

Andrea Dekert, from the Eastern Lebanon County Future Farmers of America, won 1st place at the Lebanon County Creed Contest. Andrea is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dekert, R3, Myerstown.

Another member, Gene Hurst, won 4th place.

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Tobacco market stirring

By Dieter Krieg LANCASTER — The 1976 tobacco market is beginning to show some signs of life, although only very slightly.

A few buyers from southern states have reportedly been in Lancaster County, and one observer of the scene claims that one percent of this year's crop may have been sold already. The general opinion of extension personnel, growers, and buyers is, however, that the market really hasn't opened up yet and there isn't much activity.

Buyers from the South who had contracts signed were reportedly paying prices ranging from 45 to 75 cents per pound, Lancaster Farming learned during telephone interviews on Thursday and Friday.

While stripping and sales activity is still only very slight, anticipation for good prices is high. A few of the farmers cited problems they had while growing their cash crops this summer, but no disappointments were expressed regarding the condition of tobacco in the sheds.

The quality of this year's tobacco is expected to be better than average, according to early statements from growers in Lancaster County. With this in mind, they are expecting prices of around 70 to 75 cents per pound.

Several tobacco growers described the curing of their tobacco as coming along "very nice." While this may be true for a number of individuals, John Yocum, and the true condition of director of the PSU tobacco can't be accurately agronomy research farm near Landisville expressed some concern

Yocum said he judged tobacco at the East Lampeter Fair this past Fall, and observed that some evidence of shed damage was evident even then. Both he and Lancaster County Extension Director, Max Smith, noted that very few growers have started to strip their crop,

Carryover feed stocks great

WASHINGTON - Despite pansion in utilization, sharp increased feed use both at buildup in carryover stocks home and abroad there will next fall, and lower average be a moderate buildup in prices than in 1974-75. If the carryover stocks in 1976, current soybean - corn price according to speakers at the ratio of 2 to 1 continues, U.S. Department of soybean plantings in 1976 Agriculture's (USDA) could drop below 1975 levels. National Agricultural Mr. Kromer also stated that Outlook Conference held the U.S. oilseed harvested here last month.

USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS).

forecast calls for increases production is forecast at 52 in domestic feeding, record million short tons, 18 percent large exports, and some higher than 1974. carryover stocks. Livestock and poultry prices have risen enough to improve feeding margins, even with relatively high feed prices, to levels that generally have generated expansion of feeding operations in the past. Exports are expected to be a fifth to a third more than the 1975-76 level of 39 million tons. While much of this increase stems from the Soviet Union, it appears that feed demand may also be up in some major importing countries. In spite of record exports and increased feeding, there will still be a moderate increase in carryover stocks to 21-24 million tons.

George Kromer reported that the 1975-76 U.S. soybean outlook is for record large supplies, significant ex-

revealed for another few weeks when activity really begins.

Farmers themselves reported no incidents of molding at this time, although shed damage can't be ruled out yet by any means, agree all concerned. Much can take place between now and January, the traditional time for getting tobacco ready for sale.

acreages this year were The speakers were about 66 million, down 2 agricultural economists with million from 1974. A sharp drop of 3 million, down in cotton more than offset a James J. Naive stated that million acre gain in the 1975-76 feed grain soybeans. Total oilseed Angus group

elects officer

H. Roy Meier, a registered breeder from Angus Jackson, Mo., was elected president of the 49,000 member American Angus Association at the 92nd annual meeting of Angus delegates recently in Louisville, Ky. Meier replaces retiring president William Clark, Houston, Tex.

H. Roy Meier has served six years on the American Angus Association Board of Directors and last year was vice president and chairman of the Executive Committee. He bought his first Angus in. 1940 when he was 23 years old and now runs a 150-head registered operation on 550 acres of southeastern Mo. land.

Meier has been a long-time supporter of the Mo. Angus business. A member of the board of directors of the Mo. Angus Association for more than 30 years, he has served two terms as vice president and one as president.

Soybeans

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contestants sought

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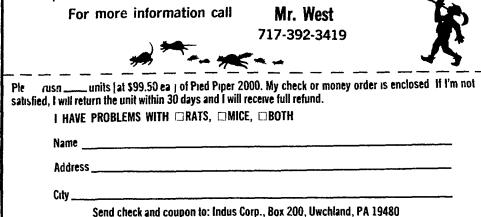
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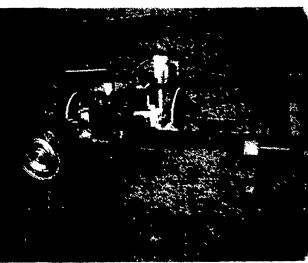
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