

Polish farm youths arrive

Fourteen young farmers from Poland have arrived recently in Pennsylvania to begin a 13-month stay with host families. The young people are living and working on farms while they learn the latest methods in the production of beef and dairy cattle, swine, poultry and crops.

In York County, the trainee and host farmer are: Mieczyslaw Hulboj, trainee Dutchman, Hereford Company, Wrightsville. They will be paid by the host farmer for the work they do while they learn all aspects of the farm operation. The trainees will try everything from working with modern machinery to managing the farm budget. The program includes technical training from specialists from The Pennsylvania State University's Cooperative Extension Service. The trainees will help bring

about cross-cultural awareness by participating in 4-H and other community activities during their stay.

In July approximately 25 delegates from the United States will leave for Poland to begin their work-study experience on Polish farms. These delegates are being selected for their interest in foreign agriculture, their leadership abilities, and their citizenship and 4-H project activities.

This exchange with Poland is an expansion of the Agricultural Training Program and the International 4-H Youth Exchange programs conducted by the National 4-H Foundation. This particular exchange is possible, in part, through a grant from Massey-Ferguson, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa, a leading manufacturer of farm machinery.

Diane Krause wins Lehigh 4-H contest

The Lehigh County 4-H Baby Beef Club held their annual Spring show at the Paul Krause Farm, Slatington R1, on April 25. The judging was done by Lee Wagner of Easton.

The winners in the senior showmanship contest:

1. Grant Grim.
2. Ardith Wetzel

The Senior fitting contest placings were same as above.

The intermediate class of showmanship went as follows:

1. Diane Krause.
2. Carol Krause
3. Sarah Fretz

4. Pat Raber
5. Mike Hontz.

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The junior showmanship contest results were:

1. Melissa Fretz
2. Kathy Hughes.
3. Ralph Danner.

The junior fitting contest results were:

1. Ralph Danner.
2. Kathy Hughes.
3. Melissa Fretz.

The grand champion showman and fitter was Diane Krause, R1, Slatington.

Economy

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the South plan to plant more cotton and Corn Belt farmers shift heavily from soybeans to corn.

Spring wheat acreage intentions are up 12 per cent from 1975 and are above January intentions as the smaller winter wheat crop and higher prices have encouraged producers to expand spring wheat plantings.

Except for winter wheat, plantings of most 1976 crops are just getting under way and total plantings will depend on weather conditions, economic developments, and other factors. If producers carry out early season plans and growing conditions are

average or better, another big grain crop is in store for 1976. On the other hand, unfavorable growing conditions in major producing areas could severely restrict output of major crops.

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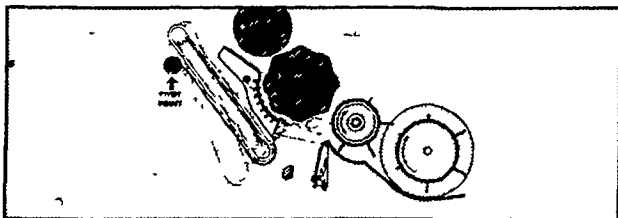
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