



Lancaster Farming

SECOND SECTION

Corn Contest Trophies To Rohrer And Nissley At Manor YF Banquet

One of the highlights of the annual family banquet of the Manor Young Farmers organization held April 28 at the Penn Manor High School was a presentation of trophies to the top corn contest winners

Elmer Rohrer, Lancaster R2, scored the highest yield performance with 157 bushels. Second place went to Paul Nissley of Holtwood R2 for a yield of 150.7 bushels

Trophies were also awarded to the two contestants having the least production costs per bushel. They were Andrew Martin, Pequea R1, 38 cents per bushel, and Jacob Ober, Conestoga R2, 45 cents per bushel

There were 25 farmers participating in the 1966 contest. Agriculture teacher Richard Hackenberger noted He listed

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Angus Assn. Offers Three Scholarships

The American Angus Women's Auxiliary has announced it will award three scholarships for higher education to the top winners in its annual contest. First prize is \$600, second prize is \$400 and third is \$200. The awards are made to qualified 4-H Club girls on the basis of their merit and need.

The scholarships are not limited to any course of high

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Specialist Compares Values Of Renting, Buying Farm Machinery

Machinery — and lots of it — is the earmark of American agriculture. Constantly growing more specialized, many farm machines are so large and so expensive many farmers find it more economical to hire a custom operator or rent machinery than to buy, according to W. T. McAllister, extension farm management specialist at the University of Delaware.

Your decision to rent or buy

depends on several factors. McAllister points out. Fixed costs are the big costs of machinery. Power machinery has an annual fixed cost of nearly 20 percent of purchase price, for instance. Operating costs—gas, oil and repairs for example—of hired and owned machines are about the same; of course, extra labor is hired in addition to the machine when the farmer uses custom service.

Before deciding figure the most profitable use for your resources. Is buying a new machine the most profitable way to use your capital? For example, a farmer may find he can save \$500 a year by owning a combine instead of using custom services. However, if he invests the \$12,000 a combine costs in the production of more crops he can earn \$1,500 extra income. So, it would actually cost him \$1,000 income to buy a combine, McAllister points out.

Convenience is frequently used to justify an extra tractor or a truck. A farmer doesn't want to take off cultivators to mow or he wants another truck to haul grain. Although this type of convenience saves some time and effort and adds satisfaction to the job, it often costs more than the savings. Ask yourself which is more important, McAllister suggests.

Custom operators supply a packaged service including tractors, trucks, wagons, and labor for silo filling, baling, grain harvesting and similar jobs. The true cost of this service isn't always just the charge the operator makes. McAllister points out. If you are letting equipment and labor stand idle, the cost of the packaged custom service is the cash cost added to the fixed costs of

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