

# Lloyd Hoover deals with the market hogs

**By KENDACE BORRY**  
**LANCASTER** — Lloyd Hoover, Lancaster, a winner of the 1978 Agribusiness American Farmer award, is a young man who combines working with his knowledge from his farming background

He serves as market agent in the hog division for Walter Dunlap and Sons, at the Lancaster Stockyards, Lancaster.

His job includes many facets, including being in charge of marketing the hogs and feeder pigs that go through the stockyard for Dunlap, a duty that averages 2,000 hogs and 1000 feeder pigs each and every week. He also sorts and grades the hogs that are brought in for the market sales.

He noted that he also does order buying, and works to see that the farmers get the top dollar for their hogs. Sometimes he gets out to

visit on the different farms, working with the farmers, buying and advising the men of the market trends.

Now living on the farm that he grew up on with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer M. Hoover, Lloyd explains that he always has liked hogs.

A member of the Grassland Chapter of the FFA, he received his first hog as a chain gilt given through the FFA chapter. This animal, he related, was the basis for his stock.

Today, besides working at the stockyards for about 45 hours every week, he farms about 55 acres on the side, an occupation that he calls his hobby.

Corn and hogs are his principal products on the farm, and he stated that he has a farrow to finish operation.

An active member of FFA, he received the Keystone Farmer Degree in 1975. Also

in 1975, he was the County Star Farmer, the vice president of the state parliamentary team, the receiver of the county Bankers' award, and the winner of the state swine proficiency award.

He showed the grand champion hog at the Ephrata Fair in 1974, and was also named the state FFA poultryman of the year.

In 1976, he was chosen as the FFA state livestock man of the year, and also served as the state FFA vice president.

According to the quiet-spoken FFA'er, farming has always been his main interest, and he believes that there is a future for a man in agriculture if he puts himself down to working for it. That is why, at age 21, he is out working on the 55 acres near Lancaster when not involved with the duties involved with his hog marketing job.



Part of Lloyd Hoover's job includes going around to fairs and purchasing hogs. Here he is seen, after buying the reserve champion hog at the Manheim Fair, having purchased the animal for Walter Dunlap and Sons, Lancaster. The hog was owned by two brothers, Steve and Rick Strauss, seen on either side of Lloyd.



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