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SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA'S OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER. Donald Hershey, Manheim R2, feeds a chunk of green alfalfa hay to one of his Hershvale Registered Holsteins. Hershey was named for the award by the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association at their annual meeting held recently at University Park, Pa. L. F. Photo

Don Hershey, Outstanding Young Farmer, Has A Goal

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Where do you go after you have raised your herd average 2,000 lb of milk and 100 lb of fat in five years?

"We have a goal of a 600 lb herd average," says Donald Hershey, the new southeastern Pennsylvania Outstanding Young Farmer of the year. And this 27-year-old owner of sixty-five Registered Holsteins has some records to make this goal look possible. Take for instance the first calf Ivanhoe daughter, Lady Ivanhoe Lois, that is just finishing with 19,420 lb. of milk and 789 lb. of fat in 365 days, or Hershvale Sovereign Connie that as a four-year old made 23,279 lb. of milk and 757 lb. of fat.

Don's current HIR herd average is 13,885 lb. of milk and 517 lb of fat.

To supply home-grown nutrients for his 40 milk cows and 25 heifers this enterprising young farmer tills a total of 217 acres which includes 60 acres of alfalfa and 65 acres of corn. He also raises 30 acres of small grain and 3 acres of tobacco. Of this total acreage there are 117 acres on the home place which the Hersheys purchased in 1960, and 100 acres are rented on a neighboring farm.

The cow barn has been completely remodeled to accommodate their large dairy enterprise.

The outstanding young farmer award recently presented to the Hersheys by the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association at their annual meeting held at University Park, is given to a farmer who is considered to have an outstanding farm operation. Hershey was picked from the 11 Southeastern Pennsylvania County District.

Lanc. Barn Now On Lebanon Site

In a fire last August Herman Reist, South Lebanon Township, lost a barn, 59 head of dairy cattle and most of his farm equipment. (See Lancaster Farming, October 3, 1964—"Farmer Loses A Barn; Farmer Gains A Barn"). Reist bought a barn that was being torn down in Lancaster County, and had it moved to his farm.

This week about 75 of Reist's friends and neighbors showed up for a barn-raising—they came from as far away as Lancaster Jacob Flaud, a builder from Bird-in-Hand, was responsible for taking down the barn at its old location, getting it moved, and erecting it on Reist's farm.

Although the barn was relocated in pieces at Reist's about two months ago there were several reasons for not putting it up immediately. More work on the foundation was needed than originally thought necessary; the harvest season was in full swing; and 58 feet had to be added to the old barn to house an increased number of cows.

Reist plans to increase his herd size to about 100 head. He has added two silos for handling high-moisture grain, and plans to install automatic feeding equipment. In one silo he has shelled corn, and in the other oats and barley. He also has several silos for corn silage. These ingredients will be blended with a protein supplement automatically, and the mixture augered to the cows.

Reist will have several milk dumping stations located in the barn. As the cows are milked, the milk will be dumped and pipelines will carry it

Donald is Secretary of his local Manheim Young Farmers Association, was a District Council member for the former Eastern States Farmers Exchange and is active in church affairs.

The Hersheys and their two sons Larry and Steven live at Manheim R2.

Pa. Day At AFBF Conv. On Dec. 8

For the first time in its history the American Farm Bureau Federation will hold its annual meeting in Pennsylvania. The site will be Convention Hall in Philadelphia, and the time, December 6-10.

The eighth of December has been set as "Pennsylvania Day", and over 1000 members of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association are expected to be on hand at that time.

The welcoming address on Tuesday will be delivered by Gov. William W. Scranton.

Senator Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana will address the meeting on farm problems,

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Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five-day period Saturday through Wednesday are expected to average near normal. Normal high is 42 degrees and normal low 26. Little day-to-day change is expected through the middle of the period, but it will turn colder toward the end.

Precipitation may total more than one-half inch melted. This will occur mainly during the first half of the period.

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County Judging Team Concludes A Banner Year

The Lancaster County 4-H Livestock judging team climaxed a great season this week by winning two national championships at the International Livestock Show in Chicago.

In winning the 4-H beef cattle judging title over contestants from 28 other states, they became the first Lancaster County team in history to win a national title in a particular livestock division.

The team proved they not only knew how to pick 'em, they showed they also knew how to explain their choices

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Farm Calendar

Dec. 8 — "Pennsylvania Day" at American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting at Convention Hall, Philadelphia

—8 p.m., Manor Young Farmers Meeting at Penn Manor High School Speakers, Eaily, Pa Bureau of Markets, and Amos Funk, Milledaleville

Dec. 9 — Red Rose Baby Beef Club monthly meeting, East Petersburg Elementary School. Program will include Pa. Farm Show details, and a talk by county's

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Farmers Are Reminded To Enroll Now In The '65 Ag Conv. Program

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), 1466 Manheim Pike, reminds farmers this week that if they plan to engage in any part of the Agricultural Conservation Program during 1965 they must enroll before they can do so.

The program this year will pay approximately 50 percent of the cost of liming grassland, seeding or improvement of permanent grass fields, establishment of contour striping, clearing and leveling of pastureland, open drains, tile underdrain, establishing wildlife habitat, developing shallow water areas and woodland border, and hedgerow management by cutting.

Pond payments are limited to 50 percent of the cost, not to exceed \$100 for fish ponds, \$300 for livestock watering ponds, and \$500 for irrigation ponds

The Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) will pay approximately 75 percent of the cost of developing springs and seeps for livestock watering, establishment of sod waterways, and seed for winter or summer cover, or green manure cover.

Payments are about 80 percent of the cost for planting forest trees and shrubs, improving a stand of forest trees,

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What To Expect From Live Beef Futures Trading

Futures trading in live beef cattle began on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange last Monday. What will this mean to the farmer who fattens cattle? The answer to that question may not be known for some time, but the Iowa State Extension Service in their "Iowa Farm Outlook" letter of November 12, 1964 discussed the prospects in detail. Some of their thoughts and conclusions are presented here.

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Frey & Esh Top Red Rose DHIA

It was announced by the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association recently that Furry H. Frey, 1343 Gypsy Hill Road, Lancaster, has concluded the testing year with a top record of 711 pounds of butterfat on his 35-head herd of registered Holsteins.

The top milk-producer in the county was John E. Esh, R.D. 1, Gordonville. His herd of 20 registered Holsteins produced an average of 18,348 pounds of milk.

Esh's herd won the butterfat title last year with a 687-pound average. This year he made 7 pounds more, but it

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