

Field Day

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contest by David Becker, Mount Joy R1, who placed second in level land competition, but whose four-bottom plow made him the day's top large plow competitor.

Theoretically, a win in state competition could send any one of these men on to the national plowing contest in Ohio. In fact, though Pennsylvania plowmen will be unable to compete in this

year's national contest because it's being held about a week before the state meet. State contest officials are trying to see whether or not this year's Pennsylvania winners will be able to compete in next year's national contest.

The matter is of more than passing local interest. In 1970, Burkhart won the state level land title and did go on to compete in the national

contest. Last Sauder placed third in state competition for contour plowing honors.

The two division winners not only received \$35 in prize money but also earned partially expense-paid trips to the state event. Becker agreed to finance his own trip, after winning \$25 for his second place finish.

Taking second place in the contour division was Robert Hershberger, Quarryville R2, while Randy Johnson, Peach Bottom R1, placed third.

Clifford Holloway, Peach Bottom R1, placed third in the level land plowing, winning \$15.

Judging the level land plowing contest were Roy Brubaker, Lititz R3; Merle Groff, and Edwin Harnish, Christiana R1.

The contour plowing contest was judged by Don Dodson, local fertilizer dealer; Ray Geisman, Farmers Home Administration, and Herbert Wiggins, a Millersville R1 farmer.

Charles Coates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coates, Nottingham R1, scored 346.5 out of a possible 400 points to win the FFA Land Judging Contest held in conjunction with the conservation field day. Coates is a June graduate of Solanco High School.

In Tuesday's competition, 12 youths from three county high schools judged soil and land characteristics against the contest judge, Warren Archibald, district conservationist.

Placing second with 308.5



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Tops in plowing competition in this year's Conservation Field Day and Plowing Contest were Harvey Sauder, left, who took first place in contour plowing, Frank Burkhart, center, tops

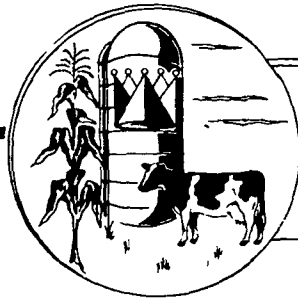
in small plow and overall level land competition, and David Becker, who wielded the best large plow in level land competition.



Eight-year-old Mitch Miller proved he was the best chicken catcher at Tuesday's Lancaster County Conservation Field Day and Plowing Contest.



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