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Optimism prevails on dairy farms

By DIETER KRIEG
The farm wife probably
it best this past week
she said she and her
and — as well as all
ers — have to be op-
ts. Farming in general
milking cows in particular
their business; they have
ful lot invested in it and
have to look on the
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hile satisfied for the
part, most dairymen
one or two grudges to
ace when they're asked
an opinion of the overall
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ne two major complaints
ch were spelled out by
rymen throughout
LANCASTER FARMING's
ne coverage area con-
ned government in-
ention and income in-
tion to costs.

spokesman for Inter-
te Milk Producers
perative predicted that
milk could become
lity early next year. His
ments, in a nutshell,
re:

"We've been real pleased
in prices this year . . .

currently prices are running
somewhat higher than Dr.
Hand (their economist) had
predicted. He had thought

prices would be a dollar
higher than those for 1975,
but they've actually been
\$1.25 above 1975 prices.

"Presently we're seeing a
bit of a slowdown in sales —
consumer resistance —
which could affect

utilization. This could have
some impact on blend prices,
but we foresee Class I and II
prices as remaining fairly

strong for the rest of the year
unless there are marked
increases in consumer
resistance and milk
production. But that's not
foreseen."

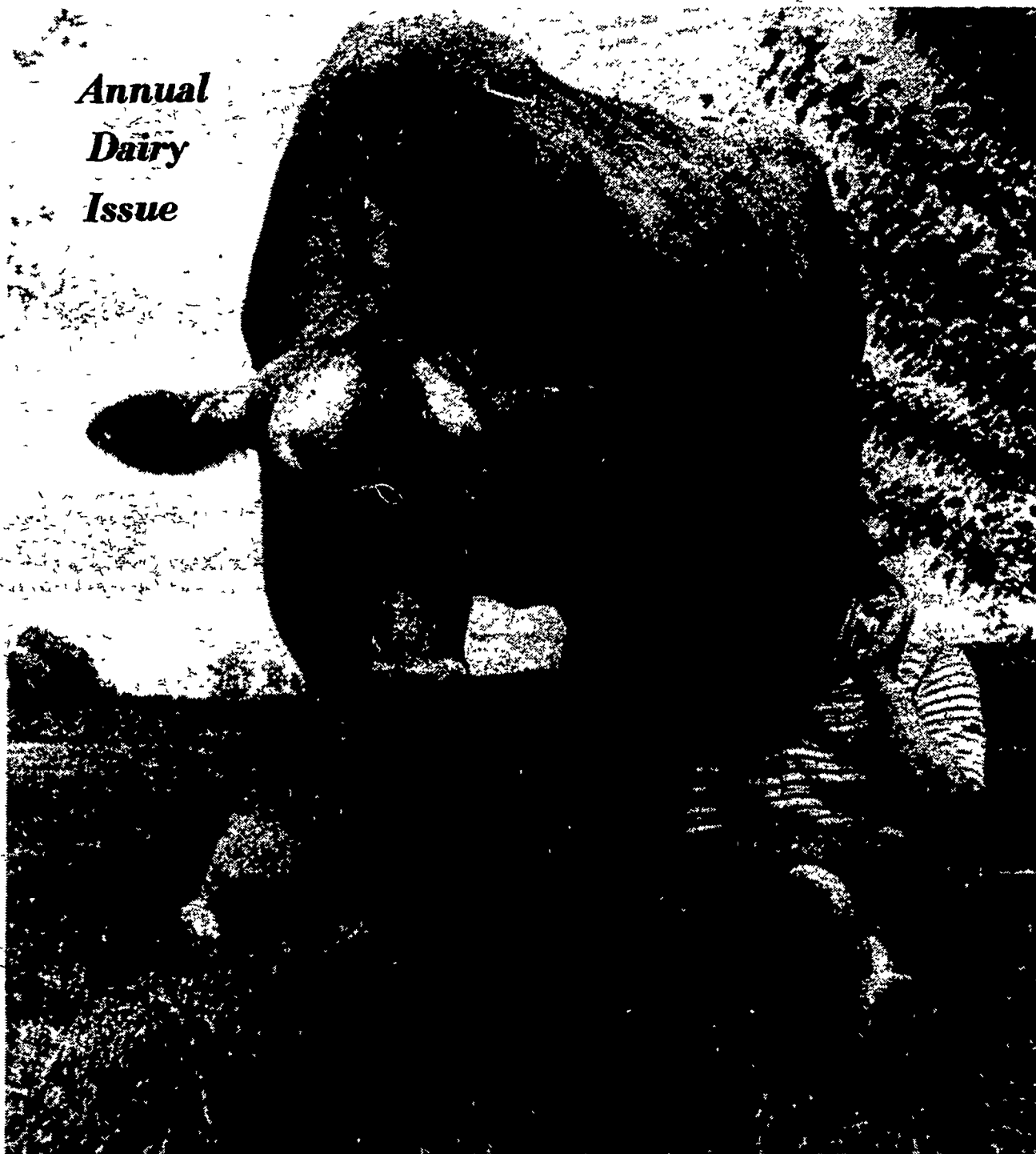
Improved milk prices are
likely this Fall, with \$12 milk
possible for the beginning of
the new year.

One Cumberland County
dairyman who has been in
business on his own since
1949 said the price of milk as
it stands is okay, but con-
sidering how his expenses
and other peoples' income
have risen, he believes he's
lagging behind. Milk prices
should be higher if they're to
stay in line with other
branches of the economy, he
indicated. A number of
dairymen agreed with that
viewpoint.

Leroy Thumma, Carlisle,
milks his 85 cows twice a day
with the help of his 19-year
old son. Asked when his best
year might have been during
the past 25 years, he was
partially stumped. He
claimed it was rough for him
to get started; that things

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Annual Dairy Issue



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Susie Trimble, four-year old daughter of Paul and Charlotte Trimble, Peach Bottom R2, isn't sure whether or not she's going to like that wet tongue that's going to come her way. She tells us that June

is Dairy Month, but at her home that's true every month of the year. The cow shown is a five-year old purebred Jersey with records exceeding 10,000 pounds of milk and 650 of fat.

Joanne Spahr joins staff

Miss Joanne M. Spahr, Lititz R3, joins the editorial staff of the LANCASTER FARMING this week.

Miss Spahr is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Spahr. The family lives on a farm on Green Acre Road.

Miss Spahr is a 1972 graduate of Manheim Central High School, and was graduated summa cum laude from West Chester State College in December 1975 with a B.A. degree in English. She did further study at the University of Oregon, receiving highest honors in journalism and advertising.

At Manheim Central, she was a member of the National Honor Society and recipient of the English Award. She was feature editor of the school newspaper in her senior year, captain of the band front, and active on the yearbook staff, chorus, and in school dramatic productions.

At West Chester, she was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta National Women's Honor Society. She was a reporter on the college newspaper, a news announcer for the college radio station, a member of the Judicial Board, chairman of the National Student Ex-

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Champ steers bring \$45

By DIETER KRIEG
LANCASTER — Neither of
the two top winners in
Wednesday's Fat Steer Show
at the Lancaster Stock Yards
exhibited cattle here
before. And they hadn't done
anything special either.
They just entered with hopes
of getting a second or third
place and they wound up
with grand champion and
reserve grand champion.

Taking top honors in a
contest which saw 480 head
of beef cattle shown to Judge
Wilt Marshall of Cross
Brothers Packing Co.,
Philadelphia, was 29-year
old Carl Eshleman. He's a
Franklin County beef
producer who feeds between
20 and 300 head per year.
Reserve champion
animals were shown by Paul
Wood of Lititz R2. Like other
exhibitors, he had brought in
a truckload of fattened
steers. Judging was not
based on any one individual
animal, but in lots of six.

This being June — the
month for which 50-cent
steer had been predicted
the prices paid for the
champion animals were
considerably off that target.
Eshleman and Good were
paid \$44.75 and \$44.50,
respectively, for their top
winners. Both expressed
satisfaction with these
prices, since they were a

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Severe storm ravages crops

By DIETER KRIEG
A severe storm battered
portions of southeastern and
south central Pennsylvania
on Tuesday night which left
many farmers with
drastically cut crop ex-
pectations. Tobacco, small
grains and vegetables
reportedly suffered the
worst from the onslaught of
high winds, rain, hail, and
floods. Corn fields were also
damaged, although most of
those acres are expected to
recover. Lancaster County
Associate Extension Agent

N. Alan Bair advises farm-
ers to take a wait and-see
attitude before they go out to
replant corn fields. Some, no

doubt, will have to be
replanted, but most are
likely to come back.
The storm (or storms,

since apparently there were
at least two) was downright
vicious. This reporter was
just south of Carlisle when
signs of a terrific storm first
appeared on the horizon to
the north and west. That was
at about 6 p.m. Only a few
drops of rain fell at the time.
Heading east along U.S.
Route 11 it became apparent
that the storm had ap-
parently already passed
through that area. Yet the
sky to the east was clear, and

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