

LANCASTER COUNTY AGRICULTURE											
1975			1976			1977					
COMMODITY	UNITS	VALUE \$	RANK	UNITS	VALUE \$	RANK	UNITS	VALUE \$	RANK		
DAIRY PRODUCTS	81,200 (cows)	83,375,000	1st	85,800 (cows)	102,480,000	1st	83,700 (cows)	101,265,000	1st		
POULTRY—BROILER	24,822,000	32,057,000	1st	28,349,000	31,034,000	1st	33,268,000	33,534,000	1st		
LAYERS & EGGS	3,592,000	37,564,000	1st	3,428,000	40,092,000	1st	4,029,900	44,794,000	1st		
OTHERS	-----	3,418,700	2nd	-----	6,321,200	2nd	-----	8,514,700	2nd		
CATTLE & CALVES	246,000	81,857,800	1st	242,000	87,846,000	1st	254,000	89,407,300	1st		
HOGS	169,100	12,213,600	1st	180,300	8,456,000	1st	197,000	11,741,200	1st		
SHEEP	7,900	255,100	3rd	7,100	203,100	3rd	5,300	194,100	3rd		
TOTAL VALUE - LIVESTOCK & POULTRY		\$250,741,200		\$276,432,300			\$289,450,300				
NUMBER OF FARMS		5,865		5,785			5,785				

1975			1976			1977			
MAJOR CROPS	ACRES	AVG. YIELD	VALUE \$	ACRES	AVG. YIELD	VALUE \$	ACRES	AVG. YIELD	VALUE \$
CORN—GRAIN	115,500	90.1 bu.	26,803,000	121,800	94.3 bu.	27,569,000	114,600	96.3 bu.	24,841,000
-SILAGE	61,220	18.0 T	20,487,000	55,400	17.8 T	18,208,000	65,200	17.3 T	24,182,000
WHEAT	32,300	35.7 bu.	3,334,060	30,000	35.4 bu.	3,359,300	25,750	41.0 bu.	2,373,830
BARLEY	14,900	56.2 bu.	1,464,700	14,200	49.9 bu.	1,546,700	12,000	58.0 bu.	1,426,800
OATS	3,400	48.7 bu.	265,000	3,000	53.7 bu.	258,000	3,500	56.0 bu.	284,300
POTATOES	1,860	245 Cwt	2,860,300	1,770	284 Cwt	2,386,000	1,590	235 Cwt	1,827,700
TOBACCO	10,750	1650 lbs	10,295,170	12,060	1747 lbs	12,639,000	11,960	1944 lbs	13,948,500
HAY	84,000	2.76 T	14,653,000	80,000	2.77 T	15,075,000	80,000	3.06 T	17,136,000
VEGETABLES	2,840	-----	2,525,700	2,655	-----	2,560,000	3,530	-----	3,694,000
FRUITS	---	---	962,000	---	---	1,072,000	---	---	1,077,000
OTHER			789,070			1,064,000			2,851,000
TOTAL VALUE - ALL CROPS			\$ 84,439,000			\$ 85,737,000			\$ 96,200,830
TOTAL ACRES - FIELD CROPS		327,700		322,800		314,600			
VALUE LIVESTOCK & POULTRY (From Page 1)			250,741,200			276,432,300			289,450,300
TOTAL VALUE - ALL AGRIC. PRODUCTS			335,180,200			362,169,300			385,651,130

SOURCE OF INFORMATION - PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CROP AND LIVESTOCK ANNUAL SUMMARY JUNE 1978

over \$15 million the year before. Acreage stayed the same at 80,000. Tobacco acreage dropped a bit, to 11,960 acres, but the crop's value moved up by \$1.1 million - to \$13,948,500. Average production last year was 1944 pounds per acre, compared to 1747 pounds the year before.

Despite the drop in numbers and dollar value, the big and far-out-in-front kingpin of Lancaster County agriculture is still the dairy business. At \$101,262,000, the Garden Spot's dairy productivity accounts for more than a quarter of all commodity values. It's nearest rival is the cattle and calves segment, which is valued at \$89,407,300, up from \$87,846,000 in 1976. Close behind is the poultry industry which registered a value of \$33,534,000 for broilers, \$44,794,000 for layers and eggs, and \$8,514,700 for other flock categories, bringing the total to \$86,842,700. That's an increase in total value of nearly \$10 million from the year before - a fact which is unmatched by any other segment of agriculture in the county.

Recording the most noteworthy advance in the poultry category were the owners of laying flocks. The number of layers increased nearly 30 per cent since the last report from 3,428,000 birds in 1976 to 4,029,900 birds in 1977. Product value skyrocketed from \$40,092,000 in 1976 to \$44,794,000 last year. The broiler industry also has something to crow about. Their numbers increased from 28,349,000 in 1976 to 33,268,000 last year. Their value came up from \$31,034,000 in 1976 to \$33,534,000 last year.

Other poultry segments, such as turkeys had a value of \$8,514,700 last year, compared to just \$6,321,200 in 1976. No figures were released on flock sizes and total numbers.

Swine production is on the upswing in the Garden Spot. Numbers have been growing steadily over the years: 169,100 head in 1975; 180,300 head in 1976; and 197,000 head last year. Their value for 1977 was \$11,741,000, compared to \$8,456,000 in 1976, and \$12,213,600 in 1975. Higher pork prices accounted for the higher value in 1975.

While the value of cattle and calves has certainly held its own, cattle and calf numbers dropped here, the Crop and Livestock survey revealed. The 234,000 head counted

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the state for "other" phases of poultry agriculture such as turkeys, and is third in sheep production.

All segments of animal agriculture showed moderate to

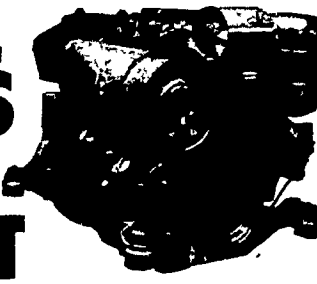
good gains except dairy and sheep. Both recorded a drop in total product value as well as numbers. Sheep, for instance, plummeted from 7900 head in 1975 to 7100 in 1976 and just 5300 head in 1977. Dairy cows fell from 85,800 head in 1976 to 83,700 last year.

The dairy segment of the Garden Spot's agricultural economy jumped a phenomenal \$19 million in 1976 - to \$102,480,000 - but dropped by just over a million in 1977 - to \$101,265,000. The value for sheep dropped from \$203,100 in 1976 to \$194,100 in 1977.

Total value of livestock and poultry for last year was \$289,450,300, compared to \$276,432,300 in 1976. Poultry, cattle, and calves and hogs accounted for all the increase.

Total value of crops grown in the county increased from \$85,737,000 in 1976 to \$96,200,830 last year. The corn crop led the list with a total value of more than \$49 million. That divides about equally for silage and grain corn, with grain having a slight edge. The year before corn for grain led with \$27,569,000. The Garden Spot's hay crop had a value of more than \$17 million last year, compared to slightly

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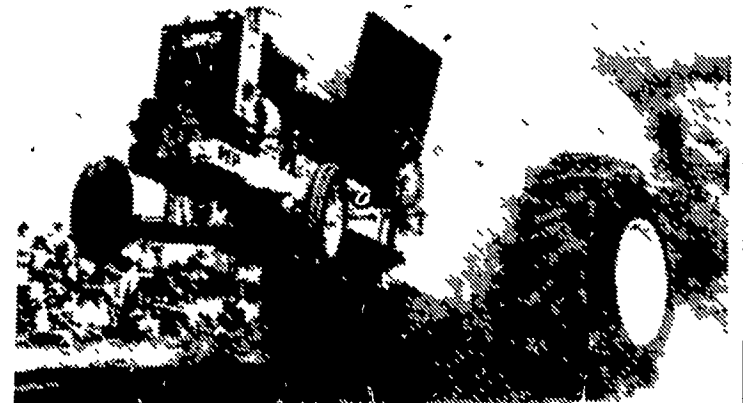
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(Rain Date - June 17th - 1:00 p.m.)

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