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## FFA State Officer Candidates From County



Jacob L. Stoltzfus



Robert Weaver



Adam N. Zimmerman



Daryl Bollinger

## 63 Local Boys To State FFA; 4 For State Office

Four Lancaster County Future Farmers will be competing for state offices next week during the annual FFA Activities Week at Penn State University.

Candidates from Lancaster County will include Robert Weaver Strasburg R1, Adam Zimmerman East Earl R1, Jacob Stoltzfus Narvon R2, and Daryl Bollinger Litz R1.

One of the featured speakers during a combined meeting with the Future Homemakers of America will be Lancaster County's Glenn Weber of Mohnton R2. Weber is currently the State FFA president.

A total of 63 boys and 16 teachers will be traveling to Penn State according to Lewis Ayers, president of the county vo-ag teachers association. This number includes those who will compete in the various judging contests and the FFA chorus and band.

FFA Week which runs June 28, 29, and 30 will be attended by some 1300 members and teachers from all over the state. In addition to the 15 con-

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## County Plowing Contest, Field Day Set July 25, SWCD Directors Note

The Lancaster County plowing contest and conservation field day will be held in the Ephrata area on Tuesday, July 25, according to the county soil and water conservation district directors. The district sponsors this popular event annually in an effort to promote interest in good, conservation farming methods.

In announcing the twin events, director Aaron Z. Stauffer, plowing contest and field day chairman noted two farms will be involved. The plowing contest will be held on the Edwin Kurtz farm where a 15-acre small grain field will be used. The field day activities will be on the adjoining farm of Louis Hurst. Both are located in the Ephrata R1 area.

### ACTIVITIES

Although field day activities are still in the discussion stage, it is hoped that two attractions popular in the past will be on the program again this year. Last year's greased pig chase was the highlight of the day for some 50 farm boys. It was won by Burnell Buchen who got to keep the 50-pound Yorkshire gilt donated by Eby's Feed Mill, Litz. Two years ago, a fish-shocking demonstration put on by the state fish commission drew a lot of interest, and if the personnel is available this year it is hoped this demonstration will be repeated.

"Indiana Run has plenty of fish in it this year," Stauffer noted.

## Farm Calendar

June 25-25-29, Holstein Friesian Association of America national convention and sale at Minneapolis, Minn.  
June 26-9 a.m., FFA dairy earle judging workshop, at Ephrata High School.  
-10 a.m., District 4-H horse judging practice at Graystone Manor Stables.  
-7 p.m., Chester-Delaware Counties fruit growers' twilight meeting at Robert H.

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noted "It would make an ideal fish-shocking spot" (Note. For those who haven't seen the fish-shocking demonstration, it should be explained that it does not harm the fish. The Fish Commission uses it as a device for estimating the fish population in any given stream. It momentarily stuns the fish.)

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## Grain Problems Discussed By Experts At Field Day

LANCASTER — Those attending the Pennsylvania Small Grains Field Day here Tuesday heard of some gains and some losses for farmers and seedsmen in the "battle of the bugs."

The gains were largely represented in the continuing fight to eliminate the fungus responsible for stem rust in grains. The causative organism requires the European or common barberry plant if it is to winter over. The cooperative state-federal barberry control program which began in 1935 has been highly successful. USDA plant pest control supervisor Edgar Eckess told the group assembled at the Penn State University Southeastern Field Research Station near Landisville.

Commenting on the work of the 30-man force continually

surveying Pennsylvania for signs of stem rust Eckess noted "Our men have yet to report the first case of rust development in the state this year."

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Wesley M. Gordon

## SCS Trainee To Work In County

Wesley M. Gordon, a 22-year-old senior at the University of Maryland, will be working with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service this summer as a trainee, according to SCS county conservationist Orval A. Bass.

Gordon, who is studying general agriculture in college, worked last summer with the Agricultural Research Service at Beltsville, Md., but feels that following graduation in January, 1968 he may be interested in a career with SCS.

Raised on a 185-acre beef farm in Maryland, Gordon studied vocational agriculture in high school. He was a state F-

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## Egg Specialists To Instruct At NEPPCO School

HARRISBURG — Egg specialists in the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will be instructors at the 36th NEPPCO (Northeastern Poultry Producers Council) Egg Quality School July 9-13 at State University.

Edward J. Lawless, Jr., chief of the department's poultry and egg division, has traveled the northeastern circuit teaching at all 35 previous NEPPCO courses. This year in addition to lecturing he is coordinating activities for the sessions with Julius F. Bauermann, extension food technologist at Penn State.

Department grading and marketing specialists who will instruct are Martin P. Hartzfield, Eston L. Krug, Joseph F. Martinski, Alfred C. Nelson, Thomas as Reedy, Donald Stricker, Lawrence A. Weber and Arselm S. Wurfl.

The school is designed for

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THE EUROPEAN, or common barberry, shown in the pot in right foreground, is the plant that enables the stem rust organism to over-winter in this area, explains Edgar Eckess, USDA plant pest control supervisor. The Japanese barberry in the coffee can plays no part in the life cycle of the fungus, Eckess notes as he points out stem rust damage on a sample of oats.

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