

Lancaster Farming

Richard Groff "Does It Again" At Plowing Match

was a mighty nice furrow Richard Groff, Lititz R3, down in his 21000 square contest plot to become the second year in a row Lancaster County Plowing champion.

Richard, by scoring a grand total of 524 points, captured the plow trophy, will keep the large trophy for another year and landed the right to represent Lancaster County in the State Contest on July 29 at the Daniel W Rumler Farm, M.Cord in Franklin County.

Richard doesn't think the ground was as hard as last year," said the new champ while waiting for the judges' final decision. It was the fourth time Groff has put his hand to the plow, in the annual plowing struggle.

Everett Kreider, Quarryville, the other contestant in Thursday's competition with his name on the trophy, made it a battle of champions by "Moleboarding" his way into second place with a 513 point finish. Kreider was the top plowman in

only a wheat stubble behind making a fine showing in Lancaster County Soil Conservation District sponsorship contest while competing for the first time was Marlin Zimmerman, East Earl R1. He had to miss a tie for second by only one point. Other top contenders were

Merle Groff, Lancaster R4, 505 points; Wilmer McDonald, Lancaster R2, 504 points, Foiney Longenecker, Lititz R3, 492 points

The Farm Agent from Berks County, James F Haldeman, local dairy farmer John J Herr, Mount Joy R1, and Henry Mattox from the Adams County Soil Conservation, served as judges, and Elmer V Good, chairman, presented the awards

Potato Growers Urged To Spray

With all-day rains over most of Pennsylvania July 8 and again July 12-13, the Extension Service suggested that potato growers commence fungicide application to protect against the possibility of late blight development. No late blight has been found in Pennsylvania, but weather conditions have reached the point where any blight present in cull piles or other sources could start rapid spread, the Service stated.

Apply one of the maneb-type materials (Manzate, M-22, Manzate D or M-45) at 2 pounds per acre each 7 days. Increase to 2½ pounds each 5 days if blight starts in nearby fields. If the drought resumes — stop fungicidal sprays.



WINS COUNTY PLOWING TITLE: Richard Groff, Lititz R3, proudly displays his awards after winning his second leg on the Lancaster County plowing contest challenge trophy.

Local 4-H Teams Win District Demonstrations

Four 4-H demonstration teams won district championships this week, qualifying them for berths in the state finals Aug 11-12 at Pennsylvania State University.

Winning district titles during demonstration judging at the Allentown Fair Grounds

Nancy Frey, Marietta R1, and Dalas Wolgemuth, Mount Joy R1, beef demonstration

Nancy Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, and Nancy Bollinger, Lititz R4, dairy demonstration

Richard Buckwalter and James Hershey, both Lititz R3, tractor demonstration

Evelyn Groff, Gordonville R1, and Karen Mellinger, Bird-in-Hand, baking demonstration

The beef, dairy and baking events won blue ribbons in the 13-county competition, with the Buckwalter-Hershey demonstration picking up a red merit award. Scoring was based on the Danish judging system.

In other county demonstration placings, judges awarded four red ribbons and two white awards. Winning red tags were:

Gerald Wagner, Quarryville R2, and Kathie Gabriel, Quarryville, horse demonstration.

Melvin Breneman, Strasburg R1, and Linda Young,

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Chick Hatch Continues Down

Hatcheries in the Keystone State hatched 6.9 million chicks during May according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. This was a seasonal drop putting hatchings 12 per cent below May and 1 per cent below June a year ago. The broiler-type chick hatch (3.9 million) was about the same as May while the egg-type hatch (3.0 million) was down 23 per cent.

There were 255,527,000 chicks produced by hatcheries in the U.S. in June 1964, 3 per cent more than in June 1963. Broiler chicks hatched totaled 208,498,000 slightly above the production of 207,635,000 in June last year. During the first 6 months of 1964 there were 1,215,109,000 broiler chicks hatched, an increase of 2 per cent.
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Eminent Domain Bill Meeting On Wed.

Hollis Hatfield, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association, will explain provisions of the state's newly-enacted eminent domain bill at a public meeting on the farm of Reed Wissler, Ephrata R2, on July 29 at 8 p.m. The meeting is sponsored by the Lancaster County Farmers Association.

Farm Calendar

July 27 — 9 a.m. Landisville-Salunga 4-H Sewing Club meets at Hempfield Senior High School.

July 28 — 1:30 p.m. Manheim Township 4-H Sewing Club meets at Junior High School.

7:30 p.m. Donegal 4-H Sewing and Cooking club meets at Donegal Presbyterian Church.

8:00 p.m. Penn Manor 4-H Club, Ann Letort School.
8:15 p.m. Mount Joy Farmers 4-H Op Milk meeting, Hostetters, Mount Joy, Pa.

July 29 — 10 a.m. County Holstein Breeders field day at farm of Hiram Aungst, Elizabethtown R1.

8:00 p.m. Lancaster County Farmers Assoc meeting, Reed Wissler Farm, Ephrata R2.

Farm Women Society 24 Farm Picnic in New Holland Community Park.
State Plowing Contest, Ft. M.Cord Franklin County.

July 30 — 6:45 p.m. County Beekeepers' meeting at Pine Hill Farm, Lititz R1.
8:00 p.m. 4-H Leaders' Council meeting at the home of Victor Plastow, 2045 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, Pa.

Cattle On Feed Drops 16 Percent

HARRISBURG — The number of cattle and calves being fed for slaughter in the Keystone State declined sharply during the April-June quarter, according to the Penna. Crop Reporting Service.

Only 41,000 head were on grain feed July 1, the Service reported—8,000 head, or 16 per cent less than a year earlier. The decline followed the national trend, but at a sharper pace. The U.S. had 3 per cent less cattle on feed July 1 than a year earlier.

The Crop Reporting Service attributed Pennsylvania's decline to heavier-than-usual marketing of fat cattle and a slow market for feeder animals.

Only 11,000 head of feeder cattle were bought during the quarter, 39 per cent less than in the comparable three months of 1963. On the other hand, 39,000 head of fat cattle were marketed, 11 per cent more than a year earlier.

Livestock men anticipate marketing 26,000 head during the coming quarter — 4,000 less than in the same period last year, according to the Crop Reporting Service.
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County Fair Dates Listed

Pennsylvania's fair season, starting with the Kimberton Fair, July 15-25 at Kimberton, Chester county, will comprise 95 events, according to a listing made by the State Department of Agriculture.

These will be spread over a 6-month period extending through the 1965 Pennsylvania State Farm Show, Jan 11-15 in Harrisburg.

State Agriculture Secretary Leland H Bull said three events to be held in the Farm Show Building will open with the new Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show, an open international event. It is scheduled for Sept. 14-17 and will embrace the annual Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show. Local fair dates are Sept 15-17.

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James Hershey, (left) and Richard Buckwalter, both of R. D. 3 Lititz, were tractor demonstration winners at the Southeast District Demonstration Day at Allentown.

Breeders Service Open House

Atlantic Breeders Cooperative, Rt 230 Bypass, Lancaster, will hold a two day open house today and Sunday, July 25 and 26, between 1 and 4 p.m.

Included will be guided tours of the bull barns, laboratory and offices. Refreshments will be served.

Weather Forecast

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average 2 to 5 degrees above the normal range of 65 at night to 87 in the afternoon. Warm weather is expected over the weekend and cooler in the northern area later in the period. Precipitation may total 0.2 to 0.5 inch occurring as scattered showers.