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UNIVERSITY PARK — "Every dollar invested in agricultural research and education this year will return \$4.30 over the next 13 years from increased harvests. If you want to see some of your invested dollars at work, visit Penn State's Ag Progress Days

August 22 to 24," says Dr. J.M. Beattie, Dean of the College of Agriculture.

"Research has already doubled U.S. crop yields from levels of 25 years ago. Now our scientists must do it again by the year 2000 if we are to meet worldwide agricultural production

demands," Dr. Beattie added.

Many of Penn State's contributions to scientific methods of agricultural production will be on display during the three-day event to be held at the Rock Springs Agricultural Research

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Tobacco looks great, but curing worrisome

LANCASTER — Lancaster County's 1978 tobacco crop looks good so far but just how good it will be will depend on curing weather. Farmers in the area began cutting tobacco this week, and everyone whom Lancaster Farming contacted gave favorable reports.

Their chief concern is that good curing weather will be forthcoming. The humid and often wet weather of recent weeks could damage what has thus far been an outstanding crop.

Donald Rohrer, Strasburg, who has 30 years of experience growing tobacco

and had his entries selected as champions at both the Lancaster County and Pennsylvania tobacco shows, noted that he has never seen a tobacco crop grow as well as this one did. He is cautiously optimistic, however, about what he'll

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York County 4-H'ers turn in championship performances

By JOYCE BUPP
Staff Correspondent

STATE COLLEGE — In a tribute to long hours of practice in barnyards and packing houses, York County's 4-H livestock and meats judging teams departed Penn State last week with the top state titles

and an impressive batch of individual awards.

The senior meats judging team repeated the winning performance of last year's team, which ultimately claimed national honors. Teammates on this year's winning meats foursome are Brenda Walters, Airville R1,

Chris Sunday, York R4, Steve Trostle, Red Lion R2, and Lisa Dobrosky, Glen Rock R2.

Meat judging members also captured high individual honors in several categories.

Chris Sunday placed

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Peach harvest low in numbers, hurt by hard Winter and Spring

By KENDACE BORRY

LITITZ — The peaches may be bigger, better, and more juicy this year, but there sure aren't many of them. That's the opinion of peach growers throughout the Lancaster Farming area.

"They're beautiful," is the

way Richard Haas, of Cherry Hill Orchards, New Danville, put it. "The size is extra good, and so is the color and the flavor. There just aren't a lot of them."

The orchardist went on to relate that he expects to see less than half of his normal crop this year. The reason

for the largely reduced number of peaches is due to weather.

"We had a really bad Spring and Winter," he explained. "And that is what hurt the crop."

He noted that the quality of the peaches is so excellent

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There'll be lots to see at the 1978 Ag Progress Days, the largest outdoor agricultural exhibition in the East. In this special preview issue, we have featured numerous articles about the "ag progress" that's waiting for you at Penn State University's research farms, west of State College. The

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