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H. Louis Moore, Penn State agricultural economist, told a cattle feeders meeting last Tuesday that 1973 would be a good year for farmers.

Economist Predicts

A Beautiful Year

"Hogs are more than beautiful," Louis Moore told area farmers during a Cattle Feeders Day last Tuesday at the Farm and Home Center. Moore is an agricultural economist at Penn State, and a popular speaker with local audiences.

Not only did he paint a bright

picture of 1973 for hog producers, he said all of agriculture is going to have a good year. And he said that 1972 was one of the best years on record, at least for the majority of American farmers.

"Last year was the best year for farming since 1947," Moore said. "Net farm income for the year has been estimated at \$18.5 billion, and could go as high as \$19 billion. That's 14 percent over 1971.

"Farm equipment sales have always been a pretty reliable indicator of farming conditions. In 1972, equipment sales were up as much as 30 to 40 percent some months. I must admit, though, that Agnes held Pennsylvania back somewhat."

Moore said hog producers right now and for the past several months have been enjoying the best profits on record. He expects all of '73 will be profitable, but pointed out that soaring feed costs will hurt. During the first half of this year, Moore expects hog prices to remain higher than the same period last year, partly

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Jaycees Honor Students

Kenneth Mummau was recognized as Elizabethtown High Schools most outstanding vo-ag student by the E-Town Jaycees at their annual banquet last Saturday night. Mummau is a senior and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Mummau, E-Town RD1.

Each year at their banquet in observance of National Jaycee

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Robert Mummau, standing left, was named E-Town High School's most outstanding FFA student last Saturday night by the E-Town Jaycees. Galen Kopp, right presented the first place plaque to Mummau. Other students awarded certificates were, left to right, James Gruber, Robert Gruber and Marlin Gruber.

Bulletins:

There were a number of late-breaking news stories this week as LANCASTER FARMING was going to press. Another outbreak of hog cholera was discovered, a milk price hearing was announced on short notice and without much publicity, and the

milk referendum results were announced. Presented here is the information available at presstime. More details should be available in upcoming issues of this newspaper.

CHOLERA OUTBREAK REPORTED

A herd of 22 breeding swine was destroyed Tuesday in Richland Township, Berks County, two days after a positive diagnosis of hog cholera was made. All farms within a five-mile radius of the farm have been quarantined.

Dr Everett Denlinger, director of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Animal Industries, said Friday morning that federal and state investigators were working to determine the source of the infection. He expects the investigation to be completed within a matter of days.

This outbreak brings to four the number

of cholera cases reported in the Commonwealth in recent weeks. Earlier, a stop-movement order on all hog shipments had been issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. No such order is contemplated in connection with this most recent outbreak, according to Dr Denlinger.

On Thursday, the quarantine had been lifted from an area in Lehigh and Berks Counties which had been infected during the earlier cases. The site of the latest outbreak is 10 miles away from that other area.

MILK REFERENDUM

In a state-wide referendum ending January 26, dairymen defeated a Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture proposal for a five-cents per hundredweight check-off program for milk advertising.

As of Friday morning, a tally committee in charge of counting the ballots was working on a report of the voting. That committee's findings will be reported in next week's

LANCASTER FARMING, along with comments about the results from dairy spokesmen.

One department of agriculture spokesman conjectured that the proposal was defeated in large measure because of the current feed price situation. Had the referendum been held at a more favorable time, he noted, it might have been passed.

MILK PRICE HEARING

The Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board announced Thursday, February 1, that it would hold a milk price hearing on Tuesday, February 6, in Harrisburg. According to board chairman Herbert Kapleau, the board will be accepting testimony only from dairy farmers.

The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in Room 309 of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Building, across from the Farm Show complex.

Individual dairy farmers and dairy cooperative representatives are expected to present testimony on the current relationship between milk prices and feed costs in every one of the eight milk marketing areas throughout the state.

The hurry-up nature of the meeting is due at least in part to the urgent pleas for such a hearing addressed to both the board and to Governor Shapp. The requests came both from individual farmers and cooperatives.

Farm Calendar

Saturday, February 3

6:45 p.m. - Ephrata Young Farmers, 4th annual banquet, Mt. Airy Fire Hall.

Monday, February 5

7:00 p.m. - Manheim Young Farmers dinner meeting, Corn Production meeting.

8:00 p.m. - Lancaster County Poultry Association meeting, Farm and Home Center

8:00 p.m. - Solanco FFA Chapter meeting, Solanco High School, Vo-Ag room.

State Project Book Contest.

Tuesday, February 6

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - 8th annual Southeastern Dairy Conference, David Houck, speaker, Guernsey Barn. Snow Date Feb. 7

7:00 p.m. - Gourmet Cooking Workshop, Farm and Home Center.

7:30 p.m. - Central 4-H tractor club meeting, Landis Bros., Manheim Pike, Lancaster.

Wednesday, February 7

7:30 p.m. - Lancaster County Conservation District meeting, Farm and Home

4-H Beef, Lamb

Winners Honored

County farm youths who won awards at the 1973 Pennsylvania Farm Show and the Southeast District Show were honored Thursday at the annual Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb club banquet at the Farm and Home Center.

Linda Good, of Lititz R2, was the top award winner in the beef division. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Good, she had the reserve champion crossbred steer at the Farm Show and the county champion steer.

A sophomore at Manheim Central High School, Miss Good, 15, received a serving tray and wrist watch. She also received a silver bread tray for being one of the three girls whose steers made up the Champion Crossbred Trio LAMB AWARD.

Receiving the top award in the lamb division was Steve Donough, 15, of Manheim R4. Donough had the Grand

Champion Pen and the Grand Champion Lamb, a Suffolk, at the Farm Show.

Donough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Donough, received a trophy. He is a ninth grade student at Manheim Central High School.

Susan Herr, 14, of 840 Penn Grant Road, picked up three awards for her crossbred steer. A ninth grade student at Lampeter-Strasburg, Miss Herr had the reserve county champion steer and was also judged the champion beef showman at the Farm Show.

Miss Herr's animal was also part of the champion crossbred trio, with Miss Good and Nancy Wenger, 14, of Stevens R1. For her efforts Miss Herr received a trophy, serving tray and bread tray. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Herr.

Miss Wenger, a ninth grade student, also received a trophy. (Continued On Page 11)