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Arthur, left, and Alfred Reist shared top honors at the 4-H Tobacco Roundup held Thursday at the Farm and Home Center. It was their fourth year for winning top prizes at the show.

## Boyd, Reist Twins Take Show Honors

"Considering the year we had, we've seen some pretty good hands of tobacco today," declared John Yokum, the judge for Thursday's 4-H Tobacco Roundup at the Farm and Home Center.

Yokum is an agronomist, and manager of the Penn State Southeast Field Research Farm near Landisville. He noted that while the quality of the tobacco was good, it wasn't really the

classical top cigar tobacco for which the county is known.

Alfred and Arthur Reist, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Reist, 1050 Eden Road, exhibited the top tobacco at the show. Alfred had the champion wrapper exhibit and Arthur the winning fillers.

They also captured both reserve championships. Third place in wrapper went to Edward

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## FHA, REAP Funds Cut

State offices of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service were informed Tuesday that the federal government's Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP) has been suspended.

Lancaster County had already been allocated \$104,000 for the 1973 program that would have paid up to 80 per cent of the cost for construction of terraces and

sod waterways on area farms.

In 1972, about 250 Lancaster County farmers spent close to \$150,000 on REAP - funded conservation practices.

The terminated program also made partial payment toward the cost of animal waste storage facilities and numerous other water control and erosion control measures, in addition to wildlife habitat programs.

In addition to the REAP program, the administration gave the axe to the year-old Water Bank Program that was intended to help preserve migratory waterfowl areas.

"These two programs are among those selected after a review of federal programs to identify those of low priority that can be reduced or eliminated without serious economic consequences," a Dept. of Agriculture spokesman said.

Officials said Tuesday that payments under the two programs are no longer necessary because farmers can afford to do the work themselves.

In another cost-cutting move the administration on Wednesday ordered the Farmers Home

Administration to quit making emergency loans to farmers in disaster areas where storms and other bad weather have inflicted severe losses to crops, livestock and other property.

The unexpected order, disclosed by the Agriculture Department, virtually rules out chances of new loan relief to farmers who have lost crops during severe harvest weather this fall

"This action was taken to counteract inflationary pressures and to adhere to a \$250 billion budget," said the department's brief announcement. The \$250 billion level is the federal spending ceiling Nixon is striving to enforce.

The administration has been alarmed at recent sharp increases in emergency loans made by FHA, estimated by some budget sources at a potential backlog of between \$200 million and \$600 million for the fiscal year ending June 30.

## Denlinger Heads State Bureau of Animal Industry

Secretary of Agriculture Jim McHale announced last week the appointment of Dr. Everett Denlinger as director of the Bureau of Animal Industry. The bureau is responsible for the prevention, control and eradication of transmissible diseases of domestic animals and poultry within the Commonwealth.

Denlinger joined the department in May, 1969, as supervisor of Meat Hygiene at the Region VI headquarters, Middletown, and has since served in a number of special assignments within the bureau.

The 57-year-old Lancaster County native assumed the duties of the \$20,629 post, effective December 13.

Born at Kinzer, Dr. Denlinger did his undergraduate work at Franklin & Marshall and received his doctorate in veterinary medicine from the University of Pennsylvania. He maintained a private large animal practice at Paradise for 20 years before joining the Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Denlinger lives with his wife at R.D. 1, Ronks. They have one daughter and five grandchildren.

## Bred Heifers Wanted

Qualified heifers are being sought by the Pennsylvania Holstein-Friesian Association for shipment to Spain. Do you have a bred, Registered heifer that would be good foundation stock for a new herd?

The heifers must weigh at least 1,000 pounds and must pass the inspection of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America and the Spain buyer. She must have been bred at least three months and not more than seven months as of shipment date (February 1 from Richmond, Virginia). The service sire must be a Registered Holstein bull.

Two different groups of heifers

are being considered: group A, the dam and grand-dam must have completed one complete lactation of 305 days or less of 11,000 pounds of milk with a 3.5 per cent or better test in the same lactation; group B, no production records are necessary on the dam or maternal grand-dam, thus using some heifers from the dairyman who is not on official DHI test. A Registered Holstein sire is required.

If you have an animal you think would qualify for this shipment, contact one of the following by Wednesday, January 3, 1973: Jay Landis, 872-8818, or Nathan Stoltzfus, 442-4291.

# Farming Highlights - 1972

The year 1972 was a rough one for many farmers locally and across the nation. Farming this year wasn't as good as it should have been, but probably wasn't as bad as it could have been, either.

Through it all, the good and the bad, LANCASTER FARMING was there. Our pages recorded most of the important things that happened this year in the farming community. Here are some of the highlights from that year.

### January

Rosters of winners at the 1972 Pennsylvania Farm Show contained many names familiar to local readers. Donnie Dorwart, then a sophomore at Solanco High School, had the grand champion 4-H steer. The York County partnership of Kenneth McCleary and John Strawbridge swept grand and reserve

champion hog honors for their entries in both the Hampshire and Yorkshire competitions. Roger Frey, Conestoga R2, and

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Roy Rohrer, Strasburg R1, split top tobacco honors. The Herrs from Narvon excelled as usual in sheep competition. Plain and Fancy Egg Ranch, Elizabethtown, had the best dozen eggs in the carton class, as well as the best five dozen eggs in the commercial class.

P. Robert Wenger, Quarryville R1, was the recipient of the Quarryville Jaycee's Outstanding Young Farmer Award.

### February

Max Smith, Lancaster County

agricultural agent, was honored for his 35 years of service to the local farm community. He was guest of honor at the annual 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Club Banquet at the Farm and Home Center.

Elam Bollinger was elected president of the Lancaster County Holstein Breeders Association.

Fred Crider was named president of the Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders Association.

The Lancaster Livestock Exchange bought the 22.9 acre Union Stock Yards from the Penn Central Railroad. The price was over \$800,000.

### March

Robert L. Kauffman Jr., Peach Bottom R2, was elected president of the Lancaster County DHIA. Nathan Stoltzfus, Gap R1, was

elected vice-president, while Henry E. Kettering, Lititz R3, was named secretary.

Lancaster County 4-H'ers raised \$750 toward retiring the mortgage on the new National 4-H Center Building in Washington, D.C.

A contingent of 10 members of the Lancaster County Farmers Association traveled to Washington to talk about farm problems with Congressman Ed Eshelman.

Lester Stehman, Manheim R2, was named 1972's Outstanding Cooperator by the Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District.

### April

The annual Lancaster County Holstein Tour was held on April 11.

Fulton Grange adopted a resolution opposing the building

of an atomic power plant in the Solanco school district.

The Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation district held its annual FFA public speaking and 4-H conservation exhibits contests. Al Lutz Jr, Millport Road, Lancaster, won the exhibit competition, while Michael Martin, New Holland, won the speaking contest.

Hendrick Wentink, assistant to the president of Penfield Corp., was elected vice-president of the Associated Poultry and Egg Industries.

The Cocalico Watershed Association was formed, and eight directors named. A waterjack dam on the Lititz Cocalico Creek was one of the first projects tackled by the new group.

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