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Raising Prime Veal For Aristocratic Restaurants Is Profitable Business

Raising large framed Holstein bull calves into prime pink meated veal for aristocratic restaurants in New York City is not just a hobby for Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shultz and their son Charles. They make a business of it on their Willow Street RI farm. A business that is proving quite profitable.

It wasn't always profitable, though. When they started, the Shultzes had some bad experiences, losing quite a few calves. "When a calf is bawling," Roy said, "the normal farmer is going to try and get the animal satisfied." "That's where we made our mistake. We didn't follow the feeding chart close enough. The calves seemed hungry and we wanted to get them satisfied. But you just dare not over-feed in this program," he said.

Shultz also says failure to keep close check on the calf's temperature with a veterinarian's thermometer contributed to his problem. Now, when a calf has a fever of 101.5 degrees or more it gets a shot of Penicillin. "The quicker you get on a problem, the better," Roy said. "Don't wait."

But Roy and Charles didn't quit. After spending three days on a farm in New Jersey watching and helping with the 600 to 700 calves on this program, Roy came back and turned out a group of calves that netted \$33 clear profit per head.

The program run by Provimi Inc. and distributed through Agway Inc., has as its main feature, the production of prime

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Morgan Speaks To Local Sheep Flock Owners

Ben Morgan, Livestock Specialist from Penn State, told local sheep farmers Monday night that ewe numbers are declining while beef cow numbers are increasing, but he reported he can't understand why.

Speaking at the local Extension Service County-wide sheep meeting, at the Farm and Home Center, Morgan said, "You can keep seven ewes on the same amount of feed as one beef cow. But with an average lamb price of \$22 and \$5 for each fleece, the total income from your flock increase counting only one lamb per ewe is \$189 (7x \$27). The average beef calf is worth only about \$125."

"At times he said, 'the price has been two to one in favor of the sheep. And even at present prices by increasing the number of lambs per ewe, you can add money to your lamb crop.'"

"The most important single item in gross increase from a sheep flock is the percentage of the lamb crop," he said. "Many people think one good lamb is better than two not so good lambs. But the figures just don't prove this. Nature has a way of providing milk for the lambs in accordance with their needs so that while a ewe raises one lamb to 100 pounds, she can raise two lambs to 80 pounds or

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1,002 Farms Enroll In ASCS Programs

Enrollment in the 1969 Wheat and Feed Grain programs ended last Friday, March 21st. According to the Lancaster County ASCS Office, 1,002 farms enrolled in the county, 361 in the Feed Grain Program and 894 in the wheat program. This is an increase over the 1968 enrollment, which was 345 for Feed Grain and 857 for wheat.

Farms enrolled in the feed grain have established bases of 5968 acres for corn, 12 acres for sorghum and 932 acres for barley. Total intended diversion is 4665 acres from feed grain.

Allotment on enrolled wheat farms is 9589 acres. In addition to the required diversion, 990 acres of this wheat allotment, will be diverted for payment.

Advance payments of \$12,124 have been issued to those farmers requesting diversion payment at time of enrollment. This represents one half the total payment.

Farmers Told To Work With His Neighbors

If a farmer spreads manure and an urban housewife complains to the Health Department, the Department will try to bring about a pacification between the parties involved. They may also ask the farmer to remove his pile of manure if it is attracting flies or harboring rats according to answers given to a reporter's question at the Lancaster County Waste Disposal Meeting at the Farm and Home Center, Thursday night.

Milton Stanley, Local Representative of the Pa. Dept. of

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FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING WINNERS (left to right) Gerald Martin, Warwick, was first; Nelson Weaver, New Holland, was second and Dean Sherick, Penn Manor, was third. The event was held Tuesday night at Manheim Central High School. L. F. Photo

Gerald Martin & Solanco Star In FFA County Meet

County Farmers Attend Banquet Of Legislators

More than 350 farmers representing the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association converged on Harrisburg Tuesday to discuss issues with members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

A banquet was held at the Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, for more than 100 legislators, following individual visits with legislators. Some of the items on the agenda dealt with the proposed frozen dessert law, Milk Marketing Board, and compulsory auto insurance.

Charles R. Old, administrative secretary, Pennsylvania Farmers' Association, told the legislators at the banquet that PFA wants the Frozen Dessert Law administered by the Department of Agriculture. "The Secretary of Agriculture should have the right to standardize packaging, and labeling of frozen dessert items," Old stated.

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Averil Royer To Attend 4-H Nat. Conference

Averil L. Royer, 18 of 2025 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, today was named one of five outstanding Commonwealth 4-H members to participate in the 1969 National 4-H Conference April 21-25 in Washington, D.C.

The conference brings together members from all 50 states to exchange 4-H goals, directions, and achievements, reports Jerry H. Reyburn, assistant State 4-H leader at The

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A Warwick High School sophomore won the Lancaster County FFA Public Speaking Contest, Tuesday night after placing 3rd last year.

Gerald Martin, 15 son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Z. Martin, Littleton, RI topped the contest at Manheim Central High School with a speech entitled "It's Your Life," an exposition on farm safety. Martin had finished third in the County Contest and 2nd in the Area Contest in 1968, behind Penn Manor's Nelson Newcomer. Newcomer was not a contestant this year.

In the County Parliamentary Procedure Contest held at the same time, Solanco was the winner, following a second place finish last year. Solanco later did win in the Area Contest in 1968.

Runner-up in the local speaking contest was Nelson Weaver, from New Holland High School. Weaver's topic was "Man Made."

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Farm Calendar

- Monday, March 31
7:30 p.m. — New Holland 4-H Club meets Home of Mrs. Woodrow Good, 563 W. Main St., New Holland.
- Tuesday, April 1
6:45 p.m. — Warwick FFA Banquet, Barnstable Fire Hall.
7:30 p.m. — Manheim Young Farmer Reception Night, High School.
- Wednesday, April 2
8 p.m. — Lancaster County Holstein Tour, Leave Lancaster Shopping Center.
7:30 p.m. — Garden Spot Young Farmer Meet, Vo-Ag Room.
7:30 p.m. — Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District Directors meet, Farm and Home Center.
8 p.m. — Lancaster County 4-H

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THESE PRIME VEAL CALVES are checked regularly by Roy Shultz. Mr. and Mrs. Shultz and their son Charles, raise the

calves on their Willow Street RI farm.

L. F. Photo