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With a new year just around the corner, a new president coming into office, and a new farm policy being talked about, it's no wonder these cows

are a bit nosy. Lancaster Farming's editor found them on the Walton Mason farm near Rising Sun, Md.

New farm policy direction unveiled

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is based on a report contained in "United Voices," a weekly newsletter published by the United Egg Producers, headquartered in Decatur, Ga.

DECATUR, Ga. - Bobby Smith, speaking for President-elect Jimmy Carter at the annual meeting of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture in Phoenix, Ariz., last week, said the administration's farm policy will be directed toward the elimination of risk.

"Carter's way will not be the easiest but it will be the fairest," Smith told the state agricultural leaders. "Price support will be pegged at the cost of production to assure farmers they will not suffer from providing the nation's consumers with an abundance of food and fiber."

Smith said this policy will not guarantee a profit to the nation's farmers but will remove the risk associated with abundance of production. "As a farmer," Smith stated, "I don't want to go broke because of forces beyond my control."

Smith said the Carter Administration will continue to encourage farmers to produce for the world market, which will continue to increase demands on America's agriculture. He said the administration hopes that it will never have to pay a price support or receive a commodity for support payments, but the support program will be there if the world market isn't when the farmers' crops are harvested.

Among the hottest topics of private conversation at the meeting of the State Commissioners of Agriculture is "Who will be the next Secretary of Agriculture?"

Smith projected: "At this point, even Jimmy Carter probably doesn't know." Smith said Carter has announced that he would make no cabinet appointments prior to the first week in December.

Among those rumored at the NASDA meeting to be front runners for the post include Texas Commissioner John White and Tennessee Congressman Ed Jones. Others, including commissioners from several midwestern states have been mentioned. Smith said the new Secretary will face a job second only to the President when the administration takes over in January.

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"As 1977 approaches, the farm policy waters are becoming merky and clouds along the horizon prevent a clear view of the seas ahead," according to Representative William C. Wampler (R-Va.), Minority Leader on the House Committee on Agriculture. Wampler addressed Monday's session of the NASDA Convention two days prior to Smith's appearance on Wednesday.

Wampler noted that during 1977 virtually all of the major farm programs will be up for extension including the Farm Bill, Public Law 480, food stamps, and the federal insecticide, fungicide and rodenticide acts. He pointed out that the 95th

Congress will be essentially unchanged, reminding that almost all of the 94th Congress' Watergate Democrats will be back. The 95th Congress will be younger and possibly even more liberal than the 94th, Wampler said.

Viewing Congress' possible action on these major farm bills, Wampler predicted that Congress would pass a simple extension of the farm bill in order to give the new administration time to chart its agricultural policy and propose legislation. The extension would include higher target prices. He envisioned food stamp laws being amended to pave the way for guaranteed income and the elimination of food stamp purchase requirements of recipients.

County / District 4-H beef show

Steer wins twice in one week

By JOANNE SPAHR
LANCASTER, Pa. - After two days of competition in bitter cold winds, and after taking both the county and the Southeast District 4-H

grand championship titles with her Chianina-Angus crossbred 4-H steer, Martha Burkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burkins, Holtwood R1, last Tuesday

afternoon found herself in the middle of the show ring at the Lancaster Stockyards, here, starting off the Southeast District 4-H beef sale. And, it was a

bewildering, confusing, upsetting ordeal to lead her pet steer, Chinc, around the show ring midst the chant of

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Cost-price squeeze likely in 1977

Publicity on radioactivity hit

PHILADELPHIA - Dairywomen from six mid-Atlantic states meeting here last Friday expressed concern over possible false reaction to reports that future radiation fallout

might threaten milk supplies.

The concern came from nearly 1000 dairymen attending the annual meeting of Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative.

Also in attendance were numerous dairy officials, including Pennsylvania state health officials, who expressed fear of possible over-reaction from reports of

additional nuclear testing by the Chinese.

If fallout was detected in this area, dairy officials noted, most likely no milk supplies would be affected.

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Linda Kauffman is Jr. Holstein girl

By JOYCE BUYP
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WEST MIDDLESEX, Pa. - Linda Kauffman, a 19-year-old Lancaster countian, was named Pennsylvania's Distinguished Junior Holstein Girl during the

annual convention of the state Holstein Association. Northwestern Holstein breeders hosted the November 18 and 19 meeting, held at the Sheraton Inn at West Middlesex, Mercer County.

Miss Kauffman, Elizabethtown R1, has worked with registered Holsteins for 10 years. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kauffman, she started in 4-H dairy work at age nine. Linda's herd of 10

animals is housed with her father's milking operation. Currently employed as a receptionist at Baum's Bologna in Elizabethtown, Linda still helps with milking

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