

Sanitation And Isolation Will Control Fowl Leucosis

Absolute isolation of chicks and complete sanitation can practically eliminate the problem of leucosis, county poultrymen were told Thursday night. Dr. Robert F. Gentry, head of the Poultry Disease Research Laboratory at the Pennsylvania State University, said, "I recommend putting the chicks out, put a padlock on the door, and keep everybody except one operator out of the house for the first three and a half weeks." Speaking at a meeting in the Lancaster Poultry Center, Dr. Gentry said, "I have often said, 'poultrymen go to a neighbor's chicken house every time his chickens come down with something so he will recognize it when he carries it home to his own chickens.'" He said the best way to control leucosis is absolute isolation, and this means "service men, neighbors, and feed men", coupled with a strict program of sanitation. A complete cleanup between batches, inside and outside the houses, and disinfecting the house can practically eliminate the leucosis problem. Fumigation of the building in severe problem cases may be necessary, he said, but "it does no good to clean the house if you drag the diseases back in from outside." (Continued on Page 9)

Limited Hog Feeding May Not Be Profitable

Differing test results lead me to believe it is not yet time to recommend limited feeding of market hogs, a swine production expert told county farmers Wednesday night. At the concluding session of a three part series of swine clinics, Dr. Larry Gobble, associate professor of swine management at the Pennsylvania State University, said experiment station tests at many colleges are conflicting in their finding on limited feeding programs. There is not enough evidence to prove that limited feeding is practical. "But it depends somewhat on how much premium a butcher is willing to pay for the type of hogs produced since you will lose in rate of gain." Gobble said some experiments with liquid feeding (a complete dry feed and water) have showed good results, but if you use liquid feed, you have to limit feed. Labor is a problem unless a mechanical device is used, and these are expensive since an agitator, pump and hoses are needed in addition to a meeting device. If the feed is not limited spoilage will take more feed than is saved, he said. Gobble urged all swine producers to use a creep feed for young pigs. "The most critical feeding time in the life of a pig is from birth to 50 pounds". The cheapest gains a hog makes (Continued on Page 8)

Manor Young Farmers Like Limited Hog Feeding

Members of the Manor Young Farmer classes concluded this week that feed savings with limited hog feeding more than offset the added labor and risks.

The conclusions were drawn at the end of an experiment

Farm Calendar

- Mar 30 — 12:45 p.m. — Dairy Herd Improvement Association workshop in the Morgantown fire hall.
- 7:30 p.m. — Adult welding class at the Ephrata High School vocational agriculture shop.
- 7:30 p.m. — Central 4-H Tractor club meets at the N. G. Hershey farm machinery shop, Manheim.
- 7:30 p.m. — Elm-Pennryn 4-H Community club meets at the Pennryn fire hall.
- Mar 31 — 7:30 p.m. — Kirkwood community 4-H club meets in the Bart-Colerain school.
- 7:30 p.m. — County 4-H tractor club to tour the New Holland Machine Company.
- 7:30 p.m. — New Providence community 4-H club meets at the Providence School.
- 7:45 p.m. — Dairy Herd Improvement Association workshop in the Intercourse fire hall.

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Acreage Is Up For Most Crops

The annual March 1 survey of planting intentions indicates Pennsylvania farmers expect to plant 2 percent more corn than last year, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Plantings of rye last fall were up 10 percent.

The increases for both crops reflect grain and roughage (Continued on Page 5)

New 'Easier To Read' Type Appears In Farmer Today

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Farmers Plan Less Tobacco Acreage In 1964

As of March 1, Commonwealth growers intended to cut their Type 41, Pennsylvania Seedleaf, acreage by 4 percent, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

This places indicated acreage for harvest in 1964 at 26,000 acres, 1,000 acres less than last year and 4,600 acres below the 5-year average.

Historic records show a low of 18,000 acres harvested in (Continued on Page 8)

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures are expected to average two to nine degrees below the seasonal average of 56 in the afternoon to 34 at night. Colder temperatures Saturday night and Sunday will moderate somewhat Monday or Tuesday and turn slightly cooler again by Wednesday. Very little precipitation is expected during the next five days with only light showers about Tuesday night.

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