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## USDA Proposes Standards For Feeder Pigs

The U S Department of Agriculture has proposed standards for five official grades of feeder pigs. The proposed standards provide for grades U.S. No. 1, U.S. No. 2, U. S. No. 3, Medium and Cull.

The Livestock Division of USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service explained that there are presently no official grade standards for feeder pigs. Federal and federal-state market reports on feeder pigs are based on suggested standards published by USDA in 1940. Some states have developed new standards for use in feeder pig marketing programs.

The proposed grades would provide a uniform basis for marketing and market reporting, C&MS officials said.

Five proposed grades would be determined by a composite evaluation of logical slaughter potential and thriftiness.

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**PRINCESS POSES WITH PROUD PARENTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. H Leroy Welk on steps of their farm home at Strasburg R1. Linda topped the county competition last weekend, and will be representing Lancaster County in the state contest the latter part of this month.

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## Linda Welk, 1965 Dairy Princess, Looks Forward To A Very Exciting Year

All of the events that will require the royal presence of Lancaster County's newest Dairy Princess between now and next June are eagerly anticipated by a pleased and self-assured young lady in the Strasburg area. Eighteen-year-old Linda Lou Welk was chosen last Saturday night to represent the county's dairy industry in the coming year. This means appearing at various dairy functions and field days, and speaking to 4-H'ers and other groups. It also means entering the competition for Pennsylvania Dairy Princess on the 23rd and 24th of July.

Since the state competition is one of the first events on the calendar, Linda is concentrating most of her thoughts in that direction. The state event will be held in Towanda, Pa., which is located northwest of Scranton. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Herbert Royer, county director of the Dairy Princess Pageant. County Princesses from fourteen areas will compete for the grand title at Towanda. Linda will be representing area 14, which is Lancaster County. We wish her well!

The Princess is the daughter of the Princess on the 23rd and 24th of July.

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## Area Farmers Hear Nutritionist Via Long Distance Telephone Hook-Up

On Tuesday night about 20 new area farmers gathered at the Abram Groff farm on Pinkerton Road, Mount Joy, to attend a feeder meeting sponsored by the International Stock Food Corporation (ISF).

Dr. Czarnetzky discussed some of the practical on-farm applications of good nutrition practices, and told the group that these must be combined with good management practices if farmers are to give their animals the necessary care.

The highlight of the meeting was a prearranged, live, telephone talk by Dr. Edward J. Czarnetzky, dean of agricultural education at the William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute at Chazy, New York. Although this type of amplified hook up is not new in some areas, it is unique in this section. It is accomplished by having the telephone company install a special gadget which is wired to an amplifier and it worked very well.

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## Land Transferred For Farm And Home Center

Plans for establishing a Farm and Home Center in Lancaster County took a giant step this week with the formal transfer of a choice tract of 10.5 acres of land along the Route 230 By-Pass as a site for the proposed building.

On hand to accept the deed to the gift of land made by Elmer L. Esbenshade, prominent retired farmer, was Levi Brubaker, Chairman of the Farm Gifts Division of the Farm and Home Foundation of Lancaster County. Other officers of the Foundation present were: Willis Z. Esbenshade, president; B. Snavely Garber, vice president; Noah W. Kreider, treasurer; L. H. Skromme, chairman of the Special and General Gifts Division; and directors Melvin R. Stoltzfus and John H. Herr. Esbenshade, the donor, is one of several men who pioneered the idea originally of a Center designed to serve both agricultural and civic interests.

The tract of land was offered as a "challenge gift" on condition that a minimum of \$200,000 would be raised by the Foundation before July 1, 1965 through public subscription.

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## Eshelman Firm Buys "Premier Brand" Feed Co.

John W. Eshelman & Sons, manufacturers of Red Rose Feeds, announces the purchase of Hesperheide and Thompson, Inc., York, Pa.

The Hesperheide and Thompson firm has marketed

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## ONE VERY BIG SILVER DOLLAR CHANGES HANDS



**TO LEGALLY COMPLETE THE TRANSFER OF LAND TO THE FARM AND HOME CENTER**  
Levi Brubaker (left), Chairman of the Farm Gifts Division, presented land donor Elmer L. Esbenshade with one silver dollar which was minted in the year of his birth. Looking on at the proposed Farm and Home site along the Route 230 By-Pass

are some of the officers and directors of the Foundation. Left to right they are: Melvin R. Stoltzfus, director; B. Snavely Garber, vice-president; John H. Herr, director; Willis Z. Esbenshade, president; Noah W. Kreider, treasurer; and L. H. Skromme, Chairman of Special and General Gifts Divisions.

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## Farm Calendar

July 5 — July 5-9, plant materials short course at Penn State University.

July 6 — July 6, 7, and 8, Southeastern Pa. 4-H Leadership School at Cocoa Inn, Hershey

— 7:30 p.m. New Providence 4-H Club at New Providence Elementary School

July 8 — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 4-H Livestock Club at Ma-

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