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Cattle Feeder Meetings to Start Feb. 15

A series of Cattle Feeder meetings has been scheduled by the Lancaster County Extension Service.

These meetings will all be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Extension Training Room (in the basement) of the new Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster (Turn east from the Marple Pike (Route 72) on Service Road, (just south of the Route 30 bypass) and drive two blocks to the building.) The meetings are as follows:

Thursday, Feb. 15—Speakers: H. Lewis Moore, Extension Agricultural Economist from Penn State University Subject: "Livestock and Feed Outlook" Lester A. Burdette, Livestock Extension from Penn State University Subject: "Reducing Cost of Gains."

Thursday, Feb. 22—Speakers: Dr. Samuel Guss, Extension veterinarian Subject: "A Beef Cat" (Continued on Page 7)

Chemical Weed Control Produces Maximum Yields

If weed control ever becomes perfect for vegetable crops, commercial growers will probably change from row planting to planting in beds to achieve maximum yields, predicted C. J. Noll, of the department of horticulture at Penn State University during a recent meeting of the State Vegetable Growers Assn.

Professor Noll said maximum weed control of vegetable crops may be possible in the future with a mixture of herbicides. Chemical weeding has helped to free the grower from the high cost of labor and the uncertainty of getting labor into the field when needed.

In charge of chemical weeding of vegetables for the Agricultural Experiment Station at Penn State, Professor Noll indicated he and associates attain a good indication of how a herbicide will behave under field conditions.

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Farm Calendar

Monday, February 12
12-14 Vegetable Conference, Nuttany Lion Inn, University Park.

8:00 a.m.—Chemgro Fertilizer Plant open house, East Petersburg.

7:30 p.m.—Garden Spot Young Farmer Meet, (Engine Performance Evaluation), Allen Matz Tractor Dealer, New Holland.

Tuesday, February 13

9:00 a.m.—Forage Workshop, Cocoa Inn, Hershey.

7:30 p.m.—Spray Materials Meeting, Ronks Fire Hall.

7:30 p.m.—Ephrata Adult Farmer Program, (Livestock Feeding & Animal Health), Vo-Ag room.

7:45 p.m.—Lancaster County Poultry Association Education (Continued on Page 8)



CELERY GROWERS MEETING. An informal meeting for celery growers was held Tuesday afternoon at the Jay Hodecker Celery Farm, East Petersburg. Jim Dutt and Ernie Bergman, PSU Agronomy Department, conducted the meeting and answered questions raised by the 35 celery farmers present. In the photo are (left to right) Hodecker; Dutt; Wendell Ditmer, Seed Program Supervisor, Pa. Dept. of Agriculture; Bergman & George Baker, 1148 Centerville Road, oldest Lancaster County celery grower Baker is 92 years-old and still helps his son Roy Baker, 18 Rohrerstown Road, trim celery. George started raising celery in 1900.

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Extension Agronomists Speak At County Crops And Soils Day

The Lancaster County Crops and Soils Day Program was held Wednesday, at the Leola Memorial Hall, Leola 125 farmers attended.

John Baylor, Extension Agronomist, recommended using chemical weed control in new spring alfalfa seedings. Speaking on the subject, A Forage Program for Top Profit

4-H Play Try-Outs For "Nervous Wreck" Set For February 15

The Lancaster 4-H County Council will hold try-outs for their annual play, "Nervous Wreck", on Thursday, February 15 at 7:30 P.M. in the Lancaster Production Credit Building, 411 W. Roseville Road.

Yields, Baylor said, "In spring seedings of alfalfa without a nurse crop and using chemical control of weeds, you can take three or more tons of hay per acre from the field the first year. With hay at \$30 a ton, it gives you \$100. I believe it pays to spray," he said.

On the question from the floor concerning the best time to plant grass Baylor said, "Mid-August is the ideal time to seed any grass. When you go later in the fall you need to select the variety for winter hardiness."

According to the Penn State Specialist, legume management is everything you do to the plant from seed to storage as hay or silage. He listed good management practices as: (1) liming and fertilizing for top yields. The best time for this is after

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State Representative Of ASCS Explains Programs

A pair of state representatives from the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service explained the 1968 ASCS Wheat, Feed Grain and Tobacco programs and read a speech from the ASC State Committee, to a capacity crowd of farmers at the Farm Credit Building, Tuesday evening.

Raymond Connolly, State Program Specialist, said concerning the Voluntary Wheat Program that this year is the easiest pro-

gram we have ever had as far as farmers cooperating. To qualify for the program a farmer must (1) Sign up with the ASCS county office during the signup period, February 5, through March 15, 1968 (2) Have an acreage of wheat no larger than the farm's allotment, or no larger than permitted acreage when either the substitution or excess farm acreage option is used (3) Maintain the farm's conserving base (4) Keep within all other allotments established for the participating farm (5) Keep within the wheat allotment or permitted acreage on any other farm in which the producer has an interest (6) If a producer elects to use the substitution provision, he must also sign up and participate in the feed grain program if the farm has a feed grain base or produce no corn or grain sorghum if he has no feed grain base.

In the Feed Grain Program, farmers with feed grain bases of 25 acres or less have available a program very much like the 1967 program where you can divert the entire acreage.

For farms with feed grain bases of more than 25 acres, farmers may, after diverting 20 percent for no division payment to qualify as participants, divert additional acreage for diversion.

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Potato Storage Plant Uses Lancaster Spuds

A new potato storage and conditioning plant—one of the largest of its kind east of Chicago—is supplying from its facilities in Centre County, potatoes selected specifically to meet modern processing and marketing requirements.

"We are building a new market based on consistency and quality," Ray M. Hendrick, director of potato purchasing for the Tri-Co Foods Corp. told State Agriculture Secretary Leeland H. Bull when the latter toured the plant.

The new Tri-Co Foods building at Centre Hall has a storage ca-

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Sheaffer Farm Combines Management, Birds & Feed

A Lancaster county egg producer who has been winning first place in egg competition at Lampeter Fair since 1964, received a Superior Rating on a first place in the One Dozen Carton Class at the Farm Show this year—the first time he tried. We visited this farm Monday morning and talked with owner, Reid Sheaffer and his

manager, John (Pete) Watson about their operation.

Sheaffer studied a bit when asked what the most important thing is in the operation of a 23,000 cage layer house such as he has. But his answer was very definite. "Management comes first," he said "If you don't have management, you're lost."

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REID H. SHEAFFER FARM, 915 Lime Valley Road, Willow Street. Sheaffer has a 23,000 bird caged

layer operation.

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