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Notice to Hog Growers

In a continuing effort to improve our market section, Lancaster Farming this week introduces a separate Hog Prices report.

This new market section does not include any new information not previously available to our readers—if they hunted throughout our three-page market section for it.

Previously, each of our individual markets and auctions have included a section on hog prices.

Our new Hog Prices feature takes the hog prices from each of these markets and puts them all together under one heading—for easy review for a complete picture of hog prices available from the markets we carry.

It's just a matter of making a good thing a little better.

Lancaster Farming this week begins regular publication of a new feature written by various agriculture teachers throughout our service area. Get better acquainted with our ag teachers. Don't miss this educational feature for all farm persons. See the first article by Jesse Erway of Manheim Central High School on page 17.

Chester Co. Farmers Assn. Holds Membership Meeting

Arthur D. Hershey, Cochranville RD1, president of the Chester County Farmers' Association, appointed county committee chairmen at an annual membership kickoff meeting at Ingleside Restaurant, Coatesville.

Named were: Dwight Rath, national legislative committee chairman; Charles Gable, state legislative; Leo Brown, Safemark; Richard Breckbill, advisory council; Paul Sands, local affairs; Nathan King, membership; Ronald F. Elliott, dairy action; Mrs. Elliott, county information director; Mrs. Joyce Hershey, women's chairman; Richard Barnard, apple marketing, and Robert Yeatman, insurance.

In an annual report Hershey noted highlights of the year for the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association, including Policy Development meetings in

Carlisle and the state convention at Camp Hill.

Hershey urged the farmer members to "get more involved in different groups and in local and county politics, and then we can more fully appreciate the time and thought and discussion that goes into forming policy and the making of laws." He stated that "too many times when decisions are made at the county and state level, we form an opinion only as to how the decision affects us."

Guest speaker was Gerald Stephens, Elizabethtown, assistant manager of the PFA Supply Company. Other guests introduced were William Moore, Berks County, state board member, and Eugene McDowell, New London, organizational director for PFA.

The Chester County Farmers' Association in 1971 had a membership of 722 farm families.

ABC Plans 3 Meetings

Atlantic Breeders Cooperative, Lancaster, has scheduled three annual membership meetings in Lancaster and Chester Counties in February.

ABC technicians are selling meal tickets for all three meetings.

The Chester County District Two meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the Chester County Extension Dairy Day program at Sadsburyville Fire Hall. The dairy program begins

at 10 a.m. and the ABC meeting at 12 noon. ABC members are being encouraged to attend the dairy program, according to Roger B Gundlach of ABC.

The District Five meeting for Southern Lancaster County will be held at 7 p.m. February 18 at the United Methodist Church of Quarryville.

The District 4 meeting for Northern Lancaster County will be held at 7 p.m. February 24 at Blue Ball Fire Hall.

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Milk Marketing To Be Topic At Chester County Meeting

The Chester County Cooperative Extension Service and the Octorara Young Farmers will sponsor a meeting on milk marketing and related issues from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 9 at Sadsburyville Fire Hall, Sadsburyville.

Issues to be considered will include: the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board; Milk Referendum - state and federal alternatives; Milk pricing — how and by whom?; Market structure; The future and you.

Speakers for the issues will include: William F. Johnstone, Milk Marketing Specialist from

Penn State University, Maurice Martin, secretary of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board, W.W. Moffett, director of Dairy Industries, New Jersey Department of Agriculture; James E. Honan, general manager of Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative, and a panel of local dairymen.

Lunch and refreshments will be available at a cost of \$1.75 if prepaid by February 1. Registrations must be made by February 1 by contacting the Chester County Extension Service, 402 North Wing, Courthouse, West Chester, Pa. 19380. Telephone 606-3500.

To Stop Foreign Newcastle:

USDA Asks 30-Day Quarantine on Pet Birds

The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposed recently to double the import quarantine period on parrots, mynahs and other pet birds to guard against further introduction into this country of an extremely virulent form of Newcastle disease.

The new regulations would extend the quarantine period from 15 to 30 days for all imported poultry, including parrots, mynahs, parakeets, cockatoos and macaws. The quarantine would also apply to all birds shipped with the regulated species.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Service (APHIS) said the extended quarantine period would insure that if exotic Newcastle disease is present in any lot of imported birds it will make its appearance before any of the birds are released.

Birds brought into the U.S. from any country, including Canada and Mexico, would have to be quarantined in USDA-approved facilities at one of the following ports of entry: Miami, New Orleans, Los Angeles, Seattle or New York.

In recent months there have been a number of outbreaks of exotic Newcastle disease strain in U.S. domestic and imported fowl, and the Department has quarantined limited areas in California, Texas, New Mexico, and Puerto Rico.

There are USDA-licensed vaccines to protect U.S. poultry against a strain of Newcastle disease common among domestic flocks. These vaccines are also somewhat effective against the exotic strain. What concerns APHS officials is that the exotic strain may become established in the United States unless vigorous action is taken to eradicate the current outbreaks and prevent reintroduction from abroad.

Exotic Newcastle disease is not transmittable to persons eating poultry or poultry products. However, persons working on poultry farms, in poultry dressing plants, or around imported pet or ornamental birds, may contract a mild eye infection that should be treated by a physician.

The proposal was scheduled for publication in the Federal

Register January 21. APHS officials will accept comments on the proposed changes for 15 days following publication. All comments should be directed to the Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, APHS, Hyattsville, Md. 20782.

Farm Calendar

- Saturday, January 29**
7:30 p.m. — Farm and Home family night program, Farm and Home Center.
- Tuesday, February 1**
7:30 p.m. — Penn Manor Young Farmer officers meeting, vo-ag department, Penn Manor High School.
- 7:30 p.m. — Ephrata Young Farmer officers meeting, vo-ag department, Ephrata Area High School
- Garden Spot Young Farmers Dairy Management course, vo-ag department, Garden Spot High School.
- Lancaster County Farmers Association board meeting, Farm and Home Center.
- Wednesday, February 2**
4:30 p.m. — Lancaster County Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association meeting, FFA Project Book Contest, Lampeter-Strasburg High School.
- 7 p.m. — Lancaster County Coordinating Council, Pennsylvania State Education Association, General Sutter Inn, Lititz.
- 7:30 p.m. — Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District meeting, Farm and Home Center.
- Thursday, February 3**
9:30 a.m. — Chester County Extension Clothing Construction course, Paoli Methodist Church.
- 6:30 p.m. — Lancaster County 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Club banquet, Farm and Home Center.
- Saturday, February 5**
6:45 p.m. — Ephrata Young Farmers annual banquet, Mt. Airy Fire Hall.

Chafer Rules Under Study

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will hold a public hearing on a proposal to either terminate the Federal quarantine on European chafer in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania or extend it to three new States—Ohio, Rhode Island and New Jersey.

The hearing will be convened by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Service (APHIS) at 10 a.m. February 7 in Room 171, Administration Building, Social Security Headquarters, 604 Security Blvd, Baltimore, Md.

The chafer is related to the May beetle and was probably brought into this country in the 1920's. Mature insects do very

little damage, but the larvae feed on the roots of plants, causing unsightly barren spots in lawns and pastures.

Federal European chafer quarantines are designed to inhibit the spread of this destructive plant pest by restricting the movement of goods that may be infested.

Soil, plants with roots, grass sod, plant crowns, true bulbs, corms, rhizomes, tubers and used mechanized soil-moving equipment are regulated articles under the chafer quarantine. To move from an infested to an uninfested area, these articles must be inspected, treated if necessary and certified free of insects.