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Wheat good in quality, disappointing in yield

By DIETER KRIEG

EDITOR'S NOTE: The wheat harvest, being done in northern tier counties of the state, continues in regions to the north. It's not much as of a crop, according to information gathered in northern Adams County, Dauphin County, Columbia County, and Berks County.

A combination of unfavorable weather conditions — an early Winter, and a dry Spring — are being blamed for the

In Lancaster County the harvest concluded with a mark of good or better on quality and good or less on yield. In spite of the short crop, however, there have been some reports of mills not accepting more wheat due to being stocked to capacity. So a few farmers are on a waiting list.

empty bins and lost profits. Most areas report yields of 30 to 35 bushels per acre, but in the Bloomsburg area, a spokesman claimed that a harvest of 20 to 25 bushels would be a "lucky" average.

David Klingerman of Klingerman's Mill, Bloomsburg, described the crop in his area as being very poor and that some fields "look more like timothy hay than wheat. One

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The rooster chase for smaller children at the Lancaster County Conservation District's Field Day was a real chase. The little fellow eluded the grasps of youngsters several times until 5-year old Melvin Sauder, right, finally snatched him. A similar contest for older youngsters was a real flop,

as the rooster just sat in the alfalfa patiently awaiting his capture. The pig (in a different chase) made out best of all. He took off for the corn field and had a good time.

Winners named for conservation field day events

By DIETER KRIEG

THE BUCK — Two Solanco youths scooped their way to the top two places in a land judging contest which was part of the Lancaster County Conservation District's Annual Field Day. The boys, Les Hershey and Bruce Kreider, were in competition with 23 other students from six schools and at least one 4-H chapter.

The annual Lancaster County Plowing Contest was also held near here on the Mark C. Risser farm. Divided into contour and level land categories, the events were won by Frank Burkhart and David Becker, respectively. Burkhart is a perennial top contender and is in fact ineligible to go on to the state contests this year due to his being a state champion already. But as Conservation Director, J. Everett Kreider,

proudly pointed out: Lancaster County could have two men at the Nationals this year if Becker wins the state contest since Burkhart is already scheduled to go.

Burkhart, 1030 Silver Springs Rd., Lancaster, finished his contoured plowing with 544 points - well ahead of second-place finisher Robert Hershberger, Quarryville R2, who had

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12 youths named to attend nat'l. co-op institute

SHIPPENSBURG - Institute at Shippensburg State College, here, have been named to attend the annual meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va., July 26-29.

Out of this group, two were cited for especially high honors - Roberta Ekdahl from West Chester, and Gary Akers of Quarryville R1. They were presented with Outstanding Leadership Awards for their respective

girl-boy divisions. They were in competition with more than 200 youths from 60 counties in Pennsylvania and parts of New York State and New Jersey.

Those named to go to the A.I.C. convention at

Blacksburg include: Gary Akers, Kerry Boyd, Ephrata R1; Dale Burkhart, Denver R1; and Richard Groff, of 37 Quarry Road, Leola. They are members of the Lancaster County Cooperative Council. Groff will be

sponsored to the A.I.C. by Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative.

Also named were Roberta Ekdahl, of 1751 West Strasburg Road, West

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Peaches, sweet corn coming in this weekend

By JOANNE SPAHR

LANCASTER — They've been bringing the peaches in by the wagon loads for the past week, and the word from local growers is that this year's crop is better than last year's by as much as 120 percent. That report applies to the various early varieties and the Red Haven peach, which is the

first truly freestone canning peach of the season.

And, beginning next Monday, Herr Fruit Farms,

Lancaster R2, is planning to start "pick your own," according to Mr. Peter Alecxih. The quality of this

year's peach, Alecxih reports, is very good. The fruit is large and full of flavor. As far as price is

concerned, the dynamics of supply and demand are still uncertain, so as yet it is hard for local growers to predict

what the price outcome will be. However, two out of three sources estimate that costs will closely resemble last year's.

This is also a big weekend for Silver Queen sweet corn. The crop will just be starting and will get into full swing by next week. All sources an-

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