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Christmas is coming and the geese are getting fat. Harvests are completed and farmers can now pause for the holidays ahead as they prepare for the



Farmers warned of future economic problems

By JOYCE BUYP
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RED LION - "We have a government trying to spend its way out of the inflation problem," warns Lou Moore, agricultural economist from Penn State University. "It hits us all

and there's very little any one of us as individuals can do about it."

Moore pronounced that verdict and issued a few warnings and recommendations to the farming community when he spoke to the York County Farmers'

Forum last Friday at Rutter's Restaurant.

"In five years, it may not mean much to be a millionaire," the economist predicted, "because the government keeps printing too much 'funny money.'"

Termining inflation the

country's most pressing problem, Moore indicated he believes that neither voluntary nor mandatory economic controls will be successful. He regards inflation as a final link in a chain of government inactions, and calls it "a long

term problem being attacked with short run solutions in hopes that it will somehow go away."

"Depression and recession" are terms being heard frequently in what Moore accused as "scare tactics." Moore said that

history of the present money worries trace back to the Johnson administration's handling of the costlier-than-admitted Vietnam war and the beginning of social welfare programs.

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Pa. Farm Show gets a face-lift, new schedules

By JOAN LIESAU
HARRISBURG - The Farm Show Building Complex has had a face lift and a few of the schedules

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have been changed for the 1979 Farm Show, January 8 through the 12.

In the dairy division the numbers an individual or herd unit can show has been reduced from ten animals in the colored breeds and/or eight Holsteins to eight

in the colored breeds and six Holsteins. The previous group classes have been combined into one class called the exhibitors herd with four animals. The premiums have been increased accordingly for this class.

The sheep and swine classes remain the same except for one change in the market lambs. Junior market lambs will be shown by weight classification rather than by breeds.

Grade mares will not be a separate class anymore.

They will have their own class in their respective breeds. A pony pulling division has been added this year. Thursday night will be the run off for the State Pony Pulling Championship. This will be the Keystone Pony Pullers Association sanc-

tioned state championship contest.

The pony pulling contest replaces the "Parade of Blue Ribbon Stock" which was traditionally held on Thursday evening. Ac-

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Pa.'s certified farm markets growing in numbers

By KENDACE BERRY
"Producer marketers have a unique opportunity today," Eugene McDowell, director of product ser-

vices, for PACMA's consumer product division, the Pennsylvania Farmer's Association's marketing affiliate, stated. "They have

an outlet for their sales, with no middleman in between them."

He was speaking of the Certified Farm Market

program, which is another name for the Retail Farm Market Division of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association, Camp Hill. The

program, which was originally set up under the Pa. Department of Agriculture, has for two

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Lebanon Co. farmer wins state alfalfa contest

UNIVERSITY PARK - Six Pennsylvania grassland farmers received 1978 State Alfalfa Growers Awards at the recent Forage and Seed

Conference held at Penn State main campus. Dr. John E. Baylor, Penn State Extension agronomist and contest coordinator,

points out that the winners were selected on the basis of points received for hay equivalent yield per acre, pounds of protein, and total

digestible nutrients during the entire growing season.

Champion alfalfa grower was I. Hershey Bare, Lebanon R2. He produced

8.71 tons of hay equivalent; 3,268 pounds of protein, and 9,730 pounds of total digestible nutrients per acre.

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