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## Tobacco needs rain

By Dieter Krieg

Depending on who you talk to and where you are, this year's tobacco crop is described as being anywhere from not quite as good as last year's to slightly better.

But when you ask what's needed to turn this year's harvest into a good one, the unanimous answer is: "a couple of good showers."

Lebanon County Agricultural Agent Newton Bair describes the crop in his area to be advanced well beyond the point it was last year at this time, but it needs some wet weather - it's not made yet, he added. Employed by

the Extension Service since 1972, he claims that he has never seen as much tobacco grown in his county as what is out this year. He estimated the crop to be about 25 percent bigger than the 1974 planting and total acreage to be around 1000 acres.

Charles Neidigh, a grower just outside of Marietta, Lancaster County, told Lancaster Farming that his crop is about normal so far and the difference between a good crop or mediocre one will be told within the near future.

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## Grangers to meet

LANCASTER — Pennsylvania State Grange officials expect 2,000 or more persons to register for the organization's 103rd annual convention which will be held here on October 27, 28, 29 and 30.

Plans for the session were outlined last Saturday at a meeting at the Hilton Inn attended by 50 state and area Grange officials. The group was welcomed by Capt. Walter T. Goeke, of the Lancaster Police Department, who told them that "we are happy you have chosen Lancaster for your convention."

This will be the third time the state Grange convention has been held in Lancaster, and the first since 1926. The only other time the Grange held its state session here was in 1875, exactly one hundred years ago.

Committee chairmen and state Grange department heads reported plans for the four-day session and worked out a tentative time schedule for events. Some details, particularly the scheduling of guest speakers, will have to

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## Holstein field day held

By Melissa Piper

MOUNT JOY — Lancaster County's annual Holstein Field Day proved to be a real "family affair" as a record number of producers and their families attended the event held on Thursday.

The host for the popular event was the Shelley Shellenberger family, Mt. Joy R1. The Holstein breeder not only provided the area for the field day but also arranged several classes for judging competition.

Officiating at the judging event was Robert Pepple, a Holstein breeder from Chester County with Clair Hershey serving as the chairman of the event.

Judging Event Popular

The annual judging contest was held in the morning with a number of adults as well as 4-H and FFA youths participating. In the men's competition, Paul Welk, Peach Bottom rated as the top judge. Following in

second place was Rick Mellinger, Strasburg. Third went to Mowrey Frey, Quarryville with fourth place awarded to Linford Weaver, Ephrata.

Mrs. Robert Kauffman, Elizabethtown, was the first place winner in the women's division, a position the farm wife also held last year. Second place honors went to Mrs. Robert Gregory; third - Mrs. John Harnish, Lancaster and fourth - Verna Yost, Christiana. Harvestore

provided the gifts for the women.

Dave Haldeman, an Ephrata area youth topped the field in the youth division with Steve Witkowski, Lancaster, coming in second. Bruce Kreider, Quarryville placed third with Larry Hershey, Manheim R6 in fourth. The youths received gifts from the Wayne Feed company.

Other local businesses

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## New seeder developed

By Dieter Krieg

LEBANON — To reduce soil erosion, farmers are encouraged to grow winter cover crops on all corn fields, but the problem has been in finding efficient and effective methods to establish the seed. "A simple way to seed the crop is urgently needed," says Newton Bair, ag extension Lebanon County agent.

Establishing cover crops has been compounded in recent years because of herbicides restricting the use of many grasses which were formerly used, and very little cultivation is practiced. Rye, however, Bair points out, has been found to be an effective and excellent cover crop. Rye is also tolerant of atrazine.

Bair says seeding rye into

a corn field after harvest is ok, but may be too late to give it a good start. Consequently, some thought was given to seeding it before harvest. But how?

Lebanon Soil Conservationist, Karl Hellerick, came up with an idea: blowing it across the field with a forage blower. After discussing it with Bair, and soliciting some help from

ELCO vo-ag teacher, Ronald Bowers, and a farmer, Donald Bollinger who also serves as a district soil conservation service director, the idea became reality.

A forage blower was rigged with a 50-gallon drum to serve as a hopper for the seed. A simple valve was

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Elvin Gingrich

## Dairying is his project work

By Melissa Piper

LEBANON — While many area youths are still planning events for their remaining summer vacation, one young man has already begun planning activities for the coming school year.

As president of the Cedar Crest High School FFA (in Lebanon County), Elvin Gingrich has had to plan a myriad of activities in ad-

vance for the coming year. For along with his project work, Elvin will be involved in scheduling meetings, coordinating the pumpkin growing contest (a favorite with the elementary children) and flower selling project to name just a few.

"It seems difficult to imagine projects for the winter already, but we do have to have a schedule," the young man admitted.

Elvin will have his share of responsibilities as he has also been elected as the county FFA secretary, a job which will take quite a bit of work.

One of the main goals Elvin will be working for as president and leader of the club is an increased membership. "I hope we can increase the number of members and also get them involved in worthwhile

projects," the FFA'er explained.

Acknowledging that FFA has changed over the past few years, Elvin noted some of the innovations he liked about the program.

"There are a lot more opportunities as far as awards and projects are concerned."

"We have had increased

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Let us never forget that the cultivation of the earth is the most important labor of man.

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