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County Tobacco Harvest Started

"We're about a week earlier than last year," said Harry Gantz in discussing his well known high quality field of tobacco he started to harvest Saturday, August 1. He has about two acres of early tobacco about ready to harvest. Harry used chemicals to control the suckers. Last year he made a comparison between tobacco treated for sucker control and untreated tobacco and found that the treated stalk weighed 1/4 pound more per stalk. Therefore Gantz feels the chemical is worth the \$50 per gallon it costs. Last year his early cut leaf brought top price on the market and he says it might not be quite as large this year. "But, it's big enough," he pointed, as he strung an enormous stalk on the lathe. His tobacco was planted the first of May and was topped about six weeks ago. The Harry Gantz farm is located south of Millersville along the main road to Safe Harbor.



The winners of the Guernsey Field Day Judging Contest were (L to R) Nelson Landis, Mrs. Louise Witmer and Roy Breneman. The event took place Tuesday at the Melvin Stoltzfus Farm, Ronks R1.

Roy Breneman Is Winner At Guernsey Field Day

Roy Breneman, Willow Street, took home the top contest award of a model Guernsey cow with his winning score of 283 points in the judging contest of the Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders Field Day held Thursday at the farm of Melvin Stoltzfus, Ronks R1.

Second in the men's division was Don Ankram, Peach Bottom and third was Jacob Bollinger, Lititz R4.

Mrs Louise Witmer, Willow Street, topped the ladies class. Second was Mrs. Jacob Bollinger, Lititz R4 and third was Mrs Herbert Royer, 2025 Oregon Pike.

Nelson Landis, 1804 Hempstead Road, was the youth winner followed by Jody Atkins, New Providence R1 and Henry DeLong, Peach Bottom R2.

"If your making progress you are doing it right," said Elmer Salisbury, Manager of Lauxmount Farms, and main speaker of the afternoon program. In his travels around the country he has found many

different feed and breeding programs working for different people.

Salisbury urged the primary use of one herd sire to get a group of uniform replacements. He also encouraged farmer breeders to work together and with the artificial breeding studs to prove good young bulls. Speaking of the local Guernsey Association as a "closely knit" group he used them as an example of what he meant by working together. "We need closer cooperation between breeders. It's hanging together or hang separately," he said.

Victor Plastow, Associate County Agent, also on the program, suggested that farmers have their hay tested for chemical residue. There is a laboratory in Philadelphia and anyone at the County Agents office would be glad to help you. "Nothing could be worse than being shut off by your milk company," he stated.

Plastow also stressed the importance of the soil test in establishing fall seedings of alfalfa.

Poultrymen Free "Economic Vice" By Management

"The cheapest way to make money is to improve management, sanitation and practice isolation," said Dr Robert F Gentry, Professor of Veterinarian Science, Poultry Disease Laboratory, Pennsylvania State University, at the Lancaster County Farm Bureau Cooperative Association Poultry meeting Monday evening.

Doctor Gentry told local poultrymen that the genetic base for poultry strains is about as improved as is possible and the feed is of top quality and selling at a competitive price. Therefore, we are going to have to get out of the "economic vice" with better management.

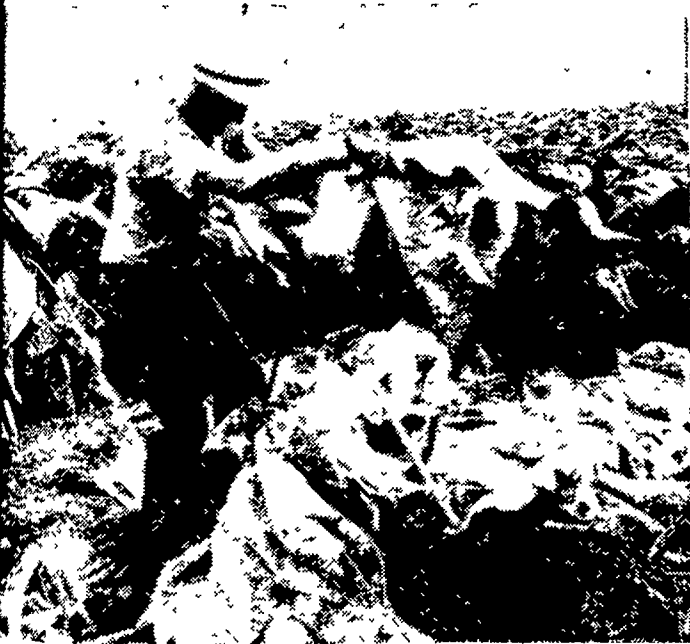
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Farm Prices Up From Year Ago

Prices received by Commonwealth farmers in mid-July for all agricultural products rose 6 percent from a month earlier and 3 percent from a year ago, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. The usual seasonal increase is 5 percent. Contributing most to this increase was livestock products, particularly dairy products which advanced 7 percent and poultry and eggs which increased 2 percent. Feed grains and hay remained unchanged while food grains showed a 21 percent decline.

Egg prices began to show some strength and increased a penny over the previous month, but only equal to July a year ago. Broilers and roasters also increased one cent per

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IT'S BIG ENOUGH! Harry Gantz started the county tobacco harvest season on his farm at Millersville R. D. 1. He cut the first few loads last Saturday. L. F. Photo.

Farm Calendar

- Aug 8 — 5:30 p.m. The Garden Spot Young Farmers summer picnic will be held at the Garden Spot High School Athletic Field.
- Aug 10 — 7:45 p.m. Manheim Young Farmers Association meeting on Soil Conservation, land judging and motion pictures.
- Aug 11-12 — State 4-H Judging and Demonstration Days, Pennsylvania State University.
- Aug 11 — 9:30 a.m. Lancaster County ASC farm tour. Leave Penn Manor High School.
- Aug 13 — 7:30 p.m. A dairy cattle classification barn meeting at the farm of Clyde W. Martin, East Earl R. D. 1, Mr. William C. Nichol, Sec. of Pa.

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ASC Schedules Farm Tour In County Tues.

The Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee has planned a farm tour in the county on Tuesday, Aug. 11. The tour will leave Penn Manor High School at 9:30 a.m. Bus service will be furnished at a cost of 50 cents a person. Each person is asked to bring a picnic lunch.

Weather Forecast

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average 2 to 6 degrees below the normal range of 85 in the afternoon and 65 at night. Cooler over the weekend with moderate temperatures Monday and Tuesday. Cooler again about Wednesday. Precipitation may total 1/2 inch or more as showers early Saturday morning and again late Tuesday.



Randall Stoltzfus and his Grand Champion Yorkshire. This barrow was selected as the best of the 141 hogs in the FFA Hog Show and Sale held at the Green Dragon Market and Auction this week.

Randall Stoltzfus Has Grand Champion FFA Hog

"Smoother and quality through-out," were the words Judge Lee Mohny, Vo-Ag teacher, Lakeview Joint High School, Mercer County, used to describe Randall Stoltzfus's Grand Champion Yorkshire at the Future Farmers of America Hog Show and Sale held Tuesday at the Green Dragon Market and Auction.

Mrs John F. Stoltzfus, Gap R1, will enter Pequea Valley as a senior this fall.

Jerry Snader, Ephrata, who had the Grand Champion last year won the Reserve Champion with his Crossbreed hog.

John Eby and Barry Shirk, both of Pequea Valley, took top honors in the Pen of Three class respectively after taking

Randall, the son of Mr. and

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