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Storm damages farm buildings

By Melissa Piper

ANNVILLE - A freak thunderstorm accompanied by midwestern-like twisters carved a path of destruction and damage across northern Lancaster and southern Lebanon counties on Saturday evening Oct. 11.

A number of farms, homes and buildings in the area were either severely damaged or completely

destroyed in the wake of high winds, and hail. More devastating damage occurred when a series of three tornadoes touched down in several areas leaving twisted trees, crumbled buildings and torn power lines in its path.

Although several farms between Brickerville in Lancaster County and Fontana in Lebanon County

received much of the damage; the brunt of the storm seemed to fall near Lebanon R4 south of Annaville.

One farm in particular which received devastating damage was the property of Roy Shenk, Lebanon R4.

The Shenk's were out of the county when the storm hit at 6:45 p.m. but Larry Bender, who rents the farm,

was present in the farmhouse at the time. Bender commented on the storm during Lancaster Farming's visit to the farm.

"When the storm hit, I went to the kitchen window." "It sounded as if a big jet plane was going to land in the field behind the house."

"I saw the funnel cloud

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Roller-coaster prices seen

By Dieter Krieg

NEW PARK - Dairy men can expect "a great deal more volatility in prices" under present agricultural policies than with the old, according to R. L. Strock, manager of Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers Inc.

Speaking before an audience of 106 York County MCMP members and guests,

Strock explained that previous stock buildups resulted in more uniform prices. Only stocks of non-fat powder are still excessive, the MCMP executive said, but they are not posing a threat. Stocks of butter and cheese have also declined, and with demand growing as supplies shorten, there is reason for optimism for at least six months.

Strock described present milk sales as "excellent," and noted that the September 75 MCMP base price is \$1.25 per hundredweight higher than the base price from a year ago.

In projecting milk price outlook, Strock informed the audience that there may be as much as a 20 cents more rise in the Minnesota-Wisconsin price by

November after which the M-W price may recede. The drop - if it occurs - will be slow if product demand holds up, and rapidly if sales fall off to near the support level.

The dairy leader noted that Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz will have to authorize another change in dairy support levels

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Fertilizer outlook seen brighter

By Melissa Piper

LANCASTER - While many variables are still under consideration at the present, fertilizer officials have noted that for the coming year, farmers should see a decrease in price accompanied by adequate supplies.

Officials have been hopeful that with the adequate supplies of raw materials

decreases in price should be evident for the first time in nearly 15 months. This factor along with leftover supplies from last year should encourage producers to buy the commodity without the fears that marked last year's market.

Ed Wheeler, president of the Fertilizer Institute, recently commented that forecasts have pinpointed

the figure of fertilizer to be at 48-50 million domestic tons for 1976, "which represents 1-3 million tons more than in 1974 and 3-5 million tons more than last year."

While the supplies seem adequate at this time, the winter months ahead will tell the story for spring supplies. Natural gas, a prime component of fertilizer, has been termed as the deter-

mining factor in whether supplies will be ready for spring planting. If the northeast has a mild winter, natural gas (used for home heating) should be available for fertilizer, but if a long harsh winter occurs, then agriculture in general might suffer once again.

The USDA has issued the

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Youth receives FFA degree

By Melissa Piper

MILLERSVILLE - Many youths from the southeastern Pa. area will be heading to Kansas City in the next few weeks, to attend the annual national FFA Convention. And while a number of the youths will be attending mainly for the experience, several youths from Lancaster County will be traveling to the event to receive special awards.

Greg Landis, Lancaster

R6, is one young man who will be honored for his outstanding FFA work by being presented the American Farming Degree, the highest honor bestowed

upon a youth finishing his work in the organization.

Greg, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Landis, graduated from Penn Manor High School in 1973 and since

that time has been helping his father farm on some 120 acres outside of Millersville.

During his high school years, Greg was active in the Penn Manor FFA and served his chapter as news reporter, assistant secretary, treasurer and president. During his senior year, Greg also served as the County FFA president.

Having a father in the

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