

Lancaster Farming

SECOND SECTION

Leininger And Endslo Participate In Study Of So. American Agri.

Two area farmers recently completed a three-week, good-will journey to five South American countries as part of a delegation of agricultural leaders participating in the people-to-people mission. Representing Lancaster County agriculture on this mission were Warren Leininger, Denver; and Harold B. Endslo, Marietta.

The group left from Philadelphia and spent twenty-one days in the countries of Peru, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil. Most of their time was spent in numerous visits to farm and livestock operations. In each of the five countries they participated in official meetings with US and foreign government representatives.

The purpose of the journey was to get a first-hand look at methods and working con-

ditions in South American agriculture, and to improve understanding between the US and our South American neighbors.

Leader of the group was Thomas B. King, head of the animal science department at Penn State University. Beef cattle, dairy, sheep, swine, horse and fruit production methods were studied.

Although the forage species found in most of South America vary from those native to our area, it was observed that the continent has a great potential for agricultural production. The big obstacle, the group reported, is transportation in much of the inland farming area. As this improves, South America should provide a larger share of the world's food supply.



WARREN LEININGER, left, discussing the 4-H program in Paraguay with county agent Oscar Mirauda.

Kauffman Cow Earns "Super Brood Cow" Recognition

Holstein-Friesian Association of America reports Gold Medal recognition for Penn Springs Regal Lucy, owned by Robert H. Kauffman, Elizabethtown R1. As an eight-year-old, "Lucy" has three official records averaging 19,395 lbs. of milk and 670 lbs. of butterfat. She was bred and developed in the Kauffman herd.

Her qualifying daughters are Penn Springs Lad Lucky with two records averaging 19,010 lbs. of milk and 619 lbs. of butterfat; Penn Springs Master Trinket with a single record of 19,811 lbs. of milk and 823 lbs. of butterfat; and Penn Springs Admiral Lucille also with a single record of 19,162 lbs. of milk and 667 lbs. of butterfat.

Production records are given as 305-day, 2X, mature equivalent lactations for comparison purposes. Just over 800 registered Holstein cows have earned Gold Medal Dam recognition. The program encourages the development of cow families within herd improvement programs, reports the Holstein Association.

FEB. EGG PRODUCTION HITS 21-YEAR LOW

Egg production during February in Pennsylvania reached its lowest point in 21 years down 9 percent from last February. Fewer layers and reduced rate of lay were the factors held responsible for this sharply reduced production.

The average number of layers was down 6 percent from February 1965. This was the smallest number of layers on hand for any February during the past 31 years.

Rate of egg production also tumbled 4 percent in February of this year.

These factors combined to return poultrymen an average of 11 cents more per dozen for their eggs, compared to February prices a year ago.

Production, nationally, was also down in February, with number of layers remaining approximately the same as in the year before.

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