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Summertime peace and beauty on a Berks County farm near Kutztown

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Lancaster County agriculture excels

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LANCASTER — If there were an Olympics for agriculture, Lancaster County would come away with a bushful of gold medals. Last year, for example, farmers from the renowned Garden Spot ranked first in 11 of 19 production categories and they produced a whopping \$335 million worth of agricultural goods.

Among the first-place rankings scored by Lancaster County are livestock, poultry and poultry products, dairy products, cattle, calves and hogs. In figures released by the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service, crop values for Lancaster County dropped last year due to lower yields and lower paying prices. Still, the overall value of Lancaster

County's farm crops was a cool \$84,439,000.

In livestock production, Lancaster County farmers came out ahead of figures for the preceding year, largely due to higher prices and

increased numbers. The total value was estimated to be nearly \$251 million. Dairy cows increased from 73,500 in 1974 to 81,200 last year, and the value of dairy products jumped about \$11

million to \$83,375,000. There are 1975 dairy farms in Lancaster County. Similar increases were recorded elsewhere on the farm — and not just in Lancaster County,

but in many areas throughout the state.

Increases in number and value were also recorded in Lancaster County for poultry broilers and hogs. A

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Another fair season starting

Another Lancaster County fair season begins this coming week when the 27th annual fair in Quarryville opens its show rings and exhibit halls on Wednesday. With a third new building on hand to supplement the two which were built last year, the affair is expected to be even bigger and better than ever before.

Please turn to pages 62 to 67 for additional details on the Southern Lancaster

County Community Fair, which is unrivalled as the biggest in the area.

Lancaster County's agriculture will be en-

thusiastically displayed at the upcoming fairs, and there's a lot these farmers can rightfully "show off" as the article just above this

one indicates. Lancaster County is one of the most productive of all counties in

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Exclusive weather service considered

QUARRYVILLE - Lancaster County may receive a special weather forecasting service for farmers, beginning early next year, it was reported recently in a joint statement issued by

Robert S. Walker, Republican candidate for Congress, from the 16th District and Noah W. Wenger, Republican candidate for the State Legislature in the 99th

Legislative District. The two made the announcement at the Lancaster County Farmers Association picnic, held here last month at the fairgrounds.

In having chosen Lan-

caster County as the site for this unique service, officials in Washington went with the nation's No. 1 agricultural county among those which

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