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Poultry Federation Urges Prompt Action On Freight Rate Reduction

"Pennsylvania's poultrymen have waited impatiently while proposal after proposal for lower freight rates on poultry feed ingredients has been advanced, amended, and then, either not considered or thrown out" Pennsylvania Poultry Federation president William R. Myer will so testify at a hearing before the Traffic Executive Association of Eastern Railroads to be held in New York City on January 12.

Myer will be expressing the opinion of the Federation's board of directors who reportedly feel strongly that the eastern rail carriers can reduce the transportation costs on feed ingredients brought into this area, and thus help the state's poultry industry regain its former national prominence.

"Many reasons could be offered for Pennsylvania's drop from third in egg production to eighth," Myer said, "but these can be summarized simply as 'an unhealthy economic climate.'"

"Southern competitors who are selling their product in our traditional markets have

enjoyed lower feed costs brought about by cheaper transportation expense," Myer said. He added that this has created an unhealthy climate for expansion and modernization of Pennsylvania's poultry industry.

"If this climate could be improved, and the rail carriers have it in their power to help, egg production could increase substantially," the Federation president stated.

Commodity Futures Trading Gains In '66

Futures trading in regulated commodities will reach a record volume in the 1966 calendar year, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reported, based on preliminary data from the Commodity Exchange Authority.

The total volume of futures transactions (purchases and sales) in all regulated commodities exceeding 17 million, and valued at \$38.5 billion, will be 25 percent larger than last year.

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County Tobacco Show Stated For January 5

Lancaster County's annual tobacco show will be held Thursday afternoon, January 5, at the Bayuk Cigar Company, 850 North Water Street, Lancaster, it was announced this week by the county agricultural extension office. Starting time will be 12:30 p.m.

The classes to be offered for this show will be the same as for the State Farm Show, and will include Wrapper B's, Filler B's, and Binders, plus FFA Wrapper and Filler classes.

A hand of tobacco shall consist of 15 leaves tied with another leaf. Leaves should be selected which are free from insect, disease, or mechanical damage.

All exhibits entered in the county show will be taken to the state show unless the exhibitor states otherwise. Growers not entering the county show, but desiring to exhibit at the state show, may bring their exhibits to the Agway Supply Center, Dillerville Road, Lancaster by Friday, January 6; the extension agents will see that these get to the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg. During the tobacco judging

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Amos Funk To Be Honored With Master Farmer Award

When Amos H. Funk, Millersville R1 vegetable grower, receives his Master Farmer's award during Farm Show Week, he will be the first Lancaster Countian so honored in the past twelve years, according to county agricultural agent M. M. Smith.

Funk will be one of six Pennsylvanians recognized as 1966 Master Farmers. The awards will be presented at a luncheon, January 10, at the Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg.

The Millersville area farmer has long been known in the county and in the state for his efforts in behalf of agriculture, and for his leadership. He has served as president of the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association, and as president of the State Soil & Water Conservation District board. In 1965, he was appointed to a second term on the State Soil & Water Conservation Commission. In addition, he is a member of the Governor's Committee on Agriculture.

At the local level, Funk has long worked to keep Lancaster County the "Garden Spot of America". He is presently

serving his 14th consecutive term as chairman of the county Soil & Water Conservation District board.

Activities on the 240-acre farm operated by the Funk family will be described at the awards luncheon in an illustration (Continued on Page 8)



Amos H. Funk

PSU Extension Specialists Will Discuss '67 Agricultural Outlook

Two agricultural economics extension specialists from Penn State University will be on hand next Wednesday, January 4, with illustrated talks on what farmers can expect from the agricultural economy in 1967.

Speaking at the countywide meeting, to be held at the Farm Credit Building, 411 W. Roseville Road, Lancaster, at 7:30 p.m., will be William Johnstone and Charles Porter, county agent M. M. Smith announced this week.

"To do a good job of farm and home planning," Smith said, "it is necessary to know the conditions throughout the country and to understand

what we face in the coming year. The agricultural picture is changing very rapidly, and we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about these changes."

The meeting will be open to all interested persons, Smith added.

Scope Of Milk Hearing To Be Broadened

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has extended the scope of a scheduled January 16 hearing on proposals to amend the New York-New Jersey Federal milk marketing order. USDA said it will receive evidence on the need to take emergency action on temporary revision of Class I (fluid) milk price formula in the order to offset the current reduction of the price as a direct result of standardization of milk by handlers, pending the adoption of permanent amendments with respect to the issues being considered at the hearing. The action was requested by producer associations in the order area.

USDA said the hearing was originally requested by producer and handler interests to consider proposals of the marketing order to accommodate

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All Producers Co-Op Officers Relected

All officers of the Producers Co-operative Exchange were re-elected at a recent reorganizational meeting of the board of directors.

The officers include Harry P Metz of Belleville, president, Mark S. Hess of Hershey, vice-president, H. Raymond Stoner, Lancaster, secretary, and Jay R. Greider, Jr., Mount Joy R1, treasurer.

K. M. Souders of Coatesville is general manager of the egg marketing organization.

Reports On Carlot Meat Trade Now Available From USDA

Reports on the carlot meat trade in Iowa and nearby areas will be issued by U.S. Department of Agriculture's Federal-State market news service beginning from Des Moines, Iowa. Consumer and Marketing Service officials said that this daily report, which was established in co-operation with the Iowa Department of Agriculture, will give information on meat sales from 50 packing houses in Iowa and surrounding areas. These areas account for almost one-third of the pork and beef marketed in the United States.

Reports will include daily prices received by meat packers for carcasses and cuts. Prices on various weights and grades of beef and pork, as well as information on price trends and supply and demand, will also be included in the reports.

Editor To Open 1967 Series Of Local Farm Community Meetings

The third annual series of community meetings will begin next Wednesday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m., according to an announcement this week by Lincoln Independent School program committee chairman Edwin F. Fox of Ephrata R3. Launching this year's educational program will be Norman Reber, editor of the Pennsylvania Farmer. Reber's talk will center on the theme of "how the farm press can better serve farmers in the fast-approaching new agricultural age."

Reber will discuss the increasing importance and responsibility of the farm press.

State SWCD Fieldman To Aid Youth Groups

HARRISBURG — State Secretary of Agriculture Leland H. Bull announced this week the appointment of Richard D. VanNoy, Troy R3, as field representative in the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

Charles F. Hess, commission director, said VanNoy's work will include conservation programs for youth organizations — Boy Scouts, Future Farmers of America and 4-H Clubs.

VanNoy, one of the founders and original directors of the Bradford County district, installed conservation practices on the VanNoy homestead

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in helping farmers adapt to this changing agricultural economy in which traditional

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Pa. Farm Show Banquet Planned For Jan. 11th

The annual Farm Show Banquet, sponsored by members of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation and allied industry, will be held at 8:30 p.m., January 11, at the Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, banquet committee chairman Hendrik Wentik said this week.

The popular affair, which is



Temperatures for the next five days will average within the normal range of 39 to 24 degrees. The weatherman looks for little day-to-day change, but says colder temperatures can be expected toward the end of the period. Precipitation may total more than 1/2-inch, melted, occurring as rain or snow about Tuesday or Wednesday. With the coldest part of the period expected at about the same time, snow shovels will probably be more in demand than raincoats, at least that's our guess.

Farm Calendar

January 4 — 7:30 p.m., Community Meeting at Lincoln Independent School, near Martindale, "Farm Press Responsibility"; speaker Norman Reber.

— 7:30 p.m., Agricultural Outlook meeting at Farm Credit Bldg., Lancaster; speakers, Penn State extension specialists.

January 5 — 12:30 p.m., County Tobacco Show at Bayuk Cigar Company, 850 N. Water St., Lancaster.

— 4:30 p.m., Lancaster County Vocational Teachers Assn., at Warwick H. S.

— 7:30 p.m., Ephrata Adult Farmer Class, Farm Income Course, at Ephrata H. S.