

**Dr. Robert Eshleman
Named 4-H Alumni
Recognition Winner**

A Franklin and Marshall College professor, who has devoted countless hours to the development of youth, today was named recipient of a 1969 State 4-H Alumni Recognition Award.

Dr. Robert F. Eshleman, professor and chairman of the Department of Sociology at Franklin and Marshall College, was judged winner of the coveted award "for outstanding service to educational youth programs." A former 4-H member, he served as president of the Lancaster County 4-H Council for two years.

Carroll L. Howes, assistant State 4-H leader at The Pennsylvania State University, who announced the award selection, said Dr. Eshleman was picked from among the 500,000 4-H alumni who have taken part in Extension Service educational program during the past 55 years.

As a Lancaster County 4-H



Robert Eshleman

University of Illinois. He was awarded his doctor of philosophy degree from Cornell University. He first served as an assistant professor of sociology at Cedar Crest College. Dr. Eshleman has served in his present position since 1955.

The alumni award recipient is trustee and chairman of the Nursing Education Council at Bethany Brethren Hospital, Chicago, chairman of the legislative committee for the Lancaster County School Boards, and president of Board of Education, Donnell School District, Mount Joy.

Dr. Eshleman participated in the National Science Foundation Summer Institute at the University of California in 1962 and the National Outlook Conference on Rural Youth in Washington, DC in 1967.

He is past president of the Pennsylvania Sociological Society, was a fellow of the Society for Applied Anthropology.

Dr. Eshleman is one of two 4-H alumni to receive 1969 recognition awards. The other recipient is Miss George M. Swartz of Snyder County.

member, the award winner completed corn and tobacco projects. He also participated in 4-H leadership training school two years at Penn State.

Dr. Eshleman received his bachelor of science degree from Elizabethtown College and master of science degree from the

**Large Potato
Yield Expected**

Pennsylvania's potato yield for 1969 is expected to average 230 cwt per acre, second only to the 1967 yield of 240 cwt. Production from this year's 35,500 acres for harvest is forecast at 8,165,000 cwt, 8 percent more than a year ago and about 10 percent larger than the recent 5-year average production.

Digging of Cobbles, Superiors, and Red Norlands began in late July. Harvest of later varieties for processing markets was underway in late August. Additional acreage was being sprayed to kill vines in preparation for harvest. Few potatoes were being dug for storage due to the warm temperatures.

Dry weather prevailed during most of August but the crop was not hurt by this condition as it was a year ago. Tuber size was generally well developed before soils became dry, however, rainfall will be beneficial to loosen the ground for digging. Numerous fields have poor stands resulting from adverse weather and poor seed but a good set generally offset this condition. Late blight exists in 11 counties but generally is not a serious problem at this time.

**Nation's Fall Potato Production
Larger Than Last Year**

The 1969 fall potato production, based on September 1 condition, is placed at 231,899,000 cwt, 5 percent above the 1968 harvest and slightly above the crop harvested in 1967. Larger production in 1968 in the western and eastern fall States more than offset a decline in the central States. Idaho, Washington, and Colorado contributed to the much larger crop in the western States and Maine to the increase in the east.

The 1969 fall acreage for harvest is placed at 1,067,600 acres, slightly lower than the 1,070,000 acres estimated in July. In 1968 1,030,300 acres were harvested and in 1967 acreage was 1,088,600. The yield is forecast at 217 cwt, 3 cwt above 1968 and 5 cwt above 1967.

In Maine, growing conditions have generally favored development. Killing of vines started in late August, and a few acres were harvested, but general harvest is not expected until late September or early October. In other New England States, except Vermont, yields are expected to be equal to or better than

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Friday, Sept. 26
7:00 p.m. — Junior Dairy Cattle Show
7:00 p.m. — Cow Milking Contest
10:00 p.m. — Hog Weight
Guessing Contest Ends
Saturday, Sept. 27
9:00 a.m. — Hog Sale
10:00 a.m. — Area Tractor
Driving Contest

1968 somewhat partially offsetting smaller acreage in these States. On Long Island and Upstate New York, conditions have generally favored growth although in Steuben County, August was on the dry side.

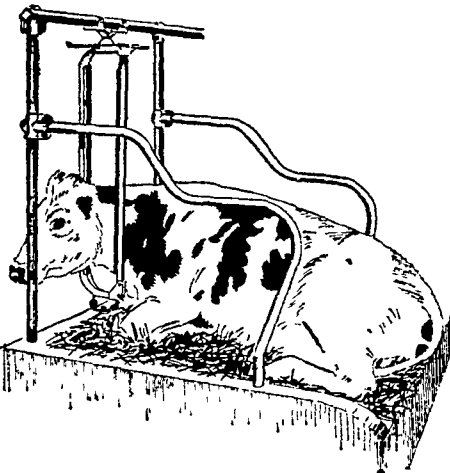
The larger production for Indiana, Michigan and Minnesota is more than offset by smaller crops indicated for the other States. In Ohio, rain caused damage to considerable acreage. In Wisconsin, July was too wet and August was too dry for good development. Prospects by fields vary widely. In the Red River Valley of Minnesota and North Dakota, August was dry. Rain in the Valley in early September should be beneficial. Good yields are indicated in Nebraska.

Conditions have favored growth in Idaho. The crop in Colorado developed well throughout the growing season. The crop in Washington developed well during August. A good crop is expected in Malheur County, Oregon but scattered frost in both the Klamath Basin and central areas in August cut the potential yield. In California, freezing temperatures occurred in the Tulelake low temperatures caused variable amount of damage by fields. Prospects for the Tulelake area are the lowest for several years. In other areas of California, the crop made good development during August.

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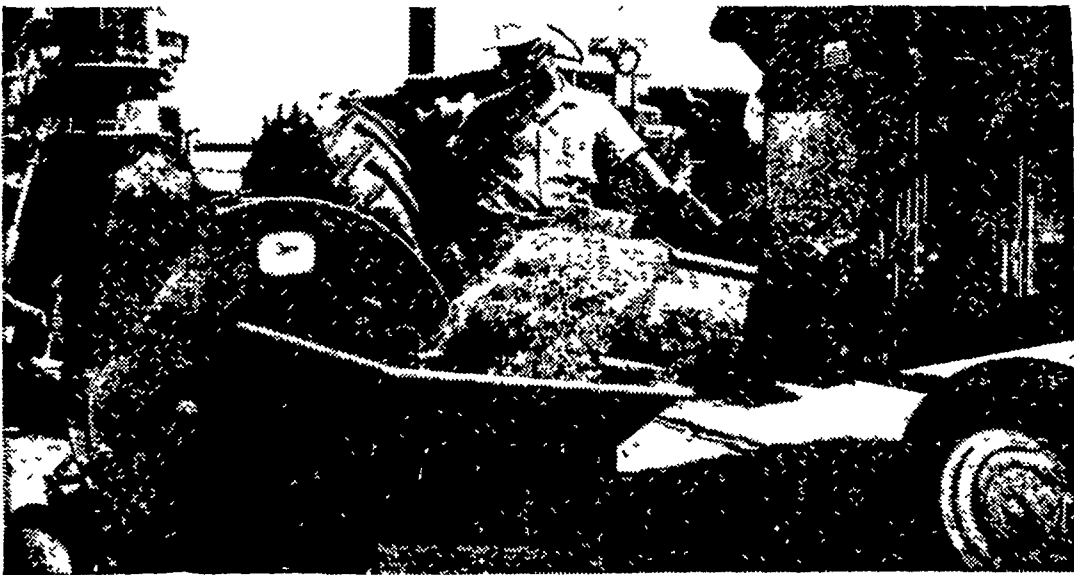
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