

# Lancaster Farming

## Musser Receives Poultry Award

A Garden Spot High School senior named to receive a \$200 cash award as the outstanding area high school student in the field of poultry.

Jacob W. Musser was presented the "Poultry Man of the Year" award by Victor F Weaver, Inc, New Holland poultry and egg processing firm.

The son of Mr. and Mrs Jacob H. Musser, East Earl RD1, Musser is president of the Grassland FFA Chapter and his FFA awards include Keystone Farmer Degree, Red Rose Degree, Livestock Foundation Award and the DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment award.

The scholarship is available annually to students in Lancaster, Chester, Berks and York counties who are FFA members.

Four other youths who received "Poultry Man - Excellent Achievement" awards as runner ups and qualify as winners from each of their respective schools are as follows: Marvin J. Caskey Jr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin J Caskey Sr; Kinzers RD1, a senior at Pequea Valley High School; Clifford L. Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs Abram H Charles,



Jacob W. Musser  
Poultry Award Winner

Lancaster RD2, a sophomore at Penn Manor High School; Davin J. Krug, son of Mr and Mrs. Davin R Krug, Hellam Branch, Wrightsville RD1, a sophomore at Eastern High School, and Nelson E Martin, son of Mr and Mrs Clyde W Martin, East Earl RD1, a sophomore at Garden Spot High School

## Farm Calendar

- Saturday, June 12  
Lebanon Valley Poultry Association annual Broiler festival, Fredericksburg
- Sunday, June 13  
1 30 p m - Fulton Grange 66 Youth Committee softball game, J Benjamin, Fairmount
- Monday, June 14  
8 p m - Fulton Junior Grange 343, Fulton Grange Hall, paper drive  
Reciprocal Meat Conference, American Meat Science association, University of Kentucky, Lexington, June 14 to 16
- Flag Day
- Tuesday, June 15  
1 30 p m - FFA Meat Judging Contest, Kunzler & Co Inc
- Wednesday, June 16  
Pennsylvania Poultry Federation annual meeting, the new Sheraton, Harrisburg
- Thursday, June 17  
Fulton Grange Youth committee trip to Baltimore
- Friday, June 18  
8 a m - 4 30 p m - Ephrata Area Young Farmers Association weed workshop, Bordontown, NJ
- Saturday, June 19  
8 30 a m - 4 30 p m - Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association Field Day, Penn State University  
Pomona District meeting, Kimbeton Grange Hall, Chester County

## June 16 Is Poultry Meeting Date

June 16 is the date of the Pennsylvania poultry industry's annual conference at the Sheraton Harrisburg

Three speakers discussing economics are Dr Jonathan Tobey of the Chase Manhattan Bank, New York, Herbert Becherman, Baltimore, and Dr Fred J Fullerton, Acting Director, Field Operations, Poultry Program All three men are recognized as top leaders in their respective areas They will discuss the future of the industry, egg pricing systems, and poultry inspection for wholesomeness

The session on ecology will be opened by Dr C L Hosler,

Dean of Earth and Mineral Sciences, PSU The three men who will discuss possible solutions to poultry waste problems are Dr Howard Zindell, Michigan State, John F Bergdoll, Anderson Box, Indianapolis; and Richard Chumney, New Jersey Department of Agriculture

The day's activities will conclude with a banquet in the beautiful ballroom of the Sheraton Awards to be presented include the Albed Industryman of the Year, the Poultryman of the Year, Outstanding Youth, and a Good Egg Award

## Ephrata Farmers to Study Weeds on June 18 Tour

The Ephrata Area Young Farmers Association has announced a weed identification and weed control workshop trip to Bordontown, N J, next Friday, June 18.

The group will leave from the Ephrata ag department at Ephrata High School at 8 a m and will return by 4 30 p m or before

The workshop is in charge of

Nick Ferrant, Agway agronomist

Several types of controls will be observed and various types of weeds studied. The object will be to obtain information which is applicable to the immediate area.

Each person will take his own lunch

Any Ephrata area farmers, adults only, interested in attending the workshop should call Charles Ackley at 733-7961

# Cracked, Broken Eggs Viewed As Important Industry Issue

Already an important economic factor in egg production, cracked and broken eggs are becoming an increasingly important source of lost income to the industry, according to speakers at a special poultry meeting in Lititz Thursday night.

Three Penn State poultry staff members, backed up by local speakers, repeatedly emphasized that the numbers of cracked and broken eggs have been steadily increasing for the past five to 10 years

It was noted that some industry sources now believe poultrymen will have to be content with a 10 per cent loss from cracks and breaks But speakers,

advised local poultrymen not to be content with this figure and that keeping losses below this level may prove to be an important competitive advantage in the future.

Raymond W Sauder, Lititz egg processor, noted that when poultrymen see their birds dying they "get excited" But he emphasized that large numbers of breaks and cracks can "erode your income" as much although it may be harder to see

He noted that two dozen breaks and three dozen cracks per case of eggs can result in a \$4,000 loss from a 10,000 flock

Sauder also noted that with good eggs he can process 54 cases in the same time that it

takes him to process 40 to 42 cases with poor quality eggs The slower processing "costs us 20 cents a case," he noted

Preceding the talk at the Lititz Recreation Center, Sauder had opened his plant on Route 501 north of Lititz for tour by interested poultrymen During the tour, poultrymen saw what happened to an egg from the time it entered the plant until the time it left

Other speakers at the meeting stressed the importance of understanding the causes of breaks and cracks and of managing the flock to avoid them

Moderator was Jay Irwin, as sociate Lancaster County agricultural agent, who noted that

with just a small cut in broken eggs from Lancaster County's four million laying hens, poultrymen would increase their in-

come by several hundred dollars a day.

Some of the causes of cracked (Continued on Page 8)

## No-Till Corn Growers Are Warned of Armyworm

Several reports have been received at the Lancaster County Extension office this week about armyworm damage in no-till corn, according to Arnold Lueck, associate Lancaster County agricultural agent.

When the worms reach a high level of infestation, they are "vigorous feeders which will do a lot of damage to young corn plants in a short period"

Lueck said the damage has been reported only from no-till fields which have a heavy mulch Reports have been received par-

ticularly from the Mount Joy, Landisville and Mountville areas but have not been limited to these areas, Lueck said

He suggested that all farmers with no-till corn and heavy mulch should check their fields regularly for insect activity Once damage is started by the armyworm, quick action is necessary "or a crop can be lost," Lueck said

The Extension service is recommending one of three treatments carbaryl; a combination

of malathion and methoxychlor, and Dylox

Lueck also stressed that it is important to use a large volume of water, about 50 to 60 gallons per acre, to get a thorough coverage down in the mulch

Lueck also said spraying should be done in the early evening since the armyworm does most of its feeding at night, particularly a warm night

Lueck said the exact type of worm involved has not been determined, but probably there is more than one kind of armyworm.



Father and son display a dozen eggs during the open house tour of their egg processing plant Thursday evening. They are: R. Clair Sauder, left, and his father Raymond W. Sauder.