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Twin Colts Beat Odds Of 20,000 To 1; Both Alive

Horses sometimes beat pretty big odds, but it is seldom that one beats odds of 20,000 to one.

A Lancaster County pony mare has broken the odds by giving birth to live twin colts.

Ginger, a 7 year old grade mare owned by J. Earl Horst, New Holland R2, foaled the colts on May 1, and both the little stallions are growing and lively.

The combination of live birth and survival of both foals in the horse kingdom has been calculated at something like one in 20,000. The chance of

twin foals being carried full term and delivered live is reported to be about one in 200, but the chances that one or both foals will not survive after birth are about 100 to one.

The twins, temporarily dubbed Pete and Repeat, were so small and weak at birth that they had to be fed with a medicine dropper for the first week. Horst tried a nipple bottle, but the little fellows wouldn't accept the nipple. He tried to hold the colts up to the mare's udder, but she did not have enough milk for the

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Dairy Princess Pageant Features Seven Contestants

Lancaster County's Dairy Princess will be crowned on June 23 as part of Kiwanis Clubs Ladies Night at the Host Motel.

Mrs. Herbert Royer, 2025 Oregon Pike, chairman of the county Dairy Princess committee said this week seven girls have entered and will compete for the crown.

According to Mrs. Royer, the Lancaster dairy industry will stage a Contest this year to pay tribute to Lancaster's position as the number one dairy county in Pennsylvania. Lancaster ranks first in the state in milk production with a value of over \$25,000,000, and is the seventh largest milk producing county in the na-

tion. The Lancaster County Dairy Princess will represent Area 14 in the state contest at Hotel Hershey on July 14 and 15, Mrs. Royer said.

The five county Kiwanis clubs, Elizabethtown, Ephrata, Lancaster, New Holland, and the host club, Northeast Lancaster, will cooperate in celebrating Ladies Night and sponsoring the pageant. Kiwanians have been invited from the Annville-Cleona, Shillington, and Lebanon clubs.

Mrs. Royer and the 1963 Dairy Princess, Miss Carol Wilson, will visit all the Lancaster County Kiwanis clubs next week to publicize the meeting. Miss Wilson is a student at Elizabethtown College.

Mrs. Royer explained that previous contests have not lived up to their full potential and expressed her hope that the number one dairy county might stage the number one Dairy Princess Contest this year.

Mrs. Royer stressed that the contest is not simply a "beauty contest"; girls are chosen by three main criteria: 1. personality and poise; 2. speaking ability; and 3. healthy and attractive appearance. "Dairy Princess winners have always typified the finest in American youth and we hope that all dairy farm families will urge

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"I'VE GOT A SECRET. We're twins, and that's very rare. I heard the man in the black box say it only happens once in 20,000 times. Looks like it is going to make us famous. At least we'll get our picture in the paper."

L. F. Photo.

Red Rose DHIA Testers Will Aid In State Study

Directors of the Red Rose Herd Improvement Association voted Monday night to cooperate with the Pennsylvania State University in a project to test protein and solids-not-fat content of individual cows.

A special study project in-stituted by the University will collect samples from 100 cows of each of the Red Rose herds to determine the

correlation of butterfat per cent to protein and solids-not-fat content of individual cows. The statewide study will use Ayrshires, Jerseys and Guernseys in Lancaster County. All 500 Holsteins in the study will come from other counties.

Under the cooperative project, local DHIA supervisors will collect samples, add a preservative, and store the milk samples until they can be picked up by an extension specialist from the University.

The University will test the samples and report the butterfat and SNF on the regular DHIA reports. Since there is no place on the present forms for reporting protein content, the dairyman will have to request the information from the University. Protein content will

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EARLY PAPER

In order that Lancaster Farming may be delivered before the Post Office holiday on Saturday, the paper is being printed one day early this week. All regular features are included and market reports are current up to Thursday. Next Week Lancaster Farming will return to its regular schedule.

State Poultry Federation Confab Will Feature County Poultryman

Levi Brubaker, Rohrerstown poultryman, will be one of the featured speakers at the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation's annual conference on June 24 and 25.

Main speaker for the Wednesday night banquet will be Dr. Earl L. Butz, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Purdue University.

Dr. Butz, former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture in

charge of marketing and foreign agriculture, has been

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Farm Calendar

1 — Deadline for entries for the Future Farmers hog and sale.

1 — 7:30 p.m. County 4-H members training school at Rohrerstown Elementary School.

2 — Southern County 4-H stein club meets at the home of Robert C. Groff, Bryville R3.

3 — 4:30 p.m. — Lancaster County teachers of vocational agriculture will meet at the Elizabethtown High School.

4 — Red Rose Baby and Lamb Club meets at the Rohrerstown Elementary School.

5 — State Dairy Herd Improvement Association summer meeting at the Pennsylvania State University.

6 — 1:30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 6 meets with Ella Heistand at the Heistand Home.

7 — Farm Women Society 17 will entertain Society 2 in the Refton fire hall.

Crop Summary Dry Weather Slows Crop Growth

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service today said soil moisture is lacking for germination of seeds and good growth of crops in many areas in the state. Below normal rainfall was reported again on May 23 for the third week in a row.

Planting of corn, potatoes and vegetables made good progress during the week. Light frosts were reported in scattered localities in the north. Freeze damage was negligible.

Winter grains continued to make good growth. Good yields of wheat and barley are in

prospect if rainfall is near normal.

Nearly all oats have now been planted. Early seedlings are up and growing nicely. Planting of corn made rapid headway under favorable conditions and two-thirds of the crop is now in the ground.

Cutting of first growth alfalfa was continuing. Weevil infestation is unusually severe in some localities. Spraying of stubble for control is under way. Weather was favorable for hay making during the week and good quality hay was stored. Pastures continue to pro-



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vide good grazing for cattle. A few pastures have been clipped.

Setting of tobacco plants in the field is in progress. Cobbler potatoes showed good stands

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

The present outlook is for fair weather through Saturday with daytime temperatures on the cool side reaching into the seventies during the day and into the forties at night. A warming trend is expected to begin about Saturday with a chance of showers Sunday, but generally fair weather is expected.