

One last look

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the perennial Spring flush. Class I milk price was expected to drop to \$10.77 per hundredweight by May, compared to \$11.86 just three months earlier.

Penn Manor's poultry judges made it two in a row in April 1976 by winning the Lancaster County FFA poultry judging contest again.

In Lebanon County, ELCO FFA'ers and the Heidelberg

Sportsmen's Club joined forces in April to clean up a three-mile stretch of Hammer Creek.

PESTICIDES PRESSED

Tighter control of pesticides and their application were in the news

during 1976. One of the announcements was that the deadline for full compliance would be Autumn of 1977, rather than Autumn of 1976, as had been planned previously.

Sharon Henley was honored at her school's annual FFA banquet in April for outstanding achievements. Taking home no less than seven top awards, the 18-year old lass

was also president of her chapter.

An illustration of how agriculture has changed over the years was presented last Spring by Ralph Strock, general manager of Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers. Said he: "The farm is no longer a last resort, it's a place of first choice."

President Ford authorized the closing of a dairy import "loophole" in late March whereby such products as dried milk powder could no longer be brought into the country from overseas in a mixed form.

Two consignment sales sponsored by the Pennsylvania Holstein Association turned out to be record breakers both in terms of volume and average prices paid.

LATE FROST STRIKES

A fairly late yet severe frost damaged much fruit in southeastern - southcentral Pennsylvania orchards during mid April. In some cases 100 per cent of the fruit was destroyed. The weather change followed a pattern of unusually warm weather which had worried most growers for the very reason that early blossoms could be wiped out by frosts. Pennsylvania growers weren't alone in the tragedy as crops were damaged as far south as Georgia.

Another industry which was feeling a squeeze was the mushroom business. Instead of frosts, imports were the culprit in this case. A delegation of Keystone State mushroom growers went to Washington to present their case to Congress.

It was also reported in mid April that lamb prices were high and supplies were decreasing. Choice lambs were quoted at 95 cents to \$1 per pound, some even as high as \$1.11.

WENTINK HONORED

Hendrik Wentink, assistant to the president of Pennfield Corporation, Lancaster, and chairman of the National Commission on Egg Nutrition, was honored by the Maryland egg industry in April as being "Friend of the Year" in 1976.

Two Lancaster County girls - Vicki Warfel of Solanco and Donna Bender from Ephrata - made big headlines on the Homestead Notes page last April. Miss Warfel received the recognition due to her being a Star Chapter Farmer (and runner-up for Star Red Rose Farmer) while Miss Bender

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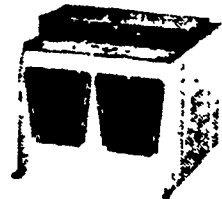
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