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County Tobacco Growers Sell '70 Crop

Lancaster County farmers had sold almost all their 1970 tobacco crop by late this week.

Buying started slowly on January 21 and remained slow for the first several days.

But farmers began selling heavily during the last week of January beginning with sorted tobacco.

Selling then broke loose on the straight stripped tobacco late last week and early this week. By early Tuesday most sources indicated that about 90 per cent of the sorted tobacco

and about two-thirds of the straight stripped tobacco had already been sold.

Selling continued brisk on the remainder of the crop through the rest of this week and by early Friday it was reported that very little of the crop, probably less than one per cent, remained unsold.

Buyers and Prices

Prices paid by the buyers were relatively close to the prices paid last year, but slightly lower this year. The sorted price was about the same with

most straight stripped crops selling for less than the 30 cent market of a year ago.

The price for straight stripped tobacco started at 28 cents a pound but moved up to 29 on Monday of this week then to 30 cents about Tuesday. This varied somewhat, however, depending on the quality of the crop and the company buying it.

According to one source, the leading buyer of straight stripped tobacco was Lancaster Leaf Tobacco Co. followed by A K

Mann Jr. Yohe Leaf Tobacco and Block Bros.

Leading buyers of sorted tobacco were American and Lorillard, followed by A K Mann.

Other buyers included Agway, National Tobacco, Penn Leaf Tobacco, Domestic Tobacco, R D. Owens, and Bayuk Cigar. Lorillard, which reportedly doubled local tobacco purchases this year as compared to a year ago, quoted a price of 34 and 20 for sorted tobacco; American Tobacco Co reported a price of 31-33 and 18-20, mostly 33 and 20; A K Mann Jr quoted a price of 32 and 20 for sorted, with some 33 and 20 purchases reported late this week.

firms bought a substantial portion of the crop, one source indicated that no one firm got more than 25 per cent of the crop.

Lancaster Leaf Starts

Lancaster Leaf started the buying with a quote of 28 cents for straight stripped on January 21; American and Lorillard entered the field on January 25 and several other firms seen followed.

One spokesman listed American and Lorillard as among the biggest buyers, particularly in early buying. But both firms stuck exclusively to sorted tobacco and most of that had been bought by late last week.

A spokesman for Lorillard explained that his firm, which

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County FFA Project Book Awards Given

About 40 awards were given this week in 16 classes of competition in the annual project record book evaluation contest open to Lancaster County FFA members.

Gold and silver winners in the local contest are eligible for the state contest next week at Penn State.

Henry Givler, area FFA supervisor, said the contest winners are judged on the basis of the efficiency and accuracy of the records kept in connection with their individual livestock and crop enterprises undertaken as part of their FFA programs.

The judging was done on the Danish system with prizes of gold, silver, bronze and honorable mention. None or more than one of each of these awards could be made in each

class, depending on the evaluation of the merit of the entries by the judges.

The awards for single project books are as follows:

Beef Breeding — Steve Hershey, Pequea Valley High School, silver.

Dairy Heifers — Russel Kline, Ephrata High School, silver; Marlin Smoker, Ephrata, bronze; Richard Bollinger, Ephrata, bronze; William Krantz, Solanco High School, bronze; Wayne Kreider, Solanco, bronze.

Swine Breeding — Roger Leaman, Pequea, gold; Allen McCauley, Solanco, bronze, Robin Musser, Ephrata, honorable mention.

Swine Fattening — James Weaver, Ephrata, gold; Eric Copenhaver, Ephrata, silver; Richard Bollinger, Ephrata, sil-

ver; Russel Kline, Ephrata, bronze; Daniel Harting, Ephrata, bronze; Gerald Musser, Ephrata, honorable mention.

Poultry — Samuel Trupe, Garden Spot High School, New Holland, gold; Kenneth Groff, Garden Spot, silver.

Veal Calves — Richard Bollinger, Ephrata, silver; Marlin Smoker, Ephrata, silver; Michael Bollinger, Ephrata, silver; Donald Weaver, Garden Spot, honorable mention; Nevin Zimmerman, Garden Spot, honorable mention.

Garden and Truck — Clyde Dearolf, Solanco, gold; Gerald Musser, Ephrata, silver.

Multiple enterprise record books involving two or more projects:

Two Enterprises — Dale Martin, Ephrata, gold; Paul New-

A referendum on cigar-filler type 41 tobacco will be held by mail ballot during the period of February 22 through February 26.

The referendum, held every three years, determines if there will be marketing quotas or maximum acreage restrictions on production for the next three years. In past referendums, local farmers have rejected quotas.

The 1971 preliminary allotment for Lancaster County is 22,662 acres. This is considerably higher than the estimated 18,000 acres grown in the county in 1970.

Individual producers also would have a quota or acreage limit if the referendum is approved, according to Miss Dorothy Neel, Lancaster County ASC executive director. Further information will be available later, Miss Neel said.

Preliminary allotment totals for other counties include: Lebanon County, 719 acres, Berks, 379 acres; York, 344 acres, and Chester, 310 acres. Most type 41 tobacco is grown in Lancaster County.

Red Rose 4-H Beef and Lamb Club Holds Annual Banquet



Receiving 4-H lamb awards at the banquet this week were: left to right, Tim Bushong, for champion lamb fitter; Linda Ober, champion lamb showman and high-

est project score, and Kenneth Brubaker, county champion pen and reserve grand champion pen at the Farm Show, as well as reserve champion single lamb.

Many awards and presentations were made at the annual Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Club Banquet at the Fair and Home Center Thursday night.

Trophies were awarded for top lamb and beef animals shown in local and state 4-H competition and for showmanship, as well as for top project scores in related 4-H work.

Taking the top beef honors for project score was Ray Brubaker, son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Brubaker, 206 Rohreistown Road, Lancaster, who had a score of 993 points out of 1000.

Second in the beef project score was Karen High, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harvey High, Leola, who scored 99 points.

In lamb project record keeping, Linda Ober, daughter of Mr and Mrs L Ray Ober, 532 Petersburg Road Lancaster, was first with 968 points. It was the third straight year she won the award. She also received a silver bowl as the county champion lamb showman.

Other 4-H'ers receiving awards were Susan Herr, 840 Penn Grant Road, Lancaster, who had

the county champion steer, a Charolais-Angus cross, which was the state champion Charolais, Marlin Bollinger, Denver RD2, the county reserve champion, Nancy Herr, 840 Penn

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Farm Calendar

Saturday, February 6

State Grange Regional Institute, Hepburnville, Lycoming County

Monday, February 8

8 p m—Soil and Water Conservation Club meeting, home of Vincent Hoover, New Providence

Annual Vegetable Conference, Assembly Room, Nittany Lion Inn, Penn State University, February 8-10
Fulton Grange 66, Oakryn.

Tuesday, February 9

9 30 a m—6th Annual Red Rose Southeastern Pennsylvania Dairy Conference, Guernsey Pavilion, Lancaster.

6 45 p m—Annual Dinner Meeting, County Extension Assn (Continued on Page 5)