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## \$362 million produced

**DIETER KRIEG**  
LANCASTER - Despite a drop in the number of farms and nearly 100,000 acres of farmland, Lancaster County farmers managed to increase their agricultural activity by nearly \$30 million in 1976, as compared with 1975. Most of the increase came from livestock farming, notably the dairy industry.

Total value of Lancaster County's 1976 agricultural products is pegged at \$362,169,300 by the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. In 1975 it stood at \$335,180,200 and in the preceding year it was valued at \$325,667,400.

While some of that increased value is due to inflation, a significant part of

it can be credited to better production in the fields and barns within the Garden Spot. According to U.S. Labor Department statistics, the inflation rate for the U.S. was only 5.2 per cent from January 1976 to January 1977, leaving ample room for credit to farm production itself. Fur-

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## Beef vote begins soon

**UNIVERSITY PARK** - Voting for the proposed mandatory beef check-off program begins this coming week, only a small percentage of the total number of cattle and sheep owners will be taking part. The reason is a poor turnout for the mandatory referendum, which was held

at county ASCS offices across the country.

In Pennsylvania, only 3800 farmers signed up out of a potential eligibility list of 52,000. Lancaster County, which ranks as the Keystone State's top beef producing county, signed up 332 people out of an estimated 5000 who might have been eligible.

Similar low turnouts were noted in Adams County where beef production ranks fourth in the state. Only 132 farmers signed up there. In Chester County it was even less, with 103 signing up for the vote. Registration for the referendum ended on June 17.

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## J. York quits Eastern

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** - Arden T. York, President of the Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative, has announced his resignation, effective June 31, 1977. York, who has been with Eastern for almost thirty years, sub-

mitted his resignation to Eastern's Board of Directors at an Executive Committee meeting in the co-op's Syracuse, N.Y. office on June 28, 1977.

In a statement released today, Tewsbury informed that York's resignation had been accepted by the Board

with deep regret, and praised the cooperative leader for his three decades of dedicated and distinguished service to the dairy industry. He further stated that Howard E. McDonald of Auburn, N.Y. has been appointed as

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## Young Cooperators chosen

**By JOYCE BUPP and SALLY BAIR**  
LANCASTER - A Lancaster county dairy farm has been named one of three top winners in a competition sponsored by individual cooperatives of the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Federation, Inc. Judging

took place during a Federation sponsored meeting on June 23 at the Hunt Valley Inn.

Susan and Robert Kauffman, Jr., Peach Bottom R2, were selected the 1977 Young Cooperator couple by Interstate Milk Producers

Cooperative, Inc., Southampton, Pa.

Kauffman, who has been dairying for 11 years, did not grow up with a farm background. As a teenager, he worked on a dairy farm part-time, where his love of farming took root. After five

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## First state food day held

**By JOANNE SPAHR**  
HARRISBURG, Pa. - Daily supporting the efforts of National Food Day, believing that more effective action can be taken at the state level, Governor John J. Shapp signed a proclamation, Wednesday, June 29 as Pennsylvania Food Day. The

ceremony took place in the presence of Kent D. Shelhamer, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture, and some 200 representatives of farm, church, consumer, and aging organizations who attended the Commonwealth's first state food day program.

Prior to this, Pennsylvania

had been the leader in formulating the first food conference in 1973, and it comprised the large delegation to the World Food Conference in Rome in 1974. Since that time, the Commonwealth has continued support of a national observance.

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## Barley harvest satisfactory

**By DIETER KRIEG**  
LANCASTER - The barley harvest is almost over and nearly everyone involved with the harvest is saying that yields and quality are better than expected. The average yields reported in Lancaster County hovered around 50 bushels per acre, with a few as high as 100 bushels per acre and a notable number of yields averaging 70 bushels per acre.

Test weights averaged between 43 and 46 pounds per bushel, according to Lancaster County grain handlers.

Some of the first wheat is coming in too, with early yields ranging around 60 bushels per acre in the Elizabethtown area. For the most part, however, wheat is not yet being combined in Lancaster County. Custom combine operators expect to

get into the wheat fields this weekend if the weather holds up. Rain is predicted, however, and a bit of concern is being expressed by some grain handlers already about maintaining a good quality harvest.

So far no one is complaining. Every grain handler revealed nothing but praise for the barley harvest, which is now being

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Kirsten Zug, 6, and Brad Pepper, aren't finding much shade at the edge of this wheat field. Soon their ball playing area will be expanded as combines are expected to begin harvesting the crop next week. The two youngsters are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Zug and Mr. and Mrs. John Pepper, respectively. Both live near Rothsville.

## Kendace Borry joins staff

**LITITZ** - Kendace C. Borry, Mount Joy, R 2, has been named as a new associate editor of the staff of Lancaster Farming.

Living on a 50 acre farm located north of Mount Joy with her mother, Mrs. H. Kenneth Borry, and her brother, Barrett, Kendace has been involved with

farming and livestock most of her life. While still in 4-H, she was involved in capon, beef, horse, community, and sewing clubs. She had the reserve champion Shorthorn steer at the 1967 Pennsylvania Farm Show, showed grand champion capons in her 4-H club, and competed at district level

with her horse projects. She is now a leader of the Saddle Cinches 4-H Horse Club. She also worked two Summers as a crop enumerator for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Beef sheep, and horses are now raised on the Borry farm with the main crops

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