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because of "unbelievable" consumer demand, and partly because of only a modest rise in the number of pigs on feed.

Very strong consumer demand should put a solid floor under beef prices, also Moore feels. He said feeder intentions for January through March indicate a 7 percent rise in cattle on feed throughout the U.S. He expects placements to be high at least through the first half of this year. Feeders available this spring

could outnumber those available last spring. Moore doesn't expect fall cattle feeder prices to come down.

"There have been some death losses in the Great Plains states," Moore said, "but they won't have much immediate effect on the market. The animals that have been dying are mostly brood cows. Eventually, these death losses will be felt in a tightened supply of feeders."

"Imports will be up another 10 percent for this year, but this won't affect our prices at all. That 10 percent isn't even keeping up with our cuts in

domestic production of the kind of meat that's being imported. Our calves aren't going into veal, they're going into feedlots. Our cows aren't being slaughtered by canners, they're being kept for for their value as calf producers."

In spite of some rumors to the contrary, Moore said, there was no "phantom herd" last year. The cattle numbers reported by the USDA were accurate, and they did reflect a big build-up over a short span of time. In 1970, there were 2 million cattle in the country. In 1971 there were 3.5 million, and in 1972 there were 4 million.

Looking forward to 1980, Moore predicted that one-third more beef will be available on the market by then. He doesn't expect prices to be hurt by the increase, though, again because of strong consumer demand.

Feed prices should come down somewhat, Moore said. They are artificially high now partly because of speculation on the futures market. He said non-farmers have a tremendous impact on the futures market. Not having an understanding of farm realities, he said, they tend to act, or react, emotionally to rumors, weather conditions, and other factors.

Moore placed the bulk of the blame for the current feed price situation squarely on the shoulders of the speculators. "Futures prices are made not only by what actually happens in the marketplace, but by what the

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

We wish to thank all our friends, neighbors and relatives for the help given due to our recent barn fire. Special thanks to the Brunnerville, Brickerville and Lititz Fire Companies and the Brunnerville Ladies' Auxiliary for the outstanding job they did also. Thanks again.

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Foreman
Route 1, Lititz

Winners

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Cocalico student, also received a bread tray. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah W. Wenger.

Other winners in the beef division included Judy Zimmerman, 11, who had the reserve champion hereford, and Lucy Brubaker, 14, who had the

speculators think will happen," he said.

Feed prices should go down somewhat this year, according to Moore. "Farmers will be free for the first time in 40 years to plant just about what they want to plant. And I think they'll plant more corn."

"The USDA is loosening up the farm programs to encourage farmers to plant more beans. But even if beans were to go to \$5 a bushel, a lot of farmers would plant corn because they have a more certain profit with corn. The figures just show that you're going to make more money with corn."

As a consequence, Moore foresees a possible soybean shortage this year.

Bright spots on the current farm scene outnumber the clouds, according to Moore. Farmer income is up, equipment sales are booming and consumer income is up a whopping 8 percent. There was a big corn crop last year and a big carryover. The Russian grain deal gave a tremendous boost to this country's export program. The war is over. And a very strong general economy means a continuing good demand for meat.

On the other side of the coin, Moore feels there's a danger the economy may boom too much, with resultant run-away inflation. Washington's farm program for this year looks weaker and weaker. Phases 1 and 2 of the Administration's economic control program were successful in every area but food and health care. Phase 3 may too vigorously attack prices, Moore feels.

reserve champion Hereford in the Southeast District Show held last December.

6TH GRADER

Miss Zimmerman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Zimmerman, Ephrata R1, and is a sixth grade student at Lincoln Elementary School. She received a silver reverer bowl.

A resident of 206 Rohrerstown Road, Miss Brubaker is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond S. Brubaker. She is a ninth grade student at Hempfield.

The only male winner in the beef division was Ed Hess, 18, a Lampeter-Strasburg graduate. He was judged the champion beef showman for the Lancaster Show and received a trophy. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Hess, Jr., Strasburg R1.

Kenneth Brubaker, 13, of 2418 Harrisburg Pike, was honored for his Reserve Champion Single Lamb and received a trophy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brubaker and is a student at Centerville Junior High School.

Honored for having the Champion Pen Cheviots at the Farm Show was Barbara Herr, 9, of Narvon R2. A fourth grade student at Blue Ball Elementary, Barbara received a silver bowl.

Farm Calendar

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Center.

7:30 p.m. - Farm Management meeting, "Estate Planning", Farm and Home Center.

Thursday, February 8

7:30 p.m. - Lancaster County Holstein Association barn meeting, farm of Nathan Stoltzfus, Hoffmire Rd., Gap.
7:30 p.m. - Manheim Young Farmers Corn Production Seminar

Friday, February 9

7:00 p.m. - Pa. Egg Marketing Association meeting, Holiday Inn, Ephrata, Pa.

Saturday, February 10

10 a.m. - Pa. Yorkshire Club Show, Farm Show building
1:00 p.m. - Pa. Yorkshire Club Sale, Farm Show Building.

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