

# Lancaster Farming

## SECOND SECTION



**CORN PICKING — THE ORDER OF THE WEEK.** Almost anywhere you traveled around Lancaster County this week, you could find someone in the field picking corn. Or if he wasn't in the field, he was at the corn crib trying to

find more room. In the above photograph, we chanced upon Earl H. Snavely picking corn for James Benedict on their Manheim R2 farm, and took the above L. F. Photo last Monday afternoon.

## More Research Needed To Control Poultry Disease

The federal government was blamed for its lack of support for poultry disease research at the annual National Meeting on Poultry Condemnations, Salisbury, Md., October 24, 25. Avian leukosis alone costs the poultry industry \$150 million a year; more research supported with larger funds from USDA and industry is the only answer to its control, according to poultry experts.

According to Dr. Martin Sevoian, department of veterinary and animal science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, the poultry industry has also been apathetic in using its influence with the government to get financial support for the needed research. "Now we can only give aids to help control leukosis; satisfactory controls depend on research."

Dr. Roy E. Luginbuhl, department of animal diseases, University of Connecticut, Storrs, pointed up the seriousness of the leukosis problem. "While the number of chickens slaughtered for market has increased 50 percent since 1962, the frequency of Marek's disease — the most prevalent form of leukosis — has increased more than 1000 percent."

Luginbuhl believed progress is being made, however. "An important recent discovery was that leukosis was really two separate diseases Marek's disease and lymphoid leukosis. The latter can already be controlled although it is expensive and complicated."

Poultry researchers have identified the virus causing (Continued on Page 16)

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