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## Wheat yields low, but quality up

By DIETER KRIEG  
LANCASTER — The wheat harvest in Lancaster County is turning out to be as disappointing as what the barley harvest was for most farmers.

Although the quality of this year's crop is receiving a very good and even excellent rating from all millers we talked to this week, the yield is down and the moisture is high. The weight per bushel, at 57 to 61 pounds in most cases, is very satisfactory. About eight to 10 per cent of the crop was reported to be combined as of Friday morning.

Early yield expectations range between 40 and 45 bushels per acre for most fields, according to several millers throughout the Garden Spot. "It doesn't look like a good year for the wheat harvest in this area," said a spokesman at Nolt's Mill, Lancaster, when he summed up his views on yield expectations.

Nelson Weaver of Litzitz said the wheat is tough. It's

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## Walter Laird pushes beef all he can

By DIETER KRIEG  
DOVER — Walter Laird can talk Angus, work Angus, eat Angus, and even dream Angus. Owner of a cow-calf operation north of this York County town, Laird has been in the purebred Angus business for 20 years and is presently serving as president of the Pennsylvania Angus Breeders Association.

Although he started, and still operates modestly, he has a sizable herd of Angus cows, heifers and steers which consistently get a rating of "choice" when young FFA'ers and 4-H'ers come to his farm. He sells most of his production to youngsters who are interested in the beef business. A number of his animals have gone on to become champions with either youthful or seasoned exhibitors such as Laird himself at the halter.

Showing cattle is one pleasure of life which Laird tries to take in as often as possible, he says. It's his fun, recreation, opportunity to meet with friends, and talk Angus. Laird is through and through a man who is devoted to his breed.

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*This robin built its nest in a planter hanging from the porch at Mrs. B. Snavely Garber's house, Willow Street. The family of birds has fascinated Mrs. Garber since June 18. The first egg was laid three days later. The nest is made with fine grass, and is lined with mud and animal hair. The little feathered friends are doing well and Mrs. Garber observes they'll soon be ready to leave their nest.*

## Egg prices expected to increase

By KENDACE BORRY  
LITZITZ — Summer egg prices are expected to increase seasonally, according to a report from United Egg Producers. That is their opinion, even though they add that there will be a two to three per cent more product available this year than last.

UEP anticipates that the higher prices on high protein foods will help increase the demand for eggs. That, along with the increased hatching use, they reason, should help move the surplus production through the Summer months.

The report goes on to say that commercial egg breakers, anticipating the higher-than-year-earlier prices later in the year, have been and should continue trying to build up their stocks in coming months so they will not have to purchase as many shell eggs this coming Fall. They state that this too will help in alleviating some of the Summer surplus problems.

The number of hens and  
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## 4-H judging winners named

By LAUREL SCHAEFFER  
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MOHRSVILLE - Charles Seidel of Berks County and Curtis Dietrich of Lehigh went away with the honors on July 7 as over 50 youths representing six counties in the southeast regional 4-H district competed in dairy judging contests.

Hosting the event were Long Meadows Farm, Hamburg; Dreibelbis Farms, Shoemakersville; and Reu-Hel Farms, Mohrsville, which gave the 4-H'ers an opportunity to judge Jersey's, Guernsey's and Holsteins at the respective farms.

Seidel was awarded a trophy for scoring as high individual in the junior contest. He had placed first in judging Guernseys and third in Holsteins, while Dietrich took the trophy for high individual of the senior contest. Dietrich had placed first in Holsteins and Guernseys, putting him in the top spot overall.

Following are the results:

**Junior Contest**  
**Holstein**  
1. Tracy Snyder, Schuylkill County; 2. Mark  
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