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booklet, which omits only the week's weather forecast

The Farm Show is assured of another "full house" on opening day, January 13

A total of 1,740 head of live stock and 2,268 poultry entries were accepted by closing date

Entries were turned away in

two departments — dairy cattle and swine — due to the customary lack of space.

The leading department from the standpoint of entry numbers is once again the dairy cattle division, with 474 open entries and 203 junior entries slated to compete for more than \$20,000 in premiums

Horace L. Mann, Farm Show director, reports that 148 dairy

Tobacco
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base for this year. The manager reported some farmers holding out for more money in the current buying season, but said there is much less top grade tobacco in the County this year

Ken Mann, from A K Mann Tobacco Co told reporters at the Lancaster County Tobacco Show that this crop does not have the open grain like the previous crop. The last crop was the kind we could start to process in a much shorter time than the one we are now buying.

entries were turned down, not counting late entries. Twenty-three swine entries were also refused

Final tally of livestock entries shows 398 sheep, with 345 in the open class and 53 entries in 4-H classes, plus 90 horses and 297 swine

Premiums totaling \$72,162.75, an all time high, are offered in the many departments of competition, including the new Charolais beef breeding division

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Another disadvantage of this crop is its burning quality according to Richard Charles Jr., Bayuk Cigars Inc. "The rains didn't come in August when we needed them," he said.

By mid-week most of the major buyers were in the field with a top price of 33 cents per pound being offered. Straight

strip tobacco price was set at 27 cents a pound. But it was reported many farmers were waiting to see what happens

Companies listed as in the field along with American were P Lorillard Co; R D Owens; Blich Bros, A K Mann Lancaster Leaf Tobacco Co and Fendrich Tobacco Co



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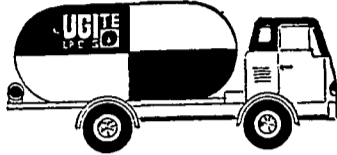
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