

● Reflections

FIVE YEARS AGO

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American Hereford Association award as one of the "top ten" county agents in the U.S. A year later, the U.S. Department of Agriculture gave him its Superior Service award for his work in beef cattle feeding, and 4-H Club livestock production.

Welk Wins Two Dairy Championships At Solanco — John Welk, Strasburg R1, turned in an unusual double win at the Solanco Fair Wednesday (September 20) when he exhibited a mother-daughter combination to the grand and reserve Holstein championships.

The 12-year-old son of Mr and Mrs Leroy Welk pulled off the dual triumph with a three-year-old cow and her first offspring.

USDA Charges Rigged Prices — Seven meat packing companies, three national food chains, and two lamb dealers yesterday (September 15) were charged with violation of the Packers and Stockyards Act, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced.

The complaint charged that the accused failed to conduct their buying operations in competition with, and independently of each other, and that they made arrangements they would not compete against each other in buying lambs in certain producing areas.

These practices, the complaint charged, have the effect of manipulating or controlling the price of lamb.

Ten Years Ago

September, 1956

Garden Spot Ninth In U.S. Farm Products — In 1954 Lancaster County led the nation's non-irrigated counties in value of all farm products sold — \$80-million — according to U.S. Department of Commerce figures released this week (September 14).

Lancaster is the only county east of the Mississippi River represented in the first 18 counties.

The only other Pennsylvania counties ranked in the nation's first 100 were Chester 60th and York 87th.

Dutch Days Serves Two Miles Of Chicken — Placed end to end, there was two miles of chicken served to 100,000 people attending the Pennsylvania Poultry Festival and Dutch Days celebration at Hershey according to a committee report this week (September 7).

Frost Threat Speeds Harvest — Threat of frost damage put a bit of fright in Lancaster County farmers last weekend (September 7), but the "light-white" reported failed to damage crops.

It does show however, said county agent M. M. Smith "that we could get hurt this early in the season. It has speeded up farm work. Tobacco harvesting is about 75 percent completed in the county and now is the time to make silage of soybeans and sorghum. Silo filling is on full tilt right now, the agent said.

Severe Storm Rakes Northwestern County — The northwestern section of Lancaster County nearly blew off the map Monday evening (September 17) in a windstorm that toppled trees, snapped power

and phone lines, and battered buildings.

Crops were slashed by rain and hail driven by 68 m.p.h. winds with gusts undoubtedly higher.

The most severe damage seemed to center around Mount Joy. On the J.B. Hostetter & Sons farm, tenanted by Donald Newcomer at Mount Joy R2, a 70 x 40 foot shed filled with new crop tobacco was demolished. At some stores in town, plate glass windows were smashed.

Crop damage would be difficult to estimate in dollars, advised county agent M. M. Smith. Damage from hail will be considerable, especially in tobacco, he said. One farmer reported a three-acre tobacco field so badly shredded it must be disc'd under.

Wins Cake Contest Third Year at Solanco Fair — A prize winning walnut chiffon cake placed first in the cake division at the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair recently to give Mrs. V. Roscoe Carter of Quarryville R3 her third straight winning cake in that Solanco event. Her recipe was printed today (September 28) in Lancaster Farming.

Nolt Steer Tops Ephrata Show — A 1000-pound Hereford steer shown by 13-year-old Joyce Nolt of Reinholds R1 scored grand champion at the Ephrata Fair baby beef show Wednesday (September 26). Miss Nolt, daughter of Mr and Mrs Amos M. Nolt, is a freshman at Cocalico Union High School. This marked the first time a Hereford has won top honors at the Ephrata steer event.

Reserve champion was shown by Leona Augsberger, Reinholds R1.



More "cold" and possibly wet weather has been ordered for our area during the next five days by the weatherman. Temperatures are expected to average below the normal range of 74 to 53 degrees. It will be cool over the weekend, with temperatures moderating somewhat about late Sunday, turning cooler again at midweek. Precipitation may total 1/2-inch, or more, occurring as rain in the latter half of the period.

The trouble with the welfare state is that it costs too much to get something for nothing.

4-H
Sept. 24th
to
OCT. 1st
CLUB WEEK

1967 Agriculture Outlook Good, USDA Specialists Tell Workshop

This year is turning out much better for agriculture in the United States as a whole than even the most optimistic forecasts made a year ago. According to Rex. F. Daly, chairman of the Outlook and Situation Board, Economic Research Service, USDA, net farm income could be as much as two billion dollars above the \$14 billion dollar net in 1965.

Speaking at the third annual mid-atlantic states outlook workshop at the University of Delaware recently, Daly said that 1967 promises to be another high income year for farmers. Since the costs of

farm production will continue to rise, however, the net farm income may be hard put to match the net income indicated for 1966. Farm prices may average slightly lower than in 1966, but supplies will be larger, particularly for crops.

The dairy situation in 1967 will again be favorable for dairy farmers, according to Robert L. Rizek, Economic Service, USDA. Milk production in 1967 is likely to be up somewhat from the 1966 level; however retail prices may keep commercial use down. Despite the increased production, output should

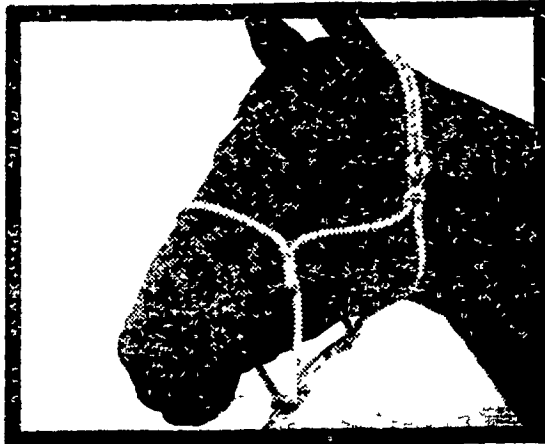
about balance demand. The number of milk cows is expected to decline less than in 1966 because of improvement in dairy prices.

Rizek told the workshop audience that hog prices will be lower in 1967. Above-average prices through most of 1965 and the first half of 1966 encouraged hog producers to expand production. Hog slaughter in the last half of 1966 was above last year's and the expansion in production is expected to continue well into 1967. Although the prices will be down, they will likely remain well above production costs for most producers, Rizek said.

He pointed out that cattle (Continued on Page 10)

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