



Needmor Delila, a three year old Brown Swiss heifer owned and shown by Linda Sue Witmer, Willow Street RD2, won grand champion Brown Swiss honors at the 1971

Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show September 20 in Harrisburg. Linda, a member of the Brown Swiss 4-H Club, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rohrer Witmer.



Masonic-Homes Flashy Marlin, a two year old Ayrshire heifer owned and shown by Stephen Horton, Elizabethtown, won reserve champion honors at the 1971 Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show September 20 in Harris-

burg. Stephen, a member of the Ayrshire 4-H Club, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Horton. All dairy animals shown at the statewide show were blue ribbon winners in local and district competition earlier this year.



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Farm Population Down

The U.S. farm population decreased by about 600,000 people during the 12-month period centered on April 1970, bringing the total down to 9.7 million, according to a report issued today by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

USDA's Economic Research Service indicates there was an estimated net loss to the farm population in that year of 642,000 persons—6.2 per cent—as people moved away or stopped farming. The net loss was offset to a small extent by 47,000 more births than deaths among farm people

during the year.

During the past decade, there has been little change in the average rate of population loss through migration and reclassification, although the yearly average number of migrants has declined substantially. Between 1960-65, the net outflow from farms averaged almost 800,000 persons annually. From 1965 to 1970, the number was closer to 600,000. The decrease in the net average number of persons leaving farms is explained by the steadily declining farm population base



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