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**HAND PICKING CORN** along Route 23, just East of New Holland. In his travels this week, Lancaster Farming editor Everett Newswanger, found this Amish friend with his team of horses and corn wagon along the road. He stopped and ask-

ed about the corn crop and for a picture of the horses. The farmer agreed and reported at least a one-fourth reduction in corn production from last year. The ears on his wagon looked very nice, however.

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## Freeman Holds Reading Conference; Reports \$15 Billion Net Farm Income

READING — National Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman told a capacity crowd here Thursday night that the preliminary USDA estimates indicate that realized net farm income for 1968 will reach the fourth highest level in history. He also reported that gross farm income would reach the highest level on record.

Speaking to the meeting in Rajah Temple sponsored by the Farmers for Action Committee, Freeman said, "Gross farm income is expected to reach \$51 billion, about \$15 billion higher

than ever before. Realized net farm income should reach or exceed \$15 billion, up \$800 million over 1967, and trailing only the banner years of 1947, 1948 and 1966. Realized net income per farm nationwide is projected to be \$4,900, second highest in our history and \$1,938 more than it was in 1960.

When questioned from the floor about the cost-price squeeze even though farmers are receiving more gross income, the Secretary emphasized he was talking about net farm income.

The program featuring the national figure was delayed for about a half-hour while the 600 farmers, government workers and other interested persons including many school lunch program ladies watched President Johnson's national TV speech via three television sets installed on the platform of the third floor ballroom.

In a press conference prior to the main address Freeman told reporters the fundamental issue in the presidential election on Tues is the person rather than the issues. "People want a person in the White House they can trust," he said.

On the war on hunger, he said, "I think we will win the war on hunger. It is not a certainty. But in the last two years we have seen encouraging results on crop production and Agriculture importance in many foreign countries." Later he clarified his thinking on the subject by saying he was "mildly optimistic."

The secretary likened the election as "the most important farm referendum in history. We cannot solve space age problems with pious platitudes about the good old days," he said. "Here in Pennsylvania, the dairy industry is second only to the steel industry as a source of income. Last year, Pennsylvania farmers

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National Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman held a news conference prior to giving a speech to the Farmers for Action Committee in the Rajah Temple in Reading. He reported realized net farm income to be the fourth highest in history.

### Pa. Association Of Farmer Cooperatives To Meet Next Week

Two visual reports on cooperative activity will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives, November 6 and 7 at Allenberry Lodge, Wilbur Seipt, Lansdale, President said this week.

J. E. Nicholson, Brookville, Manager of United Electric Cooperative, will speak on Rural Electrification in Foreign Lands. Mr. Nicholson recently spent six months in Venezuela establishing an electric cooperative.

Professors Hal Doran and John Gauss will tell of work at The Pennsylvania State University in support of the farm cooperative program.

Speakers will include G. Allen Burson, Atlanta, Georgia, Director of Purchasing for the

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### Farm Credit Associations To Meet Nov. 7

The invitation and official notice of the joint annual stockholders meeting of The Federal Land Bank Association of Lancaster and the Lancaster Production Credit Association was given this week by Carl A. Brown, Manager of Production Credit. The joint meeting is to be held Thursday, November 7 at Plain and Fancy Farm in Bird-In-Hand along Route 340. Time for the meeting is 12 noon.

A dinner will be served, immediately followed by a business meeting. Reservations should be made by Monday, November 4.

### For Federal Highway Projects

## Government Makes Relocation Payments Where Land Is Taken

The Department of Transportation has announced its interim procedures for more adequate relocation payments to persons whose land is acquired for federally assisted highway construction projects, according to Farm Bureau News.

The payments were authorized by the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1968.

The new law provides that any state highway construction projects which involve the taking of land after August 23, 1968, may include relocation payments as part of the project cost.

A person dispossessed by a highway project may receive reasonable expenses for moving himself, his family, his business, or his farm operation, including personal property.

**IF A FARMER** or other person must move from his residence the maximum payment is \$200 plus a dislocation payment of \$100.

If a farmer is forced to discontinue his farm operation as the result of taking his land, he may receive a fixed relocation payment equal to the average net earnings of the farm during the preceding two years, or \$5000 whichever is smaller.

**LANDOWNERS** will also be

reimbursed for expenses incurred for recording fees, transfer taxes, or similar expenses, for penalty costs of prepayment of

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### Holstein Assn. Announces Meet For November 13

The Lancaster County Holstein Association sent out invitations to their 18th Annual Banquet this week. The dinner meeting will be held Wednesday evening November 13 at



Harris Wilcox

6.45 p.m. at the Dutch Town and Country Inn, located at Vintage.

The featured speaker for the event is Harris Wilcox, auctioneer from Bergen, New York. Entertainment will be by a lo-

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### Guernsey Breeders Asked To Report Herd & Lifetime Averages

All Guernsey breeders who have yearly butterfat herd averages of 500 pounds or more for the period just ending were asked this week to report same to Kenneth B. Garber, Willow Street R2, in time for the annual Lancaster County Guernsey Banquet to be held November 15 at Rhoads Spanish Restaurant in Quarryville. Elmer Lapp, Association secretary also suggested you send your last month's average along if your 365 day report is not complete.

Those in charge would also like to have the highest lifetime record for both milk and butterfat. If you think you might have one that would qualify, also report this.

### ADA & DC Annual Meet Held In Lebanon Co.

The Annual Dinner Meeting of District #18 of the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council of New York took place at Heisey's 72 Diner, Lebanon, Monday Evening, October 28, with J. Russell Ober presiding.

The election of committeemen saw J. Russel Ober, Lititz, John Krone, Glen Rock, Re-elected; J. Lester Martin, Willow Hill, and Ned Layser, Lebanon elected.

Mr. M. E. Erickson, ADA & DC — Syracuse and Mrs. Marcella Guiney, NDC — New York, N.Y. were the featured speakers and gave those attending an oral and visual presentation of the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council's expanded activities of advertising, merchandising and educational programing. Expansion will continue during the coming year.

In the Director's report, Russell E. Cassel said, "We have seen the results of the expanded milk promotion programs that dairy-

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## Farm Calendar

**Saturday, November 2 (today)**  
2 & 3 55th Horticulture Show, Penn. State.

**Tuesday, November 5**  
10:00 a.m. — Area Agronomy meet, Fleetwood Grange, Fleetwood, Berks Co.  
4:30 p.m. — County Vo-Ag Teachers meet, Pequea Valley High School.

**Wednesday, November 6**  
6 & 7 Pa. Assn. of Farmer  
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