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## Merger Move Announced By NEBA Directors

After a 4 month study, Northeastern Breeders Assn. directors have decided to recommend a merger to its member-stockholders. The recommendation would result in one farmer-owned and controlled cooperative including NEBA and the following Maine Breeding Cooperative, Augusta, Maine; New Hampshire-Vermont Breeding Association, Concord, New Hampshire; Central Vermont Breeding Association, Montpelier, (Continued on Page 7)

## 1965 Corn Support Price Is Announced

Price support loans for the 1965 corn crop in Lancaster County is \$1.23 per bushel, according to an announcement this week by the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office. The national average is \$1.05.

The loan rate of \$1.23 refers to corn grading No. 3 and No. 4 only. Premiums or discounts will apply on other grades.

Chairman Fred G. Seldomridge reminded growers that price support on the 1965 corn crop is available only to farmers participating in the 1965 feed grain program.



THAT'S NO SAND DUNE behind Lancaster County potato grower Reid Wissler; it is just plain dirt that has been bulldozed around three sides of his potato storage building from ground to eaves. The dirt plus five inches of rock wool insulation in the ceiling of the building have been an effective temperature-stabilizing combination. L. F. Photo

## "Spuds", Main Crop For Diversified Farmer Reid Wissler Of Ephrata Area

In 1964 the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service estimated the value of Lancaster County's potato crop at just under \$2 million, which meant the county ranked third in spud value in the state.

We visited one of the area's successful potato growers, Reid Wissler, to learn something about this economically and gastronomically important crop.

Wissler lives with his wife and five young children on their 109-acre farm just south of Akron. He began farming in 1952, and potatoes have been a primary crop ever since. 46 acres went into potato production this year with the balance of the farm used for tobacco, wheat and corn—the latter as feed for the steers that Wissler fattens year round.

In 1962 he built a 36 ft. by

116 ft. potato storage building on the farm that is bordered by Route 222. As the building was in various stages of construction, passersby guessed its purpose at everything from a mushroom house to a bomb shelter—the latter after earth was bulldozed around three sides of the building from ground to eaves. Can't you almost hear the perplexed commuter, who has wondered about this construction daily, telling his wife that evening, "I guess the farmer couldn't decide what it is either; now he's trying to bury the darn thing!"

Potatoes are stored right on the dirt floor in piles about 10 feet deep. The interior of the building is large enough to permit all of the grading to be done inside, out of the weather. It is high enough to allow a tractor-trailer inside for loading. Between the five-inch rock wool insulation in the ceiling, and the mounds of earth surrounding the building on three sides, Wissler says he has no trouble keeping the temperature within the desired range.

If the potatoes are going for chips, the storage temperature should not go below 45

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## Esh And Lapp Lead Red Rose DHIA For July

A registered Holstein cow owned by John E. Esh, Gordonville R1, completed the highest 305-day lactation for July. Patsy produced 20,161 lbs. of milk, 885 lbs. of butterfat with a 4.4% test. Second high lactation was completed by a registered Holstein cow owned by Clarence L. Keener, Manheim R3. Lucille produced 21,751 lbs. of milk, 867 lbs. of butterfat with a 4.0% test in 305 days.

The herd of Christ K Lapp & Son, Gap R2, had the highest monthly butterfat average. This herd of 347 registered Holstein cows averaged 1535 lbs of milk, 62 lbs of butterfat with a 4.0% test. The herds of Christian Zook, Ronks R1; Hiram S. Aungst, (Continued on Page 9)

## Study Shows Banks Are Largest Farm Lenders

Pennsylvania banks were serving farmers with more credit and other financial services than any other group of lenders at the beginning of this year, according to Stanley Musselman, manager of the agricultural department of the Lancaster County Farmers National Bank.

At that time the annual survey of the American Bankers Assn shows, Pennsylvania banks were helping farmers with \$252 million in loans, 7 percent more than in the previous year. This total was divided about equally between production and mortgage loans. At the same time, \$13 million in farm loans was (Continued on Page 7)

## Pennsylvania's 2nd All-American Dairy Show Scheduled Next Week

Another overflow enrollment will mark next week's second Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show in the State Farm Show Building.

Entries, reportedly, will total nearly 2,400, and will come from sixteen states and two provinces in Canada, as happened a year ago at the first of the open international dairy events.

Harold R. McCulloch, manager, said a large enrollment had been anticipated, and that ample preparations to accommodate the animals have been completed.

In addition to all sheds and barns in the 13-acre Farm Show Building, show cattle will occupy half of the main

exposition hall where nearly 1,000 temporary stanchions have been erected.

Of the 2,400 head, 1,481 have been entered directly in the main All-American. The others will transfer from the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show the first day, and the Pennsylvania Holstein Black and White Show on Tuesday of show week.

Both the Junior and Black (Continued on Page 7)

## Deadline For Entering Swine Assn. Carcass Show Set For Sept. 16

The Lancaster County Swine Producers Association announces it will again conduct a carcass show and evaluation contest in conjunction with the Lampeter Fair on Thursday, September 23, at 6:30 p.m. All exhibitors in the contest must be, or become, either junior or senior members of the Swine Association prior to the show.

Entries may be barrows or gilts and must weigh between 190 and 220 pounds. Any hog not in this weight class will be slaughtered and evaluated, but will not compete in the contest. Each exhibitor will receive a copy of all carcass data when such is compiled. The competing hogs will be (Continued on Page 7)

## Donegal High School Discontinues Vo-Ag Education Department

The Donegal Union School district recently announced that the Vocational-Agriculture Department of Donegal High School has been discontinued.

This decision represents the official action of the Donegal Union School Board and is effective immediately.

Although the Witness Oak Chapter of Future Farmers of America has also been discontinued, Donegal students enrolled in vocational agriculture will be attending neighboring high schools.

There are now nine high schools in Lancaster County offering the course in vocational agriculture.

## A New Look At Some Old Heat Tolerance Ideas

Dairymen long have held notions about what makes a cow tolerate heat, but most of these notions are off base, Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists have found.

One such fallacy involves physical characteristics of Indian cattle. Tough but relatively unproductive, these cattle have a big hump on (Continued on Page 10)

## Weber-Ebersole Merger Plans Are Announced

Ebersole's Hatchery of Annville has announced its merger with Weber's Hatchery, Inc. of Bowmansville. Weber's, the surviving company, will expand and modernize its plant to house all hatching equipment which will enable them to serve the needs of the company's customers in southeastern Pennsylvania.

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## Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five-day period, Saturday through Wednesday, are expected to average near normal. Normal for the period is a high in the mid to upper 70's and a low in the mid 50's. It will be warm over the weekend, then cooler late Sunday.

Precipitation may total 1/2-inch or more, occurring as showers on Sunday and again about mid-week.

## Farm Calendar

September 13-17—All-American Dairy Show, Farm Show Bldg, Harrisburg

September 13-8 a.m., Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show, Farm Show Bldg

—6 p.m., Holstein Breed Sale—Farm Show Bldg

—8 p.m. Soil and Water Conservation District Directors at County Courthouse

—8 p.m. County ASC Convention at ASC Office, Manheim Pike, Lancaster

September 14—8 a.m., Penn-

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