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## Poultry Symposium Airs New Ideas In Waste Disposal

"I think that in three or four years the entire cost of a system for drying poultry manure will more than be off-set by the sale of an end product," said Dr. Glenn Bressler, Professor of Poultry Science at Penn State. Speaking at the Poultry Waste Symposium held Tuesday at the Farm and Home Center, Bressler showed slides and gave figures of cost for a poultry drying system he has developed and is now be-

ing tried commercially with pleasing results.

An economical method, the drying system was developed as a component of the sloping wire floor egg production system. Poultry dropping when voided contains between 75 and 80 percent water. Bressler's drying system is designed to begin evaporating water immediately and reduce the water content to about 30 percent before removing the manure from the house.

Basically, it consists of blowing air at velocities over 500 feet per minute across the manure as it falls to the floor underneath the sloping wire along with stirring the manure several times daily. Fans circulating air are mounted underneath the birds housed on the wire floor and about 15 inches above the manure. Fans are centered over floor areas 10 to 12 feet wide and spaced 50 feet apart lengthwise to the house.

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## Farmers Asked To Separate Moldy Tobacco

Mold in the 1969 tobacco crop now being stripped on local farms has more often than anything been named the chief culprit causing concern for both farmers and the tobacco industry in general. The fact that nobody knows just how much of the crop is affected has caused buying that started about two weeks ago, to be almost at a total standstill now with only an estimated fifty percent of the crop in dealers' hands. And farmers that have sold are being warned to keep separate all the leaves that are moldy.

Leonard Ford, USDA Inspector, that grades tobacco sold through the Agway Cooperative (Continued on Page 6)

## Soil And Water District Lists New Objectives

The Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District Directors listed their objectives for the coming year at a lengthy meeting held at the Farm and Home Center this week.

Included in the objectives are a resolution to give more assistance to youth programs — FFA, 4-H, Boy Scouts etc. The district plans to hold a work shop for teachers on environmental sensitivity in the Spring of 1970 and conduct general education on conservation.

They want to set aside an area in the County park for an outdoor lab that will be available to all local schools.

The youth director program is to be expanded and the Conservation Field Day including the Plowing Contest and Land Judging Contest is to be continued.

Also listed was a request for an executive assistant and an educational program for board members. The district plans to sponsor (Continued on Page 7)

## Champion 4-H Steer At District Show Brings \$1.30; Average Is 38.75c

The highest price since 1959 for a grand champion at the Southeast District 4-H Baby Beef Show and Sale was received Wednesday afternoon as a climax to the event held at the Lancaster Stockyards.

With a crowded ringside of 4-Hers, parents, businessmen buyers and other interested persons, Suzie duPont, West Chester R4, led her grand champion, an Angus, to the tune of the auctioneer's call and when all bids were in, Robert Frame of Whitford Sales in Exton, took the winner along back to Chester County for \$1.30 per pound of a total of \$1306.50. Suzie is the 13-year-old daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Jacques duPont.

The 1959 price of \$1.64 was the highest in recent years but the 1945 price of \$2.00 is the highest recorded on the wall plaque in the Lancaster Auction building. Last year, the grand champion, also from Chester County shown by Milton Howe, sold for \$1.19 to the Hershey Motor Lodge. The reserve grand champion, a Hereford shown by Cathy Brubaker, daughter of Mr and Mrs Glenn Brubaker, 345 Running Pump Road, Lancaster, was purchased by E. W. Martin for Smu-

cker's Amish Village, Allentown for 63 cents a pound or a total of \$706.75.

The Shorthorn breed champion shown by Donna Hess, brought 41 cents a pound from Watt and Shand, the reserve champion Angus shown by Randy Scott went to Hildabrand Meats for Dutch Wonderland for 44 cents a pound; the reserve champion Hereford shown by Carol Ann Harnish sold for 44 cents a pound from Acme Markets, and the reserve champion shorthorn shown by (Continued on Page 6)

## National Young Farmers In Lanc.

The meeting of National Young Farmers will be held next week in Lancaster at the Host Farm Motel, Lincoln Highway East, starting tomorrow, December 14 through Wednesday, December 17.

Registration will start at 2 p.m. with the Manheim Young Farm-

ers in charge. Paul Kline is chairman.

Monday morning's opening session will feature Congressman Edwin Eshleman and color slides of state farmer activities. In the evening Morris Fonda, General Sales Manager of A. O. Smith (Continued on Page 8)

## Local Steers Selected For State Farm Show

The Lancaster County 4-H Baby Beef Roundup was held Tuesday afternoon at the Lancaster Stockyards to select the local steers that will be held to go to the Farm Show in Harrisburg in January.

In the annual Lancaster County Showmanship contest held after the Farm Show selections were made, Ray Brubaker, 17-year-old son of Mr and Mrs. Raymond S. Brubaker, Rohrerstown Road, won over 10 other contestants. The prize for Ray's efforts was the steer calf annually given by the Lancaster Intel. to the winner of the contest.

Those selected for the Farm Show are as follows:

### ANGUS

Gary Dean, Gregory Greider; (Continued on Page 6)

## 4-H Veal Calf Club To Start

The 1970 4-H Veal Production Club will again be formed according to Victor Plastow, Associate County Agent. Anyone between the ages of 9 and 19 may join.

Participants should contact Plastow at his office in the Farm and Home Center no later than December 19 and a record book and other information will then be supplied.

Rules call for 4-H'ers to feed their calves a high fat all-milk product replacer and house them in an elevated tie stall.

## Farm Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 14  
14-17 National Young Farmer Institute, Host Farm Motel.

Monday, Dec. 15  
7:30 p.m. — 4-H Ayrshire, Jersey, Brown Swiss Club meets, Kenneth Eshleman home, Elizabethtown.

Tuesday, Dec. 16  
7:30 p.m. — Ephrata Young (Continued on Page 8)



SALE SCENE. The sale ring was full Wednesday afternoon, at the Lancaster Stockyards for the District 4-H Baby Beef sale. A few minutes after this photograph

was taken, Suzie duPont's grand champion steer was sold to the high bid of Robert Frame, Whitford Sales Co., Exton. L. F. Photo