

# 1st-Year 4-H'er Wins Annual Hog Round-up

Bruce Sipling, in his first year of 4-H competition, walked off with the winner's trophy and a check for \$279.50 on Tuesday at the Annual Lancaster County 4-H Hog Round-up. Bruce is the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sipling. The show and sale were held at the Lancaster Stock Yard.

Bruce's pig outclassed 107

other pigs exhibited by 34 4-H Club members. His pig was sold to J. M. Hooper Inc., livestock dealers, for \$1.30 a pound.

The roundup's reserve champion was owned by Stuart Heisey, Elizabethtown RD2. His pig was sold for 80 cents a pound to Ezra W. Martin Co.

The champion pen of ten was owned by Scott Heisey,

Elizabethtown RD1, who received 58 cents a pound for his 1,795 pounds of pork.

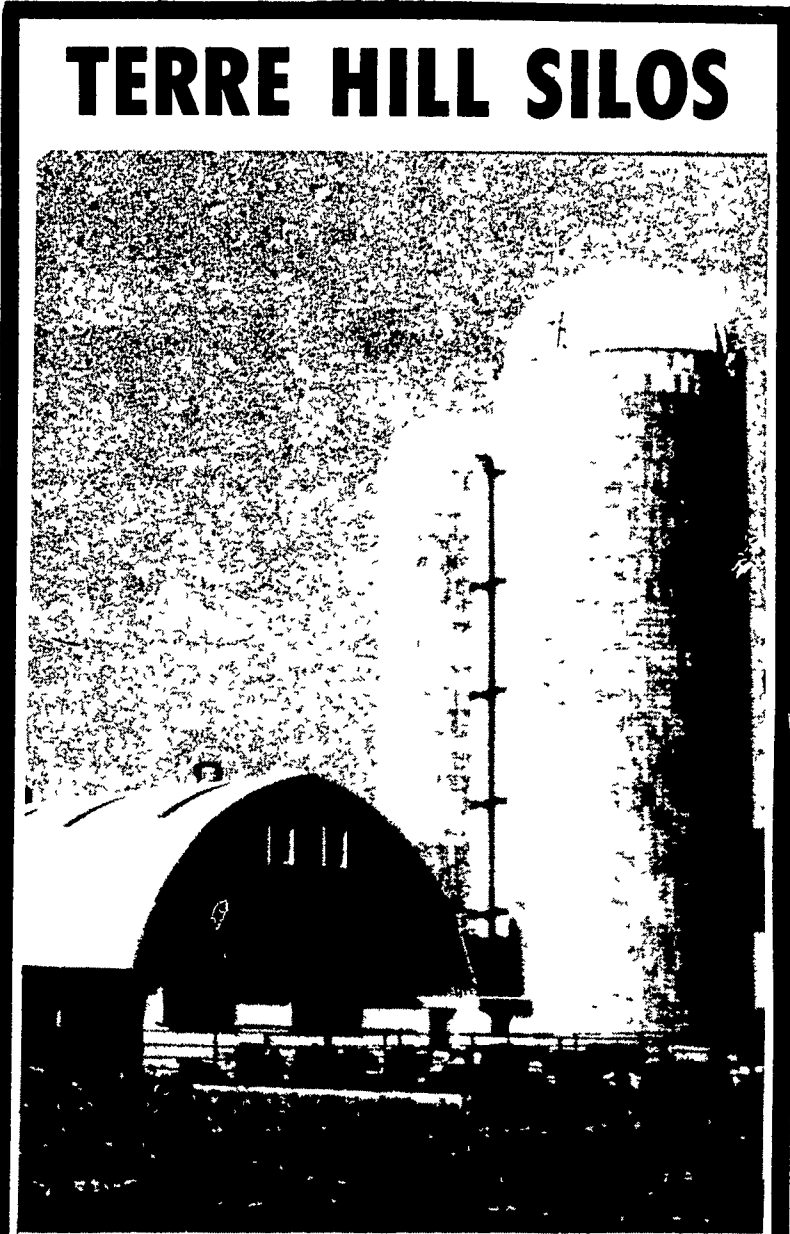
Dan Baum, Elizabethtown RD3, received 64 cents a pound for his Berkshire champion.

Other winners in the competition, and prices paid a pound, are as follows:

Chester White champion, Stephen Horton, Elizabethtown, 62.5 cents; Duroc champion, Scott Heisey, 60.5 cents; Hampshire champion, Kerry Boyd, Ephrata RD1, 60.5 cents; Landrace champion, Dan Baum, 62 cents; Poland China champion, Scott Heisey, 61 cents; and Yorkshire champion, Stephen Horton, 64 cents.



Lancaster County 4-H members were first place winners in the Junior Livestock Judging Contest held at State 4-H Days on The Pennsylvania State University campus, August 6-8. From left are: Kevin Rohrer, Manheim; Steve Donough, Manheim; Ronald Kreider, Manheim; and Dwight Houser, Lampeter.



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## Crop Outlook for USSR

Based on information on crop prospects and weather conditions through July 20, the U.S. Department of Agriculture continues to estimate USSR gross grain production at approximately 195 million tons compared with 168 million tons in 1972.

The principal factors affecting the USSR grain crop since the July 13 estimate include on the positive side generally favorable weather throughout most of USSR. Offsetting developments that could affect this estimate were: (1) rains in south European USSR probably caused greater than normal lodging of winter grains and (2) the cool dry weather in northern Kazakhstan and the Urals may be retarding grain development somewhat.

Grain Purchases - Information recently received from Moscow, basically confirming earlier reports, lists total Soviet grain

purchase contracts last year at 27.6 million tons. The total was comprised of 17.7 million tons of wheat, 8.9 million tons of coarse grains and 1.0 million tons of grain not identified by either type or source. Of these totals, 10.9 million tons of wheat and 7.2 million tons of corn were purchased from the U.S. These data conform to the information released last September in the Foreign Agriculture Circular entitled "Soviet Grain Imports May Signal Shift in Consumer Policy."

Export Sales Reported - Data on export sales unshipped as of July 6 were contained in USDA 2281-73 released July 25, based on reports filed with the U.S.

Department of Commerce as required by Export Control Bulletin 84 (A).

Estimated FY 1974 Imports - A total of about 15 million tons of grain from all sources is expected to be shipped on Soviet account during FY 74, part of which may go to third country destinations.

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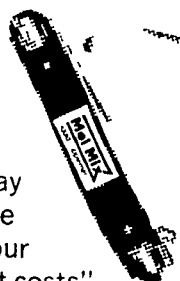
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