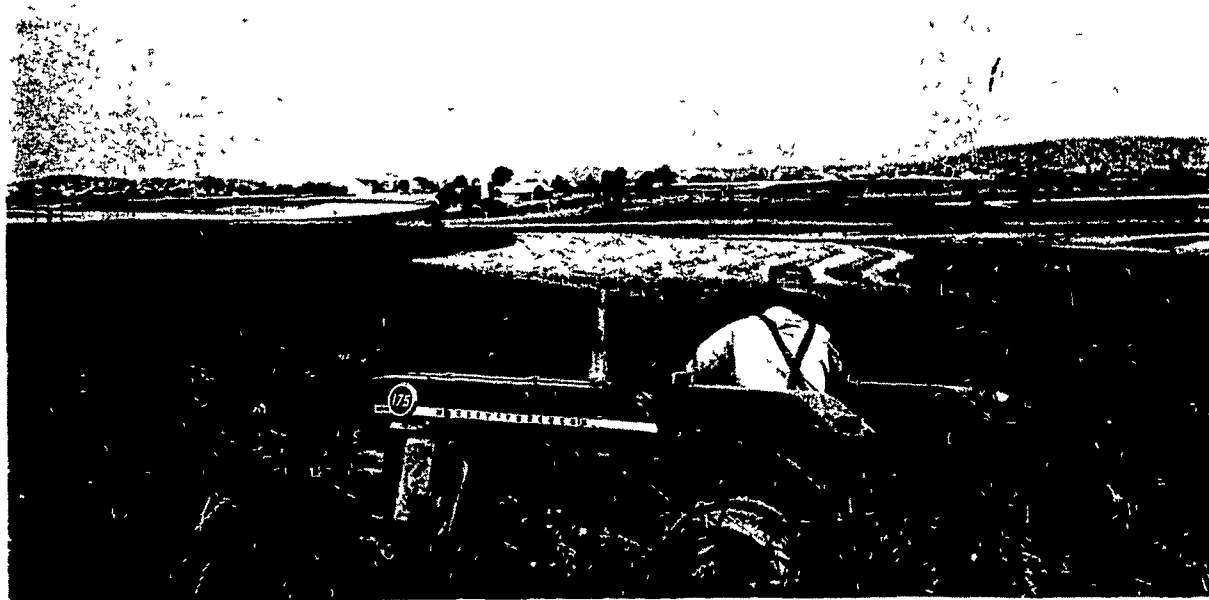


Lancaster Farming



July 4 was clear and dry, the first good day for farm work in what seemed like weeks. Farmers all over Lancaster County were making hay, planting tobacco,

cultivating and, in general, catching up on all the chores that were postponed by the rainy weather that has plagued the area since spring.

Martin, Lefever Get State FFA Offices

Nelson Martin was elected president of the Pennsylvania Future Farmers of America during FFA Activities week at Penn State. Nelson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Martin, East Earl RD1.

A 1972 graduate of Garden Spot High School, Nelson is a member of the Grassland FFA chapter. While a student, he was vice-president of his local chapter.

Also elected to state office was Joseph Lefever, son of Mr. and Mrs. Titus H. Lefever, RD4, Manheim Lefever, a member of the Manheim Central FFA chapter, is the new eastern region vice-president.

Nelson told Lancaster Farming that he expects to spend anywhere from 60 to 90 days throughout the next year performing his duties as president. When he's not doing that, he'll be

helping his father on the family farm.

Summing up his philosophy for FFA, the new president said, "I think the benefit you get from FFA depends on how much effort you put into it. My FFA projects have helped me learn a lot about farming."

There are about 165 acres on the family farm, most of which are planted to corn and alfalfa. The crops are used to feed the 80 head of Holsteins and the 120 head of other livestock on the farm. The Martins belong to the Lehigh Valley dairy coop.

When asked if he'd consider running next year for national FFA office, Nelson said, "I don't think so. I have enough to do right here on the farm. National officers, especially the president, are practically working full time for FFA. But I'm looking forward to this year as state president."



Nelson Martin



Joseph Lefever

Corn Crop Insurance Deadline Is Extended

Lancaster County farmers whose corn crops are insured with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation will have until July 14 to report their acreage and shares without penalty, according to Dorothy Neel, ASCS County Executive Director.

Formerly, these reports of acreage and other information had to be made by June 30. Any reports not given by that date would have been inspected and if there had been damage found to the insured crops, the all-risk protection would have been denied.

The management of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation in Washington has extended the June 30 date as a result of damage and confusion from tropical storm Agnes.

Any insureds who have not reported their corn acreage and share should call collect to the Federal Crop Insurance office in York, Pa. The number is 717-755-3416, and the office is open from 8 to 12 noon and from 1 to 5 every day except Saturday and Sunday.

Tobacco insureds in Lancaster County have until July 31 to make their reports of 1972 acreage and shares.

Plowing Contest Spots Still Open

Entries are still being accepted for the contour and flat land plowing contests to be held in conjunction with the annual Conservation Field Day and Plowing Contest, Tuesday, July 25, in Elizabethtown. Those wishing to enter can do so by calling the SCS office at the Farm and Home Center.

State-wide Milk Standards Come To Pennsylvania

Much of the red tape involved with milk inspections has been eliminated with the passage of SB 1330 which was signed into law June 15 by Governor Shapp. Municipal leaders and Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture officials met last week in Harrisburg to discuss implementation of the law.

Briefly, the law will put an end to redundant inspections of milk going into certain areas from other parts of the state. It will also smooth the way for reciprocal inspection agreements with states around Pennsylvania.

The law requires uniform state standards and prohibits counties or local municipalities from ordaining or enforcing inspection, sanitation, or labeling requirements not included in state rules and regulations.

Last week's meeting was held, according to Secretary of Agriculture Jim McHale, in order to derive workable state standards from requirements that had been in effect in local municipalities.

State standards will involve such things as temperature requirements for transportation of bulk milk and home deliveries, marking pull out dates on milk containers and so forth.

In a letter to McHale, Henry R. Geisinger, executive vice-president of the Pennsylvania

Association of Milk Dealers, endorsed the action, saying it would enable Pennsylvania to market more dairy products in other states.

In a telephone interview with Lancaster Farming, G. W. Faust, head of the Department of Agriculture's milk inspection division, said that the standards being adopted would be those set forth in the U. S. Public Health Service's pasteurization standards.

This, according to Faust, would be the main lever used by the department in arguing for reciprocal inspection agreements with other states. In other words, Pennsylvania inspection procedures would be exactly the same as those in other states which use the USPHS guidelines.

The action will have some effect on ~~milk marketing practices~~, Faust pointed out, in that local municipalities will not be able to collect inspection fees on milk coming in from other areas. These fees often served as tariffs rather than compensation for services performed.

A spokesman for a local dairy said that the inspection fees weren't a really important factor in the milk pricing structure. He did say, however, that the breaking down of trade barriers would have some impact on marketing practices.

Farm Price Index Hits Record High

The Index of Prices Received by Farmers hit a record high during the month ended June 15. At 125, the index was up 2 points (1½ per cent) from the previous high (of 123) established in February 1951, equalled in April 1951 and again last month.

Hog prices moved up 2 per cent to \$25.40 per cwt., the highest June price on record. Prices of both cattle and calves hit all-time highs. Cattle prices, at \$34.20 per cwt., were up \$1.10 from a month earlier; calves, at \$43.90 were \$1.10 above the previous high set in May. The over-all Meat Animal index advanced 4 points (3 per cent) to 148 per cent of its 1967 average and was 24 per cent above June 1971.

Meanwhile, the Index of Prices Received also advanced 1 point (1 per cent) from a month earlier. At 126, it was also at a record high. The Ratio of the Index of Prices Received and Prices Paid moved up one point to 99. The Prices Received Index stood at 112, the Prices Paid Index at 120 and the Ratio at 93 a year ago.

Under the old 1910-14 formula, Prices Received moved up 4 points to 317; Prices Paid moved

up 4 points to 432, and the Parity Ratio remained unchanged at 73. It had stood at 70 a year earlier (Agricultural Prices).

Farm Calendar

- Saturday, July 8
1-5 p.m. — Second Annual Wheat Harvest, Schaefferstown
Tuesday, July 11
8 p.m. — Farm and Home Foundation Board of Directors meeting, Farm and Home Center.
Grange Visitation program, White Horse Fire Hall.
41st NEPPCO Egg Quality School, Mont Chateau Lodge, Morgantown, West Virginia.
Wednesday, July 12
7 p.m. — Pennsylvania Poultry Processors Assoc., Schlinders Restaurant, 21st and by-pass, Camp Hill, Pa.
Central and Southeastern Pa. Ayrshire Club consignment sale, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.
Thursday, July 13
8 p.m. — Benefit & Square Dance for Marietta Flood Victims,
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