



In Maryland, buyers and sellers gather in huge tobacco warehouses when it's time to market the crop. This was a scene from one of the

auctions in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, last week in the second week of the marketing season.

Comparing Pa. and Md. Tobacco Prices

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comparison therefore becomes impossible. \$1.10 would be a very good price for the Pennsylvania 609 tobacco, but the crop wouldn't compare in quality to that produced in Maryland. 70-cents would be a bad price for the Maryland crop because it has less moisture and involves more handling than the Pennsylvania produced type 609. But the nagging question remains - could Lancaster County growers of Type 609 tobacco get more for their crop if they'd hold it for sale when the Maryland auctions open in the spring? We posed that question to a

couple of growers, who were happy to talk but who didn't want their names used. Both are from the New Holland area, as are most of the 609 producers.

The first grower said he felt returns from his three acres of 609 were about the same as if he'd planted Pennel. "Pennel weighs a little more, but the price is lower," he said. "The Maryland tobacco is a little easier to put away, but it's not quite as easy to get ready to sell. We have to take the top leaves off separately."

We asked if the farmer thought sorting 609 would pay. "They give the same price for everything, the same as Pennel. Which is all right with me. I don't care too much for sorting."

Would it pay to sort, we then asked, if he could take his tobacco to Maryland auctions and get \$1.10 a pound. "It might be worthwhile," he said. "But you'd have to get a load together. And I don't think I'd want to do that with my whole crop. But it might be interesting to do it with some of the tobacco we grow here."

The second farmer we called will be growing 609 for the third season this year, and plans to put in 12 acres. We asked him what he thought about the price differential between 609 as it is sold here off the farms and as it's sold on the Maryland auctions.

"I feel we've been getting

a very fair price for our tobacco here," he said. "Down there, they handle the tobacco a lot more. They work with it all during the winter. After it dries down a little, they take the leaves off the laths and tie them into hands. Then they put the hands back on the laths and wait until they're bone dry before they do to the auction."

"Really, that tobacco brings a higher price on the auction, but it takes a lot more work, too, and it's not as heavy as the tobacco we sell. I have no complaints with the 70- to 75-cents we got for our crop last year."

FFA Officers Elected

Members of the Garden Spot Chapter of FFA representing Lampeter-Strasburg High School recently elected officers for the coming school year. Those youths chosen for leadership positions were: Curt Hess, president; Dwight Eshelman, vice president; Art Mellinger, secretary; Robert C. Witmer, treasurer; Robert A. Witmer, reporter; Robert Duvall and Chuck Groff, chaplain.

Reporter Robert A. Witmer

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7H477	GLENDALL Arlinda Chief	30	+1249	-06	+36	+ 96	15	4
7H311	Paulina TOP SPOT	96	+1217	-09	+30	+ 90	671	357
7H58	Round Oak Rag Apple ELEVATION	88	+1185	-02	+40	+ 86	1263	486
9H96	Md. Gaywinds MERRY KING	91	+1125	-10	+26	+ 82	227	115
7H127	Knob Lick GO	78	+1098	-05	+32	+ 85	69	47
7H919	Lime Hollow BURKGOV Roburke	99	+1036	+01	+39	+ 87	2670	1014
7H334	Long Haven SEVENS Winters	77	+1009	-01	+35	+ 82	56	48
7H242	Leebar Drummer Kingpin MICAH	31	+ 983	-05	+28	+ 75	11	5
7H327	Shadyvale Pearl PRIDE	87	+ 938	-13	+15	+ 63	149	74
	TOP TEN AVERAGE		+1162		+36	+ 90.50		
7H131	Holtex Record ATLAS	87	+ 890	-13	+13	+ 58	145	96
7H132	UK SUPREME	87	+ 869	-05	+24	+ 66	159	91
7H403	E-Z Acres Orlo SKYDEAN	47	+ 868	-10	+17	+ 60	19	6
7H285	Woodbine Pearl COMET	80	+ 864	-05	+24	+ 66	126	37
7H138	Kim-Vale TIDY Champ	67	+ 863	-02	+28	+ 69	47	33
7H924	Florendel Ivanhoe LOREN	68	+ 862	+11	+48	+ 85	36	27
7H350	Long-Haven RUMPUS	74	+ 825	-03	+26	+ 65	63	49
7H645	Clanyard Rag Apple TRI-VIC	99	+ 821	+03	+34	+ 72	1470	731
7H507	Semog Diane DYNAMO	28	+ 817	-09	+16	+ 57	10	4
7H145	Edeal Pinonia Matt TIPPY	67	+ 776	-11	+12	+ 52	47	39
	TOP TWENTY AVERAGE		+1004		+32	+ 78.00		
7H162	B-Y-U Performer CATSUP	30	+ 766	-10	+13	+ 52	11	8
7H146	Round Oak Apollo VIRGINIAN	67	+ 734	-05	+19	+ 55	49	41
7H147	Round OAK Rockman	77	+ 729	+02	+30	+ 63	77	57
7H152	Double Ned Harveycrest WALKWAY	53	+ 711	-04	+20	+ 54	27	22
7H504	N-Del-Cee DUTCHMAN	56	+ 707	-01	+24	+ 57	58	12
7H415	Paclamar Truene COSMO	34	+ 703	-08	+14	+ 49	41	3
7H305	Lime Hollow Burkgov TRIUMPH	95	+ 695	-04	+19	+ 53	448	275
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9H100	Elevation Victory EDSON	92	+ 661	-24	-12	+ 26	235	143
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7H430	E-Z Acres DAGAN J Sears	27	+ 605	-01	+20	+ 49	25	3
7H124	Md. Gaywinds WHIRLPIN	87	+ 598	+11	+36	+ 63	129	94
7H137	St. Croixco Pioneer MAJOR	73	+ 596	00	+21	+ 49	60	45
7H254	Hardy Starward Ivanhoe WILLY	30	+ 571	-07	+11	+ 40	24	4
7H341	Round Oak Rag Apple ELATION	86	+ 528	+02	+22	+ 46	115	91
7H345	Country Benedict Hartog FALCON	50	+ 496	+02	+21	+ 44	19	16
7H63	Rocby Ivanhoe Dina CHARM	99	+ 468	-10	+ 3	+ 28	5358	1957
7H107	Ecraso WORTHY MASTER	98	+ 459	-18	- 9	+ 18	1660	801
7H320	Ber-Cre-Farm Flying CLOUD	66	+ 453	-02	+13	+ 35	31	24
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