

## Area Hog Farm Gets Top Award

Reno H. Thomas of Beavertown, Snyder County, was judged the nation's top hog farmer in the 14th annual Ford Farm Efficiency Awards program for his herd of purebred Yorkshire sows with a five-year average of 10.2 pigs weaned per litter. He has had a single-year average as high as 10.7 pigs per litter. Thomas' hogs at test stations have gained 100 pounds on only 260 pounds of feed.

He farrows 100 to 125 sows, full-feeding them until pigs are weaned. After weaning, he limit feeds the sows by letting them eat from a self-

feeder for two days, then runs them on an alfalfa-orchard grass pasture for the next three days.

Thomas full-feeds pigs so they hit 210 pounds at four to five months of age. About 95 percent grade No. 1 "We use six different complete mixed rations from 18 percent in the creep feed, to 12 percent in the finisher," says Thomas. "We change feeds at various weight levels."

"Our sows farrow in a remodeled barn, and we feed pigs out in a concrete-floored building with an open front," he explained. "It is a low-investment combination that has given us good results"

Thomas is a member of the Governor's Farm Show Com-

## Area Feed Firm Honors Long-Time Employees

Four employees of Miller & Bushong, Inc., animal feed manufacturers in Rohrerstown, were honored for their long service to the firm Tuesday

mission which operates the largest indoor farm show in the world. He is on the board of directors of the Yorkshire Association, a member of the Pennsylvania Livestock and Allied Industries Board, and is on the executive board of the new Live Animal Testing Station, which will be the first testing station in the nation handling hogs, beef, and sheep. The Thomases have two children.

evening at a dinner meeting at Mott's Restaurant in Rohrerstown.

Two of the men were retiring with a combined length of service of 63 years. They were mill employee Christian H. Finkbinder, 38 years service, and Harold Benedict, truck driver, with 25 years service. Both were presented with plaques and a cash gift by Miller & Bushong president and general manager, Robert Graybill.

Twenty-five year awards were also presented by Graybill to Benedict, Benjamin Gluck, and Joseph Breneman. These men received Hamilton watches. Gluck is employed by the firm as a truck driver and Breneman works in the feed mill

in food marketing is here to stay and that everyone must learn to live with it. He foresaw continued trends toward fewer but larger buyers for the farmer's produce, more industrialization in such commodities as poultry, more end-product processing, more innovations in service from the marketer to the consumer, and more away-from-home eating.

Although many traditional methods of food marketing will linger for a long time, the traditional will increasingly blend with highly modernized marketing systems as innovations accelerate, according to the speaker

Much of the world market remains tradition bound, but there are definite trends toward the dropping of old barriers to facilitate commerce, transportation, refrigeration, and consumer conveniences, Ogren said.

## USDA Economist Sees Changes In Marketing

The rapid and effective changes in food marketing since World War II point to further and faster innovations, according to a recent address by Kenneth E. Ogren of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Ogren, director of marketing economics for USDA's Economic Research Service, spoke about the changes and their impacts on production and marketing at the 44th Annual Agricultural Outlook Conference in Washington, D.C. Ogren asserted that "change"



Temperatures are expected to average below the normal range of 50 to 32 degrees. It should be cool throughout the period, but moderating about Wednesday.

No significant precipitation is in sight for the next five days, according to the weatherman's crystal ball.

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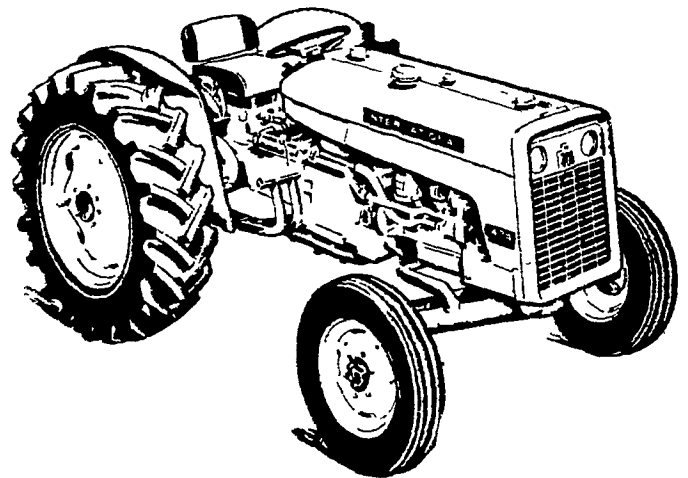
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