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## Cost Of Gain On Heavy Steers Sixty-Six Percent Higher

(Ed. Note: This background material is being issued in response to requests by cattle industry representatives who attended a meeting of leaders of the livestock, poultry and general farm organizations at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Dec. 7 to discuss ways of averting a threatened over-expansion in production of livestock products next year.)

conditions in the past and feed to heavy weights

\* Such feeding to heavy weights usually is a false economy for the cattlemen, and creates price problems as well

Cost of gains go up sharply as livestock are fed to heavier weights. Many livestock feeders are not aware of how much these additional pounds really cost them.

\* Plentiful supplies of feed this winter will be translated into burdensome market supplies next year, if cattle feeders respond as they have to similar

### Both Feed and Other Costs Increase for Larger Animals

Data published by the Committee on Animal Nutrition of the National Research Council show a substantial drop in the feed conversion efficiency for a yearling steer in a feedlot as the weight increases past 1000 pounds. In addition, the nonfeed costs such as death loss, labor, overhead, etc. averages markedly higher per pound of gain for each additional pound of gain put on heavier animals.

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## County Tobacco Show To Be Held Jan. 11

The Lancaster County Tobacco Show will be held on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 11, starting at 12:30 p.m., according to M. M. Smith and Arnold G. Lueck, agricultural extension agents. The place will be the Bayuk Cigar Company, 850 N. Water St., Lancaster (located just south from Liberty St. near the Armstrong Cork Company plant. Enter the building on the east side of N. Water St. at the loading platform. The FFA tobacco show will be held at the same time.

The classes that are being offered for this show will be the same as for the State Farm Show and are as follows:

Class 76—Wrapper B's C1-a  
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## Regional Farm Tax Meetings Planned

B. Wayne Kelly and Jesse G. Cooper, Extension farm management specialists at The Pennsylvania State University, will be featured speakers at a regional income tax meeting January 9 in Dillsburg. The meeting, designed to assist income tax practitioners and farmers who prepare their own returns or assist others, will be held in the Chabot Restaurant from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## Coming Next Week

Our special Farm Show issue with a preview and the entire schedule of events.

## Farm Calendar

Saturday, January 6 (today)  
Show: Horn 4-H steers distributed at M. R. Good Farm, Manheim R1  
Monday, January 8  
8 p.m.—Lancaster County Soil & Water Conser. Dist. Dir. meet. County Courthouse.  
Tuesday, January 9  
9:30 a.m.—S.E. Pa. Regional Farm Income Tax meet., Chabot Restaurant, Dillsburg.  
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Mrs. Doris W. Thomas

## Mrs. Thomas Is Elected To State Economist Post

Mrs. Doris W. Thomas, Lancaster County Extension Home Economist, was elected first vice president of the Pennsylvania Association of Extension Home Economists for 1968 at the recent annual meeting.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. Eunice N. Tibbott, Ebensburg, treasurer; Mrs. Jane B. Marhefka, Mifflintown, president; Mrs. Betty Parks Strutin, Scranton, president-elect; Mrs. Ethel Ann Diehl, RD 1, Sunbury, secretary; and Mrs. Barbara P. Kinnan, RD 2, Tioga, second vice president.

Among the Pennsylvania home economists serving on committees of the national organization are: Mrs. Patricia L. Long, Greensburg, chairman of

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## Countian Tours Russia; Brings Moscow Farm News

"In spite of none too favorable weather conditions our agriculture made a big stride forward this year. Many republics, territories and regions have gathered a good harvest of grain and industrial crops and achieved a further growth in animal husbandry." So stated the Moscow (weekly) News dated Saturday, November 25, 1967 and brought back from an extensive tour of the Soviet Union by Harold M. Zimmerman, Ephrata R1.

The Russian report under

the by-line of Professor Nikolai Kuznelsov, Doctor of Economics, stated further, "The 23rd party congress, held in the spring of 1966, set as one of the most important tasks, the strengthening of the material and technical base of Agriculture. In the current 5-year period (1966-1970) it has been decided to make available nearly 1,800,000 tractors, over 1,500,000 autos and grain combines to farms. This will increase machinery for use in the countryside 1.5 times."

The newspaper also reported a recent government cut in prices on farm machinery, spare parts and electricity.

Zimmerman said Soviet machinery (both farm and industrial) is crude but it gets the job done.

The above mentioned article was entitled Agriculture, More  
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## 4-H Tobacco & Corn Show Winners Named

The 4-H Tobacco and Corn Show was held last Friday at the Bayuk Cigars Inc. Warehouse.

In the tobacco show Frances and Philip Bixler, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Bixler, Marietta R1, took the top awards. Frances had the best wrappers and Philip was top in the filler class.

The reserve championship in wrappers went to Steven Ney, Marietta R1 and reserve in the filler class went to J. Richard Thomas, Millersville R1.

In the corn show Ney had the grand champion ears and Philip Bixler had the reserve.

Judges for the tobacco exhibit were Richard Charles Jr. and Paris Gruber, both of Bayuk's and A. K. Mann Jr., Leaf Tobacco dealer.

Retired Associate County Agent Harry S. Sloat served as judge of the corn competition.

## Dog Owners Warned To Get Licenses Now

Dog owners must obtain 1968 licenses for their pets by January 15, T. Luke Toomey, Director, Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement, State Department of Agriculture, said today. Pennsylvania law requires that licenses must be obtained on or before that date.

Licenses are necessary for all dogs six months of age or older. They are on sale at the offices of the county treasurers, or may be ordered through any qualified notary public, justice of the peace or justice of the court.  
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4-H CORN SHOW WINNER. Steven Ney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Ney, Marietta R1, won top honors in the 4-H Corn Show. At right is the corn judge, Harry S. Sloat, retired Associate County Agent.

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TOBACCO SHOW WINNERS. Winners in the 4-H Tobacco Show are Philip and Frances Bixler, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Bixler, Marietta R1.

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