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Dairy projects have been Gordon's main FFA project interest, however, he has also shown beef at the area fairs.

Gordon Hoover

Farm Youth Leader

Melissa Piper
For the past several years, Gordon Hoover, RD1, Gap, has been active in farm youth work in Lancaster County.

Gordon has served as president of the New Holland Baby Beef Club and is a representative to the Lancaster County 4-H Council.

At 4-H State Days, Gordon competed on the livestock judging team and has exhibited his animals at the New Holland Fair.

Along with his 4-H work, Gordon is also an active member of the Pequea

Valley FFA Chapter. For the past year, he has served as president of the FFA group and has been on numerous committees.

"Being president of our FFA group isn't an easy job," Gordon explained.

"I am responsible for making sure the activities are planned as well as making the organization work at all times."

Although being president of Pequea Valley FFA is a full time job, Gordon has also been involved in many other FFA activities. He has

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1974 was a busy, puzzling year for farmers in the Lancaster Farming area. Everything farmers need to buy seemed to go up in price. Everything they had to sell seemed to go down or, at best, stay the same. It was a good year for our cash crop readers, with bumper corn and wheat crops. Soybeans produced well this year, too, and hay crops fared very well. Drought conditions which plagued much of the rest of the country were unknown here.

Livestock, milk and poultry producers, however, didn't fare as well as crop farmers, with prices for their commodities often falling below break even points.

Farming and farm activities, though, seem to go on pretty much the same no matter what the markets do. We paged through our back issues to bring you a collection of the events and happenings that went into the making of 1974.

January - Farm Show Month
January is Farm Show month, and our first two

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issues were filled with news of Pennsylvania's - and the Northeast's - biggest farming event of the year. We examined the possibilities for a new \$60-million, complex to replace the present Farm Show Building, and we reported on the many local winners who prevailed over stiff competition in the farm show arenas.

A January 19 story reported that the outlook for farm credit for the year appeared good, but that interest rates would be higher. In that same issue, we reported that Rufus Martin, Ephrata RD3, was a three-way winner at the annual Red Rose DHIA awards banquet, walking off with high herd fat and milk prizes, as well as the high Holstein herd

February - Shortages Shortages
In February, our readers learned that the agricultural fuel outlook for the year was cloudy, with supplies uncertain. These clouds fortunately cleared up later in the year, but they left behind higher fuel prices, and more pressure on farm income. Congressman Edwin D. Eshelman told Lancaster Farming readers that he saw no end to inflation. Lou Moore, the Penn State cattle expert, told a group of Lancaster County cattlemen that costs would continue to spiral upward, and that big feedlots might take even more than the 65-percent of the marketplace they now command.

Some farmers, like

dairyman Victor Ziegler, Reistville, still remained optimistic and shared their thoughts with our readers.

In February, we were happy to note that Hendrick Wentink, assistant to the president of Pennfield Corp., was named chairman of the National Commission on Egg Nutrition. And that Ivan Yost, Christiana R1, was named Pennsylvania's Outstanding Young Farmer by the Pennsylvania Jaycees.

March - Land Use Month
Land use was the hot topic for March. The Clean and Green farm tax bill began a round of revisions, revamping and rewritings, with legislators trying to accommodate the divergent views of the Pennsylvania Grange, Pennsylvania Farmers Association and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council. The debate raged on until

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May 25 - Janel Conrad played nursemaid to the area's first embryo transfer calf. The calf is owned by Janel's father, Dr. Thomas Conrad, Bird-in-Hand.



March 16 - Congressman Edwin D. Eshelman, far left, discussed farm problems with a group of Lancaster County farmers in his Washington office this week. Shown with the

Congressman, left to right, are John Myer, Ivan Yost and Donald Hershey. Two of Eshelman's assistants are at the far right.



July 27 - A five-year-old cow shown by John Welk, left, walked off with grand champion honors this week during the Lancaster District

Holstein Show held in the Guernsey Sales Barn. Russell Kline, right, took the reserve ribbon with his four-year-old.