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Paul Anderson, Penn State dairy specialist, points out the noteworthy characteristics of a heifer at the farm of Henry Kettering, Lititz, RD3, Thursday. Looking on are 13 members of Lancaster County's three

4-H dairy clubs. The judging session, involving actual judging of groups of four animals, is in preparation for selecting the County 4-H dairy judging team to compete in the contest at Penn State in August.

## 78 Cucumber Acres Planted

Cucumber acreage in Lancaster County is about 78 acres, according to Harvey Good, Intercourse, representative of Oxford Pickle Co.

Most plants were reported up about three to six inches by mid-week. First picking is estimated for about July 4 and the season will run till the end of August.

The cucumber beetle remains the biggest management problem, Good said.

The acreage this year is slightly higher than last and involves mostly the same producers, with some new ones. Price is the same as last year, \$1.26 a bushel.

## Farm Calendar

Saturday, June 19

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. — Pennsylvania Junior Angus association Field day, Pennsylvania State University.

Pomona District meeting, Kimberberton Grange Hall, Chester County.

Tuesday, June 22

9 a.m. — FFA Poultry Judging workshop, Victor Weaver poultry plant, New Holland.

Lancaster County Dairy Princess contest, Farm and Home Center.

State Grange Leadership school, Gettysburg College, June 22-24.

Thursday, June 24

7 a.m. - 3 p.m. — Cumberland County wool pool, ram and ewe sale, Carlisle, June 24-25.

9:15 a.m. — Young Cooperator program, Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative, Hunt Valley Inn, Cockeysville, Md.

6 p.m. — Ephrata FFA picnic, Harvey Musser farm.

Friday, June 25

7 a.m. - noon — Cumberland County wool pool, Carlisle.

## Three Farm Pond Meetings Set

Three farm pond meetings will be held Wednesday at three separate times and locations in Lancaster County for farmers interested in obtaining information on farm pond management.

Each of the ponds have been constructed for a number of years and are considered good settings for discussions on construction, fish propagation and algae and weed control, according to Max Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent.

Among others present will be Charles A. Prinz, Lititz RD2, Lancaster County fish warden.

Smith explained, "We are aware of the current problems with algae and weeds in many of our local farm ponds. The control of the plants is very difficult and there are restrictions on the herbicides that may be used. Every pond owner should secure a permit from the fish warden before treating the pond."

## Poultry Assn. Plans Tour

The Lancaster County Poultry Association is planning its annual tour, a one-day trip to Tangier Island located out in the Chesapeake Bay, according to Claude Hess, tour committee chairman.

The group will leave Lancaster August 3 at 6 a.m. in an air-conditioned motorcoach to Crisfield, Maryland, then transfer to a special chartered boat to reach Tangier Island.

With a population of 900 people, islanders live almost like one big family and are very much apart from the rest of the

"We are anxious to keep you informed regarding good pond management, and the proper procedure to be used in treating ponds. Please feel free to invite your neighbors and attend one of these meetings," Smith said.

The meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

9:30 a.m., Richard P. Maule, Quarryville RD2, farm. Go south from Quarryville on the Kirkwood Road, Route 472, turn left at the second crossroad and it's the first farm.

1:30 p.m., Jacob N. Martin, Lancaster RD2, farm. Go south toward Millersville on the Millersville road, turn right on Charlestown Road, drive one mile to the yellow buildings on the left.

6:30 p.m., Homer Graybill, Manheim RD3, farm. Drive east from the square in Manheim on Doe Run Road for one and one half miles and the pond is on the left.

## Tobacco Planting Is Late, Acreage Believed Down, Dairymen Need Feed Crops

Tobacco planting is reported well underway this week throughout Lancaster County and adjacent tobacco areas.

Reports indicate planting is running a week to 10 days later than usual, due to lateness of growth of plants and wet weather.

Max Smith, Lancaster County ag agent, said planting normally starts at the end of May, but was a week to 10 days late. Planting normally is over by July 4, but may run later this year, he said.

Smith said he expects some continued drop in tobacco acreage, possibly in the three to five per cent range.

Most crops are reported later than usual this year because of the relatively wet and cool growing season so far.

Harvey Good of Intercourse reported that tobacco acreage in his area is generally decreasing. Farmers are placing more emphasis on alfalfa and corn as feed for their stronger dairy programs. Small grains also have been decreasing, Good said.

## 3 Poultry Meetings Set

Three poultry meetings have been scheduled at the Farm and Home Center late this year.

Floyd W. Hicks, Penn State Extension poultry specialist, announced the meetings recently so interested poultrymen can mark their calendars and plan to attend. The meetings are:

October 14, Pennsylvania Poultry Business Management Seminar, under the direction of Hicks; November 10, Pennsylvania Poultry Waste Disposal Seminar, directed by C. Jordan, Penn State poultry specialist, and December 16, Pennsylvania Started Pullet Symposium IV, by Hicks.

John Yocum of the Penn State research farm at Landisville said several farmers he has talked with indicate about the same acreage overall. Some report reduced acreage, but others are increasing their acreage, he said.

Yocum said that in general farmers with dairy operations tend to decrease tobacco acreage; the general expansion of dairy operations results in increased need of available acres for feed crops, he explained.

But many non-dairy farmers, who lack the steady cash income provided by dairying and who need something to keep them occupied during the winter months, continue to place heavy emphasis on tobacco. For many farmers not in dairying, it's a choice between tobacco or a part-time job through the winter months, Yocum said.

## Penn State Gets Research Grant

Penn State University has been named recipient of a \$150,000 USDA Research grant.

The grant is one of nine totaling one million to be used in support of state agricultural experiment station research to develop new knowledge for control of corn leaf blight.

Selection of projects was made on a competitive basis and will fill gaps in knowledge about the blight.

The objectives of the Penn State research will be to help determine the influence of climatic factors, techniques for monitoring field conditions and the potential for computer simulation of the blight epidemic. Participating scientist at University Park is R. R. Nelson.