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Ken Rutt, Quarryville, looks over a field of soybeans on Edgfield Farm. He and his father, Amos, operate the farm, and this year they've planted 75 acres to soybeans.

## County Soybean Acreage Rising

Soybeans are on the rise in Lancaster County. No one at this moment is exactly sure how many acres have been planted for '72, but acreage is definitely up.

Arnold Lueck, extension crops specialist, says there are several reasons for the increase. "Blight problems with corn the past few years have discouraged a lot of farmers, although this year blight isn't hurting us. I have seen a lot of beans this year, and most of the fields are looking pretty good.

"Right now, disease isn't much

of a problem with soybeans, because the crop isn't grown very intensively around here. I'm sure if we had as many acres in beans as we do in corn, we'd have disease problems with beans, too."

Lueck also cited the strong demand for soybeans, both on the domestic and foreign markets, and the good price.

Ken and Amos Rutt, a father-son partnership, operate Edgfield Farms in Quarryville. Last year they experimented with a few acres, and this year

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## First Week Goes Smoothly

# Federal Meat Men Move into County

The transition from state to federal meat inspection went fairly smoothly this week, although there were several rough spots. And, in the opinion of several smaller operators here, one major sore point.

As Lancaster Farming went to

press this week, a court battle was being waged in Harrisburg between the USDA and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. USDA took over meat inspection on Monday, and the state is trying to get it back. There was no way of telling who would win the case, but USDA is formulating plans for a long-range inspection program.

Charges and counter-charges on the subject of meat inspection have been ringing and echoing back and forth between Harrisburg and Washington since last December. Fanned by the noisy winds of political rhetoric, clouded by empty phrases, the fine points of the issue have become more and more obscure

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## Conservation Field Day at Elizabethtown

Thome Farms, Inc. Elizabethtown R3, will host this year's annual conservation field day and plowing contest.

The contest is sponsored jointly by the Lancaster County Conservation District and the Agricultural Extension Service. It will be held July 25, with a rain date of July 27.

A plowing contest at 10:00 a.m. will begin the day's activities. A land judging contest will commence at 10:30 a.m., and a 4-H tractor driving contest will begin at 1:00 p.m.

The following event of the day, following the presentation of door prizes, will be a greased pig chase.

To reach the Thome farm from Lancaster, drive west on Route 283 bypass and get off at the Rheems and Milton Grove exit. There will be signs from there leading to the farm.



winners of the John W. Eshelman and Sons judging trophies during Holstein Field Day this week were Carl Martin, Jewel Hess and Betty Kreider. Holding the trophies above are (left to right): Wilmer and Nevin Martin, who accepted for their father, James Hess, standing in for his niece, Betty Kreider, and Henry Keener, representing John W. Eshelman & Sons.

## 210 Turn Out For Holstein Field Day

In spite of the fact that it was a good day for making hay, some

210 people turned up on Don Hershey's farm, Manheim, this past Thursday for the annual Holstein Field Days. The Lancaster County Holstein Club sponsors the event every year for members and their families.

Speeches, food and dairy judging contest were the main items on the agenda. As in other years, the judging contest was divided into three classes — men's, ladies' and youth's.

This year, the highest score was obtained by a member of the young people's group, Jewel Hess — a girl! — had 283 8 points out of a possible 300. Jewel's dad is a dairy farmer from Strasburg.

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## Inner City Children Growing Vegetables



Volunteer leaders for the Good Use 4-H nutrition project were at the Lloyd Weaver farm, Strasburg, Tuesday night for an evening of hot dogs, watermelon and fellowship. All the volunteers live in

Lancaster and they are, from left to right: Mervin Lantz, Sharon Gibson, Leanne (Mrs. Mervin) Lantz, Kathy Hartman, David Weaver, Tillie Gibson, Dawn (Mrs. David) Weaver and Mary Jane Strubaker.

"Arnie Lueck came to me one day and sketched a garden on a piece of paper. We turned that sketch into a project that's gotten 26 inner city kids out on a farm, growing vegetables. A lot of people wouldn't have believed it was possible." Speaking was Mrs. Tillie Gibson, Lancaster County's nutrition aide supervisor, and guiding light for the area's Extension Nutrition Education Program (ENEP).

ENEP is a 4-H program funded with the same federal, state and county monies that pay for other agricultural extension services. It is designed mainly to reach children from lower income

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## Farm Calendar

Monday, July 24  
Fulton Grange annual picnic  
Tuesday, July 25  
Lancaster County Field Day and All Plowing Contest, Thome farm, Elizabethtown RD3.  
National Farm Safety Week, July 25-31.

Wednesday, July 26  
American Dairy Science Association National meeting, Virginia Tech Institute, Blacksburg, Va., July 26-29.

Thursday, July 27  
9 a.m. — Pennsylvania Livestock  
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