

# Congressman Eshleman Visits Seven Lancaster County Farms

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Eshleman also said U.S. administrations of both parties tend to favor free trade while Congress generally favors a quota system. "You can't compare \$2.20 wages here with 20 cent wages in foreign countries," Eshleman said in defending the Congress position.

Eshleman expressed particular concern about the Pennsylvania shoe industry as a result of competition from imports. He noted that foreign countries protect their own industries.

One farmer said he's interested in a fast determination of where the new Route 30 east of Lancaster will be located. It's not so much important where the route is going as that the individual farmer knows where it's going so he can plan the future of his own farming operation, the farmer explained. He said he was interested in expanding his dairying operation, but needed to know how the road would affect his operation.

Eshleman said Route 30 was delayed when the federal government held up funds for about eight months to help deflate the economy. He said the funds are "unfrozen now" and he will check on the route location for the farmer.



Congressman Edwin D. Eshleman (second from right) is shown during one of seven stops at Lancaster County farms Thursday. With him, left to right, are: Jim Martin, secretary-treasurer of the Lancaster County Farmers Association; Mrs. Eshleman; Robert Hess,

on whose farm the photo was taken, and Mrs. Hess. Eshleman spoke briefly, answered questions and chatted with individual farmers before leaving for the Ivan Yost farm.

## Potato Yields Reported Very Good This Year

Pennsylvania's potato yield is expected to average 230 hundred-weight per acre, second only to the 1967 yield of 240 hundred-weight, according to the Crop Reporting Service.

Such a yield is about 21 hundred pound sacks per acre larger than the recent five-year average.

Production for this year's 35,000 acres is forecast at 805 million hundredweight, three per

cent more than a year ago, but 12 per cent below the 1967 record.

The service predicts a high yield in Lancaster County and other southeastern counties.

A major trouble spot is in Erie County where rot and blight are expected to cut the yield. Wet conditions also have kept harvesting rates down.



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