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DISAPPOINTING YIELD

A combination of unfavorable weather conditions - an open Winter and a dry Spring - were being blamed for empty grain bins and lost profits in regions north of Hershey and west of Hanover. It wasn't much of a crop, growers from those areas told Lancaster Farming in late July. A Bloomsburg man said wheat in his area looked more like timothy.

But for peaches, the situation was very definitely "peachy." The fruit was plentiful, large, and full of flavor, reported orchardmen in Lancaster County.

Gail McPherson, wife of National Peach Council president, Paul McPherson, Gatchellville, York County, announced plans for release of a new cookbook which featured nearly 300 recipes which have peaches as a primary ingredient. Aside from Mrs. McPherson herself, over 20 York County residents contributed to the recipe collection, entitled "The Passion for Peaches Cookbook."

4-H DAIRY ROUND-UPS

Sandi Frey, Willow Street, showed the grand champion Holstein in the Lancaster County 4-H Dairy Round-up on July 27-28. Held for the first time at the expanded and improved Solanco Fairgrounds, the event received double open-page coverage in Lancaster Farming.

Grand champion Guernsey

exhibitor was Rick Crider of Nottingham; the Ayrshire champ was Rhonda Shope, Elizabethtown; Browns Swiss - Robert Witmer, Willow Street; Jerseys - Matt Arrowsmith.

Chester County 4-H'ers held their dairy round-up the same week, with Dean Yarnall capturing the top Holstein award. The Jersey winner was Bruce Heller; Ayrshire - Kennard Henley III; Guernsey - Jeffery Staner; Milking Shorthorn - J. Douglas Marsh.

Berks County Holstein breeders held their annual Summer picnic at the Richard Troutman farm with approximately 200 members in attendance.

More Holstein activities took place in Quarryville as the Lancaster District Holstein Show got underway. Nathan Stoltzfus of Gap R2 received the coveted premier breeder and exhibitor banners and also won the reserve grand champion honor. Linda Kauffman of Elizabethtown exhibited the grand champion of the show.

RANCK MEETS FORD

Pennsylvania's FFA president met with President Gerald Ford in July. The former Solanco student was one of 80 state FFA officers from across the country to be invited into the White House to meet with the Chief Executive.

John M. Keith, 20, of Entrikey, and Anna May Snyder, 19, of Camp Hill, were chosen prince and princess of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

An identification program for grade Holstein females was approved by the Holstein Friesian Association of America last Summer.

A crowd of approximately 2000 persons saw the Sire Power Sale average \$2293 on



Inter-State Milk Producers called a symposium last Spring, and a seminar last Fall aimed at bringing the farmers' viewpoints into better focus with consumer groups.

63 Holsteins. Topping the sale at \$11,000 was a daughter of "Rag Apple Elevation."

The milk-feed ratio declined in June to 1.42, due to a decrease in milk prices and increase in feed costs.

Farmalnd values increased an average of 14 per cent between March 1, 1975 and February 1, 1976, according to the Farm Real Estate Market Development study. Total value of U.S. farmland was pegged at \$421 billion as of Feb. 1, 1976. Farm buildings accounted for \$72 billion of that total. The average value of an operating unit was set at \$165,000.

FFA HOG SHOW

Cliff Charles, a former vocational student at Penn Manor High School, won the Lancaster County FFA Hog Show in late July with his 200-pound 3/4 Duroc. The show was one of the largest

in recent years, with 349 head entered.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, in response to an outbreak of Hog cholera in Massachusetts and the possible exposure to herds in Rhode

Island and New Hampshire, imposed a statewide embargo on the movement and sale of all swine from those states into Pennsylvania, effective July 23.

"The threat of a corporate farm takeover of American agriculture is an election year bogeyman," proclaimed Allan Grant, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The Pennsylvania State Grange in late July characterized proposed legislation to create an Agricultural Bargaining Board as "unrealistic and too restrictive." The remark was in reference to HB 211, which was concocted by

politicians to make agricultural marketing "more fair." The measure ran up against considerable opposition, not only from the Grange, but also from PennAg Industries Association. Lancaster Farming devoted nearly a full page to the opposing viewpoints.

PRICES DROP

Agricultural markets continued to puzzle economists and farmers in early August. At that time, for example, the price for soybeans in Lancaster County dropped to below \$6 per bushel after having been above \$7 just a month earlier. And beef prices, for

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