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# Lancaster Farming

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## Freeman Announces 1969 Voluntary Grain Program

A voluntary 1969 feed grain program virtually identical to that for 1968 was announced today by Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman.

Signup will be conducted simultaneously for feed grains, cotton, and wheat from Feb. 3 through March 21.

Target for acreage diversion in 1969 is 37 million acres of corn, grain sorghum and barley. This compares to the 1968 diversion of 32.4 million acres when barley was not included in the program. The 37-million acre diversion target for next year is designed to produce a 1969 crop about 3 to 5 million tons below estimated requirements. Utilization is increasing because of greater domestic livestock production, and corn exports are expected to show modest gains.

Price-support loan and payment levels for corn and sorghum will be the same as in 1968.

Producers may participate in the 1969 feed grain program by reducing their total base acreage by at least 20 percent. Additional acreage reduction is being encouraged by acreage diversion payments based on 45 percent of the total county price-

support loan and payment (U.S. average of \$1.35 for corn), times the farm's projected yield.

"Exceptionally good crop weather and improved cropping practices at home and abroad during the last two years has led to world-wide increases in grain production," the Secretary explained. "The 1968 feed grain program put a strong brake on soaring domestic production."

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## Farm Tax Meetings

The Regional Farm Tax meetings will be held again this year according to Jay Irwin, Associate County Agent. The first one for local farmers and interested persons will be held Tuesday, January 7 at the Charlet Restaurant, Dillsburg in York County. The second meeting is on Wednesday, January 8, at the Plymouth Meeting Mall, one-half mile north on Route 422, of the Norristown Interchange of the turnpike. Meeting time is 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Irwin said if anyone needs more information or is interested in going, they should contact him Monday at the County Agent's Office in the Farm and Home Building, Phone 394-6851.

## Chairmen Continue To Be Named To F & H Fund Drive

Directors of the Farm and Home Foundation Completion Fund Campaign continue to add personnel to head the drive that is to commence later this month and be completed by February 15.

Dr. H. K. Gerlach, superintendent of Lancaster County Schools, and Dr. E. I. Robertson, director of nutrition for John W. Eshelman Sons, Inc., were named co-chairmen of the special gifts division last week.

Announcement of their selection for key leadership posts in the \$150,000 appeal was made

by L. H. Skromme and John H. Herr, co-chairmen of the drive.

This division, one of three major units of volunteers that will be organized to conduct the campaign, will assume responsibility for soliciting support of mercantile establishments, smaller industries, and individuals associated with various professional fields.

Aiding the division co-chairmen.

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## Pickles As Possible Cash Crop To Be Discussed January 10

Interested farmers are invited to attend a meeting to learn about growing pickles as a cash crop. A meeting to give information on this crop will be held at the Intercourse Fire Hall at Intercourse on Friday, January 10, starting at 1:30 p.m.

A Massachusetts Company which processes pickling cucumbers has contacted the Lancaster Extension Office concerning the possibility of Lancaster farmers growing this cash crop. Arnold G. Lueck, Associate Agent, said, "We feel our farmers could grow the crop to advantage. We are therefore requesting that farmers attend the meeting to get further details."

"This is an opportunity for you to consider a possible new source of cash income for your family-operated farm," Lueck said.

## Apple Contest Winner Named

Amos Funk, operator of Amos Funk's Farm Market, Millersville, Pa., was an award winner in an apple promotion contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Apple Marketing Board during National Apple Week.

Mr. Funk also received a framed citation for display in his market.

The contest was staged in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Retail Farm Market Advisory Council and was confined to roadside market operators. A total of \$1,000 in prizes was awarded.

First prize winner of a color television set was Earl W. Strite.

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## Please Note

If you are not receiving your copy of Lancaster Farming on Saturday, the date of issue, please give us a call or drop us a card. Thanks!

## Poultrymen Offer Sites For New Diagnostic Lab.

A pair of choice building sites were offered to the state Thursday night for consideration as possible locations for the proposed poultry diagnostic laboratory being sponsored by the Lancaster County Poultry Assn. They are, an acre plot located along Route 501 across from the Lancaster Airport owned by

John Huber and a lot near the New Holland Boro line owned by Victor F. Weaver Inc. The Poultry Association directors picked these places from several other possibilities at their regular business meeting held at the Farm and Home Center.

The local poultrymen have received support for their efforts from surrounding county organizations. Letters of support were read from the Berks County Poultry Association and the Southeastern Pa. Poultry Association which includes Chester, Montgomery, Bucks, Berks, Lehigh and Northampton Counties.

Homer Bicksler, Pa. Poultry Federation, attending the meeting, said he felt both sites were excellent and would fill the needs for a location. In commenting on the state's proposal to staff and equip the new lab, Bicksler said, "I see nothing wrong with using tax money to support a lab. The poultry industry supplies a good food supply which is important to everyone."

In other business, Jay Irwin, Associate County Agent, reported on the survey taken at the recent association annual meeting of number of birds represented. He said that 21 individual producers attending had 725,

## Lancaster Co. Tobacco Show Set January 9

The Lancaster County Tobacco Show will be held on Thursday afternoon, January 9th, at the Farm and Home Center in the Extension basement meeting rooms. To get to the Farm and Home Center, enter Service Road from the Manheim Pike (Route #72) just south of where the Pike goes under the Route #30 bypass.

The Show will be conducted according to the following schedule: 10:00-11:00 a.m.—F.F.A. entries due; 12:30-1:30 p.m.—Adult entries due; 1:30 p.m.—Judging begins, 2:00 p.m.—Meeting of the Tobacco Growers Association, Conference Room.

The classes that are being offered for this Show will be the

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## Mystery Farm Contest

The final Mystery Farm in the series of eight County farm photographs is published this week. You still have until Friday, January 10 to enter the contest. The paid subscriber who wins first prize will receive a personal check for \$100 and second and third place winners will be awarded \$50 and \$25 checks, respectively.

Next week, as usual we will identify this Mystery Farm, and then while most everyone is at the Farm Show in Harrisburg, the week of January 13, the winners will be selected. This work is scheduled to be done by Ralph E. Stine & Co., Certified Public Accountants, Lancaster.

Then the big announcement comes in the Saturday, January 25 issue. (Note: due to the Farm Show results to be published)

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## Coming Next Week

The special Lancaster Farming Annual Farm Show Issue will be coming your way next week. It will have story previews of the 53rd Annual Pennsylvania State Farm Show; a complete schedule of events; short resumes of the 25 Lancaster County Keystone Farmers plus regular features and local news happenings. Watch for it.

## Farm Calendar

Tuesday, January 7

9:30 a.m.—Farm Income Tax meeting, Chalet Restaurant, Dillsburg.

7:30 p.m.—Manheim Young Farmer meet, (Corn Production) School Ag Room.

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