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Cherries are ripe

By JOANNE SPAHR
LANCASTER, Pa. - The cherry harvest has begun in many parts of Lancaster Farming's coverage area, and from all parts, ardent home owners should be considering getting their cherries early. Nearly every

orchardist spoken to in Lancaster, York, Adams, Chester, and Berks counties report having a "light" crop this year, mainly due to two damaging frosts which hit during the month of April. The quality of the cherries, on the other hand, has been termed "very good" to

"excellent" because of the dry weather Pennsylvania had been experiencing prior to this week. According to growers, the small amount of rain keeps the cherries from swelling, causing a more concentrated sugar content per individual fruit.

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Leaf beetle stung

By DIETER KRIEG
LANCASTER - If you have a leaf beetle in your field - more specifically cereal leaf beetle - there's a way of getting your property of the beetle which involves neither chemicals nor fly swatters.

An imported parasitic wasp will do the trick. According to Lancaster County Agent Arnold Lueck, the cereal leaf beetle appears to be firmly established in all sections of the County, with the

northern and eastern areas having the greatest numbers. Lueck was out Wednesday afternoon introducing the biological killer into fields in the area. It'll take a couple of years

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Credit law scored

By JOYCE BUYP
York Co. Reporter
ORK, Pa. Where's the best wastebasket? What's the number one question a farmer might ask when confronted with the mess of paperwork he must deal with and keep when borrowing money for his

operation under the present Truth in Lending regulations. Production Credit and Federal Land Bank organizations across the country are preparing testimony for hearings on Senate Bill 1312, the "Truth in Lending Simplification

and Reform Act," scheduled in Washington for June 27, 28, and 29. Senator William Proxmire, chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, has set up hearings on the proposal which would

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Drought was coach

By DIETER KRIEG
ERNVILLE, Pa. - A partnership of three brothers of this Berks County community is recording strong gains in milk production, and they're getting part of the credit to

having learned how to farm during the dry years of the 1960's. "The dry years of the mid-Sixties is what made us farmers - we learned to feed with nothing," commented Jim Yost, eldest of the three

brothers who main responsibilities concern field work. The Yost Brothers, whose 200 acres of jointly owned land goes under the name of "Tri Y Farms," cultivate a total of 550 acres

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Berries bring \$50

By JOANNE SPAHR
LANCASTER, Pa. - "I'm glad that my \$50 gets me some free advice on growing strawberries," quipped Sam Zuck, Marietta, after paying \$50 for a quart box of strawberries. Glenn "Buddy" Sherk's Reserve-winning Jersey Belles won Wednesday.

Shenk's berries were the grand champions of the Rotary sponsored Lancaster County strawberry round-up held during the Rotary Club's weekly luncheon at the Farm and Home Center, here. Reserve champion honors went to, Jim Stauffer,

Lancaster, a member of the Penn Manor 4-H Community Club. Stauffer also showed the Jersey Belle variety, and received \$10 a piece for his quart boxes. This is the second year in a row for 15-year-old Sherk, the son of Mr. and Mrs. [Continued on Page 33]

Big prize offered

LANCASTER, Pa. - Lancaster Stockyards announced this week it will award a \$1,000 savings bond to the consignor of the 1,000,000th animal to be sold in its twice-weekly cattle auction here. The auction pavilion at the Stockyards opened on April 1964, and since then nearly a billion head of cattle have been purchased by meat

packers at the Monday and Wednesday auctions. Stockyard officials estimate the 1,000,000th animal will pass over the pavilion scales sometime in June. William G. McCoy, Stockyards president, said, "We feel a \$1,000 savings bond is a fitting way to celebrate another milestone at this historic site where

cattlemen and buyers have traded since 1895." Stockyard officials point out that steers, bulls, heifers and cows are being counted toward the 1,000,000th head. To qualify for the \$1,000 savings bond, cattle shippers must sell their livestock through one of nine commission firms operating on the Stockyards.



--Um-m-m boy! There's nothing quite like a fresh sweet cherry on the first day of the season. If Jennifer Shertzer, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shertzer, Lancaster R6, didn't know that before, she knows it now. Jenny lives right across the road from Cherry Hill Orchards, New Danville Pike, Lancaster, so she'll be getting her fill of that delicious fruit this season.

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Glenn "Buddy" Sherk prepares to hand his \$50 quart of strawberries over to their new owner Sam Zuck, Marietta. Zuck bid the \$50 during the Rotary Club-sponsored Lancaster County strawberry round-up and came up a winner.