

AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE

Lancaster Farming



ALMOST READY FOR THE BULLS, the tie stalls in the new addition to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative have been fitted with rubber mats and extra heavy tie chains. Concrete dividers will discourage fighting among the bulls, and protect the workers. Roger Gundlach, Project Communications director for the Atlantic Breeders Cooperative, which will begin operations on July 1, looks over the nearly-completed stalls. L. F. Photo.

Breeding Co-op Expansion To Be Finished By July 1

July 1 has been set as the target date for completion of the merger of two Pennsylvania artificial breeding cooperatives into the Atlantic Breeders Cooperative.

Work on new facilities at the present location of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative on the 230 bypass is expected to be completed by the end of the month.

Several of the most popular bulls from Western Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative at Clarion will be moved to Lancaster County today, but most of the sires will not arrive until the new facilities are completed.

Work of converting 20 box stalls in the eastern wing of the present SPABC barn to 40 tie stalls was begun about April 1, and is just slightly behind schedule, according to J. Floyd Weidler, plant manager.

In addition to converting the box stalls to tie stalls, an extension to the wing will provide space for 20 more tie stalls bringing the total capacity of the barns to 80 head. The box stalls in the west wing of the barn will remain and will be used for larger and older bulls.

Weidler said the expansion program was initiated to provide more space for the bulls from WPABC and to cut down on labor requirements for feeding and cleaning pens.

Weidler said the trend is toward tie stalls at bull studs because of the greater amount of work needed to clean box stalls and the longer distance feed has to be carted for box stalls.

Exercise, which the bulls now get in outdoor lots, will be provided by a motor-driven forced exerciser with a capacity of 16 to 20 bulls which will be built in the area now occupied by the lots on the east side of the building.

Weidler said he believes the bulls will stay in good health if exercised about twice a week. At present the bulls are not forced to exercise, but have the freedom of the lot or stall.

The cleaning chores which are now done by a man with a wheelbarrow will be taken over by a continuous chain gutter cleaner emptying directly into a manure spreader. An 18 foot extension at the end of the barn will serve as storage shed for the tractor and

(Continued on Page 8)

Strawberry Roundup Won Second Time By Stoner

City people put sugar cream on their strawberries. Eric Stoner put water on it and paid off.

Stoner won the second consecutive 4-H strawberry roundup, Wednesday, with a four box exhibit of large, uniform, Catskills.

April rains soaked Eric's strawberry beds, but when the patch began to dry out in May, he hauled 3,600 gallons of water to irrigate the plants.

The results were so pleasing to judge Carl Bittner of the Pennsylvania State University, that he put a blue rosette on the rich, red fruit, and a score of 98.1 on the project.

The 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stoner has been in the strawberry club for six years, but it took him until last year to find the winning combination.

In addition to the 300 Catskill plants which produced the winning berries, Stoner has 300-plant patches of Robinson,

(Continued on Page 9)

Farmers Union To Organize In County

The National Farmers Union, one of the "big three" farm organizations, has scheduled a Lancaster County organizational meeting next Thursday night.

Roy Allen, president of the Laimer County, Colo., chapter of NFU has been in the county for the past week soliciting membership in the national organization.

Allen said the response has been good. More than 50 farmers, mostly in the southern half of the county have become members, but few farmers in the northern half of the county have been contacted.

Allen said he plans to contact farmers in the northern part of the county early next week.

He emphasized that all county farmers are invited to the organizational meeting at the Spanish Tavern, Quarryville, at 7:30 p.m. on June 18.

Also at the meeting will be Dwight Wilson, National Organization Director, from the Washington office.

Allen said the NFU which is strong in the corn belt and the western plains states, is primarily interested in building a better farm marketing set up and developing a better relationship between producers and consumers.

He told Lancaster Farming this week the organization believes more can be accomplished through organized farmers.

(Continued from Page Nine)

Soil Conservation Board Sets Date Of Field Day

Directors of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District this week scheduled a meeting with all cooperating agencies to plan the annual conservation field day and plowing contest.

The planning session will be held in the county court house at 7:30 p.m. on July 13. Date of the plowing contest and field day is July 23 with July 27 reserved as rain date.

The contest will be held again on the Roy Garber farm, Lititz R2.

Directors approved free plans for three new cooperators. Penn Dairies, Inc., 572 N. Queen Street, Lancaster, became the first business to become a cooperator in the district. The company signed up a 30 acre tract in East Lampeter Twp. Martin and Amos Nolt of Peach Bottom R2, made application for plans on 330 acres in East Drumore Township, and Waterloo Farms, Gap R1, farmed by M. Simon Zook, signed up 190 acres in Salisbury Township.

(Continued on Page 4)

Calendar

- 15 — Deadline for Kiwanis 4-H Scholarship applications to be in the County Extension Office.
 - 15 — 7:30 p.m. — County Council reorganization meeting in the Poultry Center, Roseville Road.
 - 16-19 — Extension Homecoming week at the Pennsylvania State University.
 - 16-20 — 4-H Camp Kanawake, Huntingdon County.
 - 16 — 7:30 p.m. — Druce and Providence Community 4-H clubs meet at Wood Park.
 - 17-19 — State FFA Activities Week at the Pennsylvania State University.
 - 18 — Cumberland County pool at Carlisle fountain.
 - 18 — 6:30 p.m. — Junior cattle day, co-sponsored by the Angus Association at the Pennsylvania State University extension service, Millard Farms, Annville.
 - 19 — 7:30 p.m. — Com-
- (Continued on Page 14)

Swine Ass'n Sets Field Day

Dwight Younkin, extension livestock specialist from the Pennsylvania State University, will be the official judge at the annual Swine field day on June 20.

Live animal judging contests for adults, youth and ladies, with prizes in each division, will get under way at 10 a.m. on the farm of Russel Sauder, Manheim R3.

The field day, sponsored by

(Continued on Page 9)

Tobacco Acres To Be Down

Lancaster County farmers do not appear to be responding to reports of increased cigar consumption.

Tobacco producers have indicated they plan to plant 4 per cent less acreage to cigar leaf this year than in 1963. Planting intentions indicate some 26,000 acres this year as compared to the 27,000 acres last year and 30,600 acre average for 1958-62.

Two consecutive years of low prices and near record inventories of unused Pennsylvania seedleaf have combined to produce a cautious attitude among producers.

Cigar tobacco growers in northern Wisconsin may increase plantings by 5 per cent, while the southern Wisconsin

(Continued on Page 9)

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average more than six degrees above the normal range of 60 at night to 83 in the afternoon. Warm weather is expected throughout the period with little day to day change. Precipitation is expected to total 0.1 to 0.6 inch occurring as scattered showers late Saturday or early Sunday and again about Wednesday.