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USDA praised and criticized

By DIETER KRIEG
LITITZ, Pa. - USDA policies were praised and scorned last week when this writer asked a number of farmers how they felt about U.S. agricultural policies at home and abroad.

A sizable segment of the farm population gave USDA

favorable marks, others gave it a mere passing grade, while a few said they hope to see significant changes soon.

W. Max Bossert of Beech Creek R1 in Clinton County is of the opinion that USDA policies for the past several years have been favorable

for farmers—large or small. A former state legislator, Bossert farms 200 acres and keeps 40 head of beef cattle. He commented that the Ford Administration has done a "terrific job in every department, especially agriculture." His main reason is free enterprise.

Kenneth Mummert, Chambersburg R2, owns 125 acres in Franklin County and rents an additional 125. "I don't think agriculture has been in as good a position before as it has in the last eight years in relation to the

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Policy debate highlights annual banquet

By JOYCE BUPP
York County Reporter
DOVER, Pa. - Spirited policy debate and voting were highlights of the recent annual banquet held by the York County Farmers Association.

Dover Fire Hall hosted the meeting, attended by 175 of the Association's farm

family members, on October 7.

The policy session, chaired by Association Vice-President Roger Perry, determined issues which the county board will recommend to the Pennsylvania Farmers Association at its upcoming state-wide annual

meeting in Gettysburg, November 9-11.

Overwhelmingly adopted was the recommendation that public utilities be forbidden to bill retroactively. Another widely supported directive was that Congress review on a bi-annual basis regulatory agencies, such as OSHA and DEIR, to deter

mine their usefulness and responsiveness.

Import laws came under fire with the membership voting that "free ports," a loop-hole through which Australian beef is entering this country without duty, be eliminated. Dairy farm

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Young Farmers discuss ag outlook

By SALLY BAIR
NEW HOLLAND, Pa. - Dairymen can look forward to another year of Class I prices averaging over \$11; the worst is over as far as livestock prices are concerned; and there will be no upward trend in the hog market for several months.

The picture for grains is still fuzzy, but with the harvest drawing to a close there is evidence that higher corn prices than previously expected will prevail.

These were a few of the predictions put before members of the Garden Spot Young Farmers Association

at their agricultural outlook meeting this week.

Firm predictions were hard to come by, but panelists representing dairy, livestock, grains and a local brokerage firm all tried to give accurate assessments of the factors affecting their spheres of interest.

The brightest story came from Jim Sumner, representing Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative. Calling 1976 one of the "more successful years in the dairy industry," he predicted that 1977 will be just as good.

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Edwin D. Eshleman honored at banquet

By JOANNE SPAHR
INTERCOURSE, Pa. - "You're a lobby group, but lobbying is not a dirty word," Congressman Edwin D. Eshleman told a group of Lancaster County Farmers' Association members at

their annual banquet, here, last week. Eshleman, who is retiring from office after 22 years of serving the public, also made it clear to those present that their political tactics are exemplary of good pressure group tactics.

"If the public would sit in on our meetings, they would find out what lobbying really is," he emphasized.

This brief speech came after the Association presented him with a wall

clock for his many years of service.

Helen Wivell, state women's committee, later recognized Mrs. Eshleman's efforts through the years

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Joyce Bupp joins newspaper staff

YORK, Pa. - Joyce Bupp, Seven Valleys R2, has joined the staff of Lancaster Farming as the York County news correspondent. Mrs. Bupp and her husband, Leroy, own and operate Bupplynn Farms, a 400 acre farming operation comprised of corn, hay, grain, and 120 milking cows in two herds. The Bupps also have a total of 300 head of livestock including a custom-slaughtered beef feedlot.

Mrs. Bupp is a 1963 graduate of Dallastown Area High School and has training as a secretary-bookkeeper. Her farm-related activities include being a member of the women's committee, York County Farmers Association; treasurer, York County Dairy Princess committee; national public relations committee, American Agri-Women; secretary of the 1976 Pennsylvania People to People

Delegation; reporter and advertising coordinator, York County Holstein Association; and member of

State Holstein promotion committee.

Mrs. Bupp also serves as

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