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EDWARD HESS, Leola R1, inspects a pen of his GREEN MEADOW FARMS Hampshire lambs. Hess is a National Director of the American Hampshire Sheep Association. L. F. Photo

## Breeding & Management Has Made Green Meadow A Successful Sheep Farm

by Everett Newswanger  
Staff Reporter

National director of the American Hampshire Sheep Association, Edward Hess, Leola R1, feels that controlling parasites is the most important single management practice needed to be a successful sheep farmer. A consistent time pattern for worming and dipping needs to be followed all year. "Too often sheep are turned out to pasture and forgotten," he said.

At Green Meadow Farms the navel of each newborn lamb is treated with iodine. The lambs are placed in individual 4'x6' pens with their mothers for three or four days. Then they are marked or ear-tagged to identify moth-

er and lamb and placed in larger pens holding 20 ewes.

These pens have a creep (ground feeder) to start the little lambs eating grain. "The fewer the number of ewes and lambs in one pen the better the lambs will grow," Hess stated.

Creep fed lambs get the best alfalfa hay, a well-balanced lamb feed containing 14 percent protein, and access to water and salt at all times.

At two weeks of age the tails of the lambs are docked and treated with an antiseptic. The male lambs to be fattened for slaughter are castrated. All lambs are injected with 1 cubic centimeter of

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## Willow Glen Yorkshire Entry Tops County Swine Carcass Show

The Yorkshire entry owned by John Henkel and Joe Little of Willow Glen Farm, Strasburg R1, captured the grand championship at the first Spring Carcass Show sponsored by the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association this week.

The carcass show was conducted as a two-part affair. The 25 animals entered in the show by 16 swine producers were scored on-foot at the Stockyards on Monday. They were slaughtered at Kunzler & Co., Inc on Tuesday, and cut up on Wednesday under the supervision of Carl Dalton, general manager at Kunzler's.

specialist from Penn State, judged the animals on-foot for such factors as carcass length, backfat, loin eye size, and percentage ham-loin. He and Dwight Younkin, PSU livestock specialist, later evaluated the cut-up carcasses for the same assortment of factors.

Of the five animals judged best by Burdette and the Association members, four placed among the best ten carcasses indicating the correlation that is possible between on-foot judging and carcass evaluation. Generally, this correlation is higher, Burdette observed, when judging hogs of one breed or strain. He stressed the value of carcass evaluation from a breeder's

Lester Burdette, livestock

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### ASCS Warns Farmers Of Deadline For Feed Grain Signup, Mar. 26

As of last week, 236 farms in Lancaster County had been signed up for participation in the 1965 feed grain program, Fred Seldomridge, Chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee has announced. County farms eligible to take part in the program total 6864. Eligible farms are those which grew one or more of the three feed grains — corn, grain sorghum, or barley — during the program's base years, 1959 and 1960.

County feed grain acreage signed up for diversion through the program now totals 3421 acres, including 3209 acres of corn, 0 acres of grain

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### Area Dairymen Score On SNF, Milk Production

Dairy cows from Registered Holstein herds in this area have been listed in an official production testing report from Holstein-Friesian Association of America. Their performance records include solids-non-fat (SNF) information.

Under the Holstein Association's testing plan, the solids-non-fat portion of milk is being determined and credited to the lactation records of individual cows. SNF are those nutrients such as protein, lactose and minerals found below the creamline of milk.

Total nutrient testing was started in 1962 by the Holstein Association to provide breeders with another selection tool for improving the overall performance of cattle in their herds. It is also a useful measure of milk's

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### Lanc. Co. Agent Plans Study Trip To Brazil

It was learned this week that county agricultural agent Max M. Smith would be part of an eight-member Alliance For Progress team that will make a two-week advance study trip to Bahia, Brazil. They will leave on March 31.

The trip, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia, is for the purpose of laying the groundwork for the development of social and commer-

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## Farm Calendar

Mar 22 — 1:30 p.m. Solanco Young Farmer field trip to Vintage Auction.

— 7:30 p.m. Ephrata Young Adult welding class "Welding farm equipment Part I"

— 7:20 p.m. Reorg meeting Elm Penryn 4-H Community Club at Penryn High School

— 7:30 p.m. 4-H Tractor Club tour at New Holland Machine Co.

— B. monthly meeting of County FFA Chapter officers and delegates at Solanco High School, Quarryville

Mar 23 — 1:30 p.m. Manheim (Continued on Page 13)

### Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five-day period, Saturday through Wednesday, are expected to average below normal. Normal high for the period is 52 degrees and low is 32. It will be seasonably cold Saturday and Sunday, milder Monday and Tuesday, and cold again Wednesday.

Precipitation is expected to total between 1/4-1/2 inch, melted. This will occur as rain or snow Sunday, and again about Tuesday.



THE GRAND CHAMPION OF THE COUNTY SWINE ASSOCIATION'S SPRING CARCASS SHOW, owned by Willow Glen Farm of Strasburg R1, seen on the left at the stockyards as she chatted with George Cogley's entry — which finished third — and on the right, putting her best ham and loin forward to win the championship. We weren't close enough to be sure of the conversation, but it sounded like "Stand up straight and smile, honey, you're on candid camera." Shows what a smile at the right time can do! L. F. Photo