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## FARM TRENDS

A summary of market and commodity news for the past week

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### Concern for Fertilizer

Biggest farm concern right now here and across the country seems to be the availability of fertilizer. With many local dealers on allocation, farmers here are already experiencing some difficulty in getting adequate supplies. James Eakin, a Penn State extension agronomist, advised a group of Lebanon County farmers this week to buy all their fertilizer needs for next year as soon as they can. After January 1, he pointed out, the price ceiling will be lifted. Supplies might ease up somewhat then, but the price will soar.

### Dairy Farmers Getting Out

USDA's latest Dairy Situation Report shows many dairy farmers are giving up. Milk prices across the country were up 15 percent in August, but production costs were up 19 percent and milk production was down 3.8 percent. The average production for the year is expected to be down about 3 percent. Pennsylvania's Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Jane Alexander, told a Lancaster County farm group Thursday night that she'd just signed an order approving the use of foreign dried milk powder in ice cream produced within the state. "This increases our inspection problems," she said, "because we're never quite sure of the quality we'll be getting when we import powder from a foreign country, like Canada. We had to take this step, though, to maintain Pennsylvania's status as a leading producer of ice cream. Our dairy farmers simply aren't producing enough milk."

### Poultry, Egg Prices Continuing Strong

Broiler and turkey meat output will increase relative to a year earlier and may exceed those levels late in 1973, according to USDA's latest situation report. Egg output is expected to gain, too, but likely won't catch up to year-earlier

## Clean Streams Law Meetings Scheduled

Meetings to examine the farmer's role in the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law have been scheduled for various times and places throughout Lancaster County. County extension agent Max Smith said he's urging farmers to attend one of the meetings. Smith pointed out that under the present law, farmers are required to have an erosion and sedimentation control plan by July 1, 1977.

A film, "Mud", will be shown at each meeting to explain the value of conserving both soil and water. Henry Hackman, of the Lancaster County Conservation District, and Orval Bass of the Soil Conservation Service, will be at each meeting to help explain the need for the Clean Streams Law and to tell how it may be implemented within the county.

These educational meetings have been planned and will be conducted in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, Soil Conservation Service, Lancaster County Conservation District, and with the Penn State Extension Service.

All meetings, except the one on February 27, will begin at 8:00

p.m. The dates, places and speakers are listed below.

October 15 . . . Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster. Guest Speaker: Mr. Afton Schadel, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources.

October 16 . . . Mount Joy Vo. Tech. School at Mount Joy. Guest Speaker: Mr. George Parks, PA Dept. of Env. Res.

October 18 . . . Garden Spot Sr. High School (Vo. Agr. Dept.) New Holland, Guest Speaker: A. Joseph DeFebbo, PA Dept. of Env. Res.

October 23 . . . Solanco High School (Vo. Agr. Dept.) Quarryville. Guest Speaker: Peter E. Bronner, PA Dept. of Env. Res.

October 24 . . . Warwick High School (Vo. Agr. Dept.) Lititz. Guest Speaker: Afton Schadel, PA Dept. of Env. Res.

October 30 . . . Pequea Valley High School (Vo. Agr. Dept.) Kinzers Guest Speaker: James Brandl, PA Dept. of Env. Res.

February 27 . . . Note Time: 7:30 p.m. - Hinkletown Elementary School. Guest Speaker: Afton Schadel, PA Dept. of Env. Res.

## Longenecker Gets 40-Year Pin

# Leaders Honored For 4-H Service

Victor Longenecker bounded to the speaker's podium Thursday night to accept the accolades of county agent Max Smith during the annual 4-H leaders' banquet at the Farm and Home Center. Smith had just called the retired Elizabethtown dairy farmer "the granddaddy of all 4-H leaders". He presented the spry 73-year-old with a gold, diamond studded pin in recognition of his 40 years of service to two generations of 4-H'ers.

In accepting the award, Longenecker said kids had kept him young. "Don't ever send me to an old folks home," he said, "but I wouldn't mind going to a children's home."

Also honored for her many years of service as a 4-H leader was Mrs. Dorothy Fry, Stevens RD1. Mrs. Fry was recognized for her 31 years of leadership.

Those honored at Thursday night's banquet for 20 years of 4-H leadership were: Mrs. Lewis Bixler, Marietta RD1; Milton Brubaker, Lititz RD1; Mrs. Roy W. Martin, New Holland; Mrs.

Hoxie Thomas, Manheim; and Lester Weaver, New Holland RD1.

Honored for 15 years service were: Elvin Hess Jr., Strasburg RD1; Mrs. Charles B. Hooper, Ronks RD1; Mrs. J. Lester Stauffer, Manheim; and John Zimmerman, Reinholds RD1.

Presented awards for 10 years of leadership service were: Mrs. Donald Hastings; Mrs. Edmund Hunsicker; Mrs. Warren Leatherman; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Risser and Roher Witmer.

Those receiving leader service awards for five years of working

with the youth were Mrs. Richard Buckwalter, Mrs. Barbara Denlinger, Miss Peggy Easton, Mrs. Miriam Farlow, Mrs. Gerald Frost, John Glick, Mrs. Ethel Goretzke, John R. Groff, J. Harold Gruber, Mrs. Clair Hollinger, Mrs. Luke Horst, Mrs. Arthur Hostetter, Mrs. Earl Huber.

Mrs. Martha Leser, James Martin, Mrs. Mary Martin, Mrs. Ruth Mentzer, Mrs. Donald Myer, Mrs. Gerald Myer, Mrs. Richard Rehm, Kenneth Rutt, Mrs. Richard Schwartz, Willard Shope, Mrs. Robert Spangler, and Dr. Earl Weber.

Two somewhat younger 4-H leaders were also honored at the banquet as the club leaders of the Elizabethtown Area Pig and Rabbit Clubs were presented plaques.

Barbara Myer, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sameul Myer, Elizabethtown RD3, was honored as a teen leader.

Barbara, who is in her fourth

## Farm Calendar

Tuesday, October 16  
7:30 p.m. - Lancaster County Beekeepers meeting and 4-H Beekeepers Roundup, Farm and Home Center.  
8 p.m. - Fulton Grange Officers and Committee meetings, home of Master Charles McSparran.  
8 p.m. - Ephrata Young Farmers meeting, "Cocalico Water

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Jane Alexander, Deputy Pa. Secretary of Agriculture



Victor Longenecker, left, beamed Thursday night as Max Smith presented him with an award for 40 years of service as a 4-H

leader. The presentation took place during the annual 4-H leaders banquet at the Farm and Home Center.