

Lancaster Farming

SECOND SECTION

4 Garden Spot FFA Members Cited By DeKalb

The DeKalb Seed Corn Association held its corn awards banquet in the Holiday Inn on April 4 to honor vo-ag students with DeKalb corn projects who had made the best record on a corn growing analysis sheet supplied by DeKalb. The F.F.A. members in attendance from the Garden Spot Chapter were: Bob Weaver, Bill Houser, Larry Breneman, and Larry Herr.

In contrast to most corn contests which are based on yield checks on a spot basis, the DeKalb project emphasizes cost, fertilizing, population and recognition to corn enemies. The yield is computed, but project recognition is not based on top yields, but yields calculation is a factor in the top score.

The two students from the Garden Spot F.F.A. Chapter

on the total score were Bob Weaver and Bill Houser, with a score of 99. They received a special wall plaque. Five other boys received pins and certificates for adequate records.

At the banquet, nine schools from this general area were in attendance. The Garden Spot F.F.A. Chapter from Lampeter-Strasburg High School was the top school based on the overall record of its entrants. There were seven boys from this chapter that had a score of ninety and above.

In this project each Vocational Agriculture student plants a variety of DeKalb corn. He then compares it to another hybrid by keeping records of all field operations and costs. After harvest, the young farmers determine what it costs them to produce a bushel of corn.

The DeKalb corn project includes over 1,000 schools in the top corn growing states. It has been in operation for eleven years. This DeKalb

Average Farm Prices Hold Steady In April

HARRISBURG — The average price received by Pennsylvania farmers for their products in April was unchanged from a month earlier, despite an 8 percent decline in hog prices, according to the State Crop Reporting Service.

The April average, however, was 8 percent higher than a year earlier.

In the nation, April prices were down 2 percent from mid-March, but the average was 9 percent above April '65 level. Prices paid by farmers for commodities and services rose two-thirds of one percent over the comparable period last year.

Hog prices in the state averaged (Continued on Page 15)

corn project will be continued by many schools in the area because of the good record keeping experience this program gives, Company representatives said.

Angus Sales Up 18% Assn. Says

The demand for registered Angus beef cattle has been booming in recent months, according to a recent announcement from Glen Bratcher, secretary of the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Missouri. In the first six months of the national organization's 1966 fiscal year transfers of ownership were up 18.5% over the same period of 1965. For the first half of the 1966 year cattlemen transferred the ownership of 184,369 head of purebred Angus, an increase of 28,858 over the 155,511 head sold in the same months of the 1965 fiscal year.

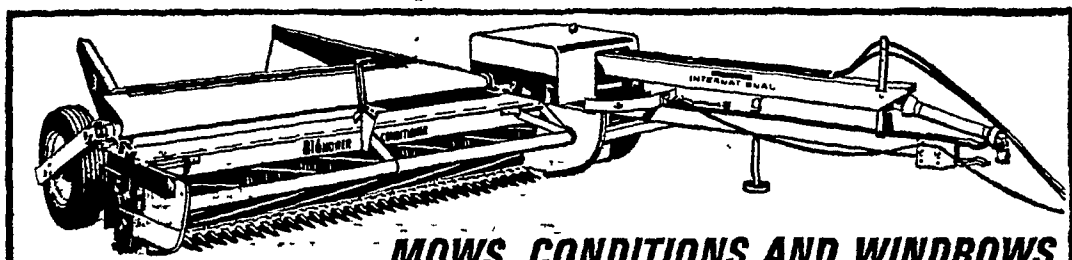
Prices paid for registered Angus in recent months are higher, too. Bratcher said in the past six months 40,365 head were sold in 490 auction sales for an average price of \$470, up \$59 per

head over the same period a year ago. The average for 38,233 sold from October through March, 1965 was \$411. This is an increase in gross income of \$3,281,540 for cattlemen selling Angus in those auction sales.

The average for 13,440 bulls sold in the past six months was \$570. This compares with an average of \$478 paid last year for 14,786 bulls. The average price paid for cows and heifers was \$421, up from an average of \$369 paid for the first six months of 1965.

These increased prices are reflected in registration totals, Bratcher declared. In March, 1966 Angus registrations were up 8% over March of 1965. The first monthly increase since last fall. "For the first six months of the current fiscal year registrations are only 3,175 head behind the total for the same period of 1965,"

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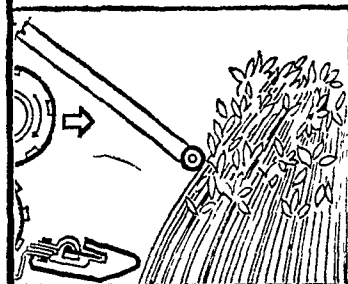
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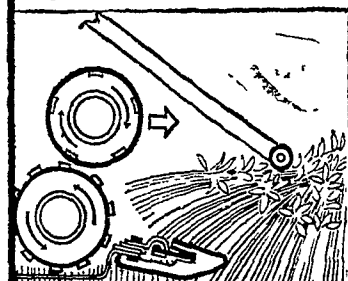
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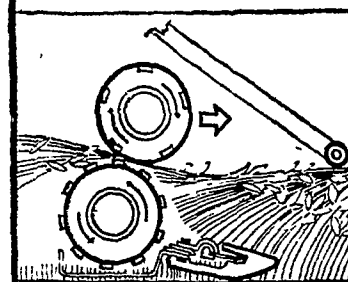
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