September 1, 1977 Estimated Receipts 10,500

Same Day Last Week 12.872 Fairly active, feeder cattle and calves generally steady; majority receipts mixed Good and Choice and Choice 300-800 lbs. 44.00-48.50, package 383 lbs. at 50.00; 500-600 lbs. 40.00-44.50; 600-700 lbs. 38.75-41.00; 700-885 lbs. 38.00-39.50; mixed Good and Choice 300-500 lbs. 41.00-43.00; 500-600 lbs. 38.00-39.25; 600-800 lbs. 37.00-38.25, load 658 lbs. at 38.90; few Good 400-600 lbs. 34.75-38.25; package 634 lbs. at 37.30; few Good 550-842 lbs. holstein

steers 30.00-34.75. FEEDER HEIFERS: Choice, few Prime 300-500 lbs. 35.00-38.75, package and part load 381-403 lbs. at 39.90-41.00; 500-700 lbs. 34.50-37.50, package 528 load 381-403 lbs. at 38.60; few 700-712 lbs. 36.25-36.50; Mixed Good and Choice 300-650 lbs. 33.00-35.25; few Good 300-700 lbs. 29.00-33.25.

FOR THE WEEK: Compared to late last week, feeder cattle and calves closed near steady; slaughter cows uneven, averaging about steady; last sales utility and Commercial 2-3 21.75-25.50; Cutter 1-3 20.50-24.25; Bulls closed near steady, last sales Yield Grade No. 1-2 1000-1900 lbs. 27.25-33.00, individual 1745 lbs. Yield Grade 1 at 34.00.; Salable receipts near 22,600 head compared to 27,306 head last week and 20,166 the comparable week a year ago. Cows and Bulls numbered 1,800 head and comprised eight per cent of the cattle receipts; feeders comprised 90 per cent of the

### Leesport Auction

Leesport, Pa. August 31, 1977

CATTLE 345. Supply included 75 head feeder cattle. Compared with Wednesday's market, slaughter steers weak to \$1 lower. Slaughter cows 25 cents to 75

cents higher. Slaughter bulls weak to 50 cents lower. Couple High Choice & Prime 1140 and 1215 lbs. slaughter steers 41.50 and 42.00, Choice 1000-1275 lbs. 38.50-40.35, few 41.00, 850-950 lbs. 38.00-39.50, Good 36.00-39.00, few Standard 32.25-34.35. Few Few Choice 750-1025 lbs. slaughter heifers 34.00-37.35, few Good 30.00-33.00, one Standard at 29.00. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 26.60-28.00, one 28.50, Cutters 24.00-27.25, Canner & Low Cutter 22.50-25.00, Shells down to 18.00. One Choice slaughter bullock at 37.00, few Good 34.00-35.50, few Standard 32.00-35.00, few Utility 27.10-31.00. Yield Grade 1000-1500 lbs. slaughter bulls 31.25-35.00, one at 35.60. Choice 400-i950 lbs. feeder steers 38.25-42.50, few medium 500-900 lbs. 32.00-35.50; few Good & Choice 380-770 lbs. feeder

bulls 33.25-42.50. CALVES 231 Vealers grading High Good & Choice \$2 to \$10 higher; Standard & Low Good \$2 to \$3 lower. Few Prime vealers 63.00-70.50,

Choice 53.00-63.50, Good 40.00-55.00, Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 36.00-47.00, 90-110 1bs. 25.00-33.00, Standard 70-90 lbs. 22.00-29.50, Utility 55-100 lbs. 15.00-25.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-115 lbs. 29.00-39.00; holstein heifers 90-110 lbs. 28.00-38.00; slaughter calves, grading Good & Choice 230-435 lbs. 35.50-42.00.

**HOGS 248 Barrows & Gilts** \$2.50 to \$3 lower. One lot US No. 1-2 235 lbs. barrows & gilts 45.00, No. 1-3 195-230 lbs. 44.60-45.00, few to 45.75, few No. 2-3 200-255 lbs. 44.00-44 50, one lot No. 2-4 290 lbs. 46.50, No. 1-3 120-185 lbs. 40.00-43.75. US No. 1-3 290-540 lbs. sows 33.75-35.50, few No. 2-3 420-630 lbs. 28.25-32.75. Few Boars 25.00-26.75.

FEEDER PIGS 196 All prices per hundred weight. US No. 1-3 15-35 lbs. feeder pigs 94.00-110.00 cwt., No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 90.00-98.00, No. 1-3 55-70 lbs. 64.00-80.00 cwt.

SHEEP 25. Few Choice 75-110 lbs. spring slaughterlambs 52.00-53.00. few Good 50-55 lbs. 47.00-48.00, few Utility 50-55 lbs. 46.00-47.00. Slaughter ewes 10.00-17.00.

### Lebanon Valley Auction

Fredericksburg, Pa. August 30, 1977

CATTLE 295. Compared with last Tuesday's market, slaughter steers grading Good & Choice about steady. Slaughter cows steady to mostly 50 cents to \$1 higher. Choice No. 2-3 950-1175 lbs. slaughter steers 39.00-40.60, couple to 41.00, Good 35.00-37.50, few Standard 31.35-35.10. Few Choice slaughter heifers 36.35-37.00, few Good 32.85-35.50, few Standard 30.25-31.50. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 25.60-28.60, Cutters 25.00-28.25, Canner & Low Cutter 22.10-25.00, Shells down to 16.00. One Choice slaughter bullock at 37.75, few Good 34.10-34.85, few Standard 30.00-32.10, few Utility 27.35-31.10. Few Yield Grade No. 1 1200-1450 lbs. slaughter bulls 32.00-34.35.

CALVES 250. Choice vealers 52.00-63.00, Good 39.00-46.50, few Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 34.00-38.00,

90-110 lbs. 30.00-35.00, Standard 70-85 lbs. 25.00-29.00. Utility 50-80 lbs. 10.00-25.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 31.00-46.00; holstein heifers 85-110 lbs. 30.00-36.00.

HOGS 398. Barrows & Gilts \$3 to \$3.25 lower. US No. 1-2 200-220 lbs. barrows & gilts 45.10-45.50, No. 1-3 200p240 lbs. 45.00-45.50, few lots No. 2-3 220-260 lbs. 43.00-

44.60, No. 1-3 180-190 lbs. 43.00-44.50. US No. 1-3 350-550 lbs. sows 33.00-35.75, few No. 2-3 400-500 lbs. 30.50-33.50. Few Boars 26.10-30.75.

FEEDER PIGS 18. Lot US No. 1-3 20 lbs. feeder pigs 22.00 per head, lot No. 1-3 45 lbs. 34.00 per head.

SHEEP 33. Choice 70-105 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 46.50-52.00, Good 45-70 lbs. 40.00-46.00.

## Bitler receives crop award from FFA foundation

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, September 3, 1977—13

ELVERSON, Pa. - Harvey Bitler, 20, the son of Mrs. Virginia Bitler of Mohnton, R1, and a 1976 graduate of Twin Valley High School, has been named as the winner of the Pennsylvania **Future Farmers of America** Crop Production Proficiency award, sponsored by Funks Seed Company. This award is presented annually to the FFA member who has done the most outstanding job of producing field crops as part of his supervised farming program.

Bitler has had field crops as part of his farming program since ninth grade. He has produced hay, oats, field corn, sweet corn, and tomatoes, as well as wheat. While the hay, small grain, and part of the field corn has been used as feed for his livestock projects, the tomatoes and sweet corn have been sold to local stores and through contract to processors.

While in high school, Bitler

served on many FFA committees and participated in many FFA activities. He won the Berks County FFA Greenhand quiz contest while in ninth grade, as well as the local creed contest. He won third place in the county public speaking contest as a junior and placed first in his senior year. His project record book received first



Harvey Bitler

place in both 1975 and 76 and he won a gold award and the county Production Credit Award in 1976.

He participated on the chapter parliamentary procedure team, received the DeKalb award, and placed sixth in the state agricultural mechanics contest as a senior. He also was an active member of VICA at the Berks Vo-Tech East, serving as a member of its parliamentary procedure team, and as vicepresident.

Bitler will receive his award at the FFA mid-Winter Convention, in January. He will receive a \$100 check from Funks.



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