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Symposium Summary

Marek's Disease Control

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Acute Marek's disease is an infectious lymphoproliferative disease of chickens in which lymphoid tumors of the viscera are common. Economically, this disease is probably the most important single infectious condition of the chicken in the United States today. In January 1969, in the state of Georgia there were 32,500,000 chickens inspected and 1,150,000 of these were condemned for MD or about 3.5% of all birds that were inspected. This disease alone is costing the United States approximately 150 to 200 million dollars annually while it is costing the

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Livestock Exposition

The Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition will be held starting today, November 8 and run through next week. A full schedule of events is published in this issue on page 6.



A FRIENDLY MILK GOAT in the herd of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fisher, Manheim R1, poses for their 16-year-old son John. The Fisher's say kids are more personable than cats or dogs. L. F. Photo

The Mothers, Kids & Billy Too, Are At Windy Hill Farm

Wind around Holly Tree Road located South of Fruitville Pike just East of Manheim until you get to Windy Hill Milk Goat Farm. You will not be the first one who has just stopped in to see the kids, and their mothers. Of course, Billy Goat is here too.

People come from New York regularly to visit as do friends and neighbors, especially in the spring when all the cute little kids are frisky and playful. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fisher and 16-year-old son, John, say the kids are more personable than cats or dogs.

It all started when Jacob took a load of hay to Mrs. Walter Sherer at Sporting Hill, for her goats. When he came home, he asked the family to guess what he had done. "Well, were we surprised when he told us he had ordered a pair of kids," said Mrs. Fisher. "But it was love at first sight when they arrived and that was the beginning of our 40 goat herd. That was in 1954 and we have learned a lot about goats since then," she said.

Now in case you don't know caring for a milking goat herd is just like caring for a dairy cow herd only in miniature style. In fact, the only thing that isn't miniature about the milking

goat operation is the health and milk house inspections by state officials. Firm regulations must be met in the milk house and other surroundings to maintain their state approved raw milk permit. About one-fourth of their milk production is sold at the farm.

But the little milking parlor, the little milk cooler and the little loose housing set up, show

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Credit People Hope For Lower Interest But See No Change

"We keep hoping we will see a drop in the discount rate," said Carl Brown, Manager of the Lancaster County Farm Credit Service, "but it looks like we will have more of the same."

Speaking to the annual meeting of the Farm Credit Service at the Plain and Fancy Farm Restaurant Brown said, "It has been a good year for farmers with the rain to bring on the good crops. If we review the events of the 1960's, we see a big change in farm operation but in the '70's we will likely see even bigger units at higher costs; more mechanization with more capitalization needed it

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Commodity Futures Markets, And How You Can Use Them

By Everett Newswanger
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(Note: Special classes for Voc-Ag teachers to become more acquainted with Commodity Futures Markets were held during recent weeks with the last session held Monday afternoon at Penn Manor High School. The following report is based on discussion and information made available at these meetings by Richard Reed, Reynolds & Co., Lancaster.)

"The futures market gives the

farmer an advantage," said Richard Reed, Reynolds & Co., Lancaster. "It lets him make a market for his cattle or wheat etc, even before he buys the feeders or harvests the grain." In fact, Reed said the whole futures market started in medieval times when farmers brought their crops into the village to grade. If the town people liked a farmer's produce especially well and he didn't have enough to supply all the demand of his customers, they would say, "Well, the next time you come to town, bring me some." And the customer would pay the farmer in advance and in effect, the customer was buying cash produce for future delivery.

From these early beginnings came the central market place in Chicago and other key cities where all buyers of future deliveries and producers with future produce to sell could get together.

How can today's farmers benefit? He can hedge. And don't let that funny sounding word scare you.

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Guernsey Breeders Set Annual Meeting For November 14

The Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders have scheduled their annual meeting and banquet for November 14 at the Spanish Restaurant in Quarryville. Tickets are \$3.00 and should be ordered by Nov. 12.

Glenn Eshleman, noted photographer, will give a slide presentation as part of the program. Andrew Burkins, Drumore Center, is the committee chairman.



Clyde Wivell

Wivell Re-elected Farmers' Assn. Head

The Lancaster County Farmers' Association announced the following results of a reorganization meeting held by the directors on Tuesday night. Re-elected were Clyde Wivell, Columbia R1, President, James M. Gaiber, Mount Joy R2, Vice President and James L. Martin 567 Delp Road, Lancaster, Secretary Treasurer.

Farm Calendar

Saturday, Nov. 8 (today)

8-15—Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition, Farm Show Building, Harrisburg (See schedule page 6)

7:00 A.M.—Lancaster County 4-H Council Sub Sale, Farm and Home Center.

Sunday, Nov. 9

9:12—Pennsylvania Farmers' Assn. Meeting, Penn Harris Motor Inn, Camp Hill.

Monday, Nov. 10

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THE LANCASTER COUNTY POULTRY directors reorganized Thursday night and Lorin Weigard (seated) was elected president. Melvin C. Gehman (left) was elected treasurer and Allen B. Graybill was named vice president and representative to the Pa. Poultry Federation. Not present for the Lancaster Farming photograph was John Jacob Oberholtzer who was re-elected secretary. Other committee chairmen appointed were: J. Harold Esbenshade, promotion; John R. Huber, Jr., educational; Aaron S. Glick, banquet; John W. Melhorn, queen; Paul B. Kline, tour and Everett Newswanger, publicity.