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#### Scattered Cases Of Sheep Scab Reported

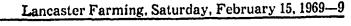
representatives are checking sheep flocks in Pennsylvania after scattered cases of sheep scab were reported in six counties

Dr Homei S Foiney, of the Department's Bureau of Animal Industry, said 246 animals were found o be infested and 320 others exposed to the disease He said all of those animals had been dipped, under state or fedcial supervision, to destroy mites that cause skin scab

He uiged sheep glowers to avoid bringing any infested or poits exposed animals onto their faims Sheep scab, he added, damages hide and wool and serlously lowers the market value ed in 1964 and earlier years of animals infested by the disease

Six years ago, Pennsylvania had gained scab free status after names intensive campaign to eliminate have been inspected since the to serve as a guide fust of the year, Dr Forney said

The six counties in which with sales of \$2,500 or more on the farm cases of scab have been reported Typical items are acres of crops are Chester, Dauphin, Franklin, migated, number of wheel-type will be asked again to give their Juniata, Lehigh and Mifflin

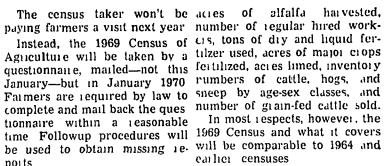


# State Agriculture Department Counting Farmers' Noses To Be Done By Mail In '69 Ag Census

tionnaire within a reasonable

This "mail out, mail in" technique should prove cheaper than not been changed Places of less

Next year, though, farmers the disease from sheep flocks in and ranchers will be on their the state There are more than own when it comes to filling out farms, acres in farms, average 200,000 sheep on Pennsylvania and returning the forms. It's value of land and buildings per larms, and more than 30,000 assumed they have farm records farm, cropland harvested, total



The definition of a faim has the "knock-on door" method us- than 10 acres will be counted as farms if 1969 sales of agricul-Formerly, paid enumerators tural products are at least \$250 called on all farm operators to Places of 10 acres or more will help them complete the question. also qualify as faims if sales amount to at least \$50

Principal data items for all farms are total number of Some statistical items will be to seven major clops, and numreported in 1969 only for faims bers of major kinds of livestock

And all farmers in all counties veisus crawler-type tractors, age, value of all farm products

sold (including foiest products), days of off-farm work, recreation income, number of autos, trucks, tarctors, combines, and corn pickers (including corn heads for combines)

Expenditure questions will include, as usual, purchases of feed, feitilizei, pesticides, lime, galoline and other faim fuels. machine hile, farm labor, and livestock and poultry purchases. In January 1971 there will be a followup census of major pioduction tiends on the specialized faiming operations which produce most of our Nation's food and fiber

Plans for these supplemental census surveys are still on the drawing board, but they might go something like this

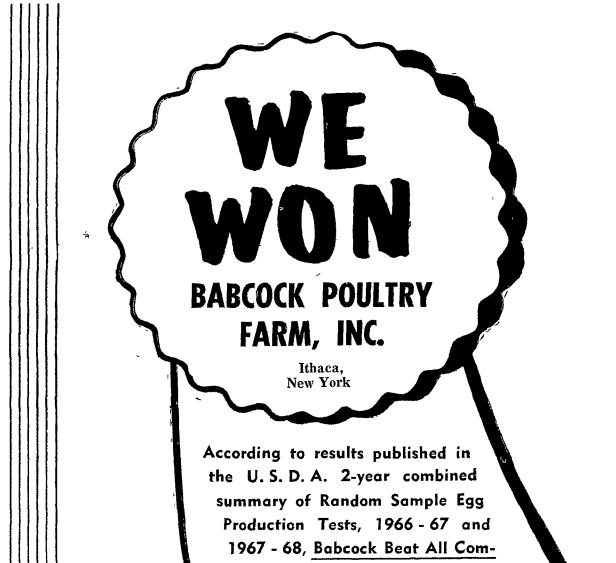
Dairymen who report dairy sales of \$10,000 oi more in 1969 might be asked Was any feed gunding or mixing done on your farm? What type of milking pailor did you have? What did you spend on health products?

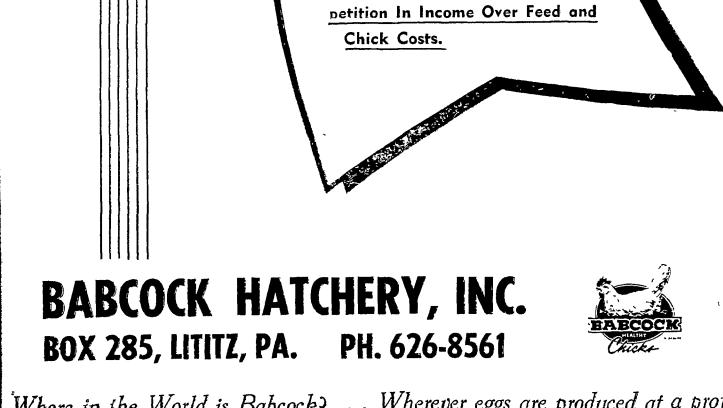
Other specialized production for which this sort of additional imput oi output data may be assembled are fruit, vegetables, livestock, poultry, cash grain, tobacco, other field crops, field seeds, hay, and miscellaneous items (including horticulture).

Of course, farmers and everyone esle will be participating in the Census of Population and Housing, to be taken as of April 1, 1970 This census will be the piimary source of data on chaiactenistics of farm and nonfaim people and housing Occupation in 1970 veisus 1965, education, and net faim income after operating expenses are some of the facts to be recorded The U S Office of Education is downgiading Vo-Ag education by reducing it to a part time job at the Washington level, cutting out jobs, kicking the Future Faimers of America out of its quarters 1 n a Federal office building Under a "ieoiganization" announced Dec 27, 1968, the Chief of Agricultural Seivices has been reduced to a progiam officer, and has been allocated only part-time responsibilities for agricultural education The agricultural staff was relegated to regional offices, and its personnel no longer

designated as piogram officeis.

The office of the executive secretary of the Future Farmers of America is now a part-time operation The Office of Education says it will provide ser-





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