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1978 was a good year

By DIETER KRIEG
LITITZ — The year that's ending was a good one, say most farmers in eastern Pennsylvania, and they're looking for about the same kind of situation in 1979. That's the consensus of

opinions shared by a number of Lancaster Farming's readers this week. Their only complaint is that costs - especially for machinery and parts - are too high. Robert Rohrer of Strasburg proclaimed 1978

was a very good year for the American farmer, and while he's optimistic about the future, he admits that the overall state of the economy could lead to some hard times. He doesn't believe
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Global egg situation viewed

By KENDACE BERRY
LANCASTER — The worldwide egg situation has its effects on egg producers in Lancaster County, even though their eggs are seldom exported, according to Hendrik Wentink, assistant

to the president of Pennfield Corporation, Lancaster; and chairman of the National Commission on Egg Nutrition, Arlington, Va.

Around the world, there is a "great controversy", he

said, dealing with the diet-heart cholesterol issue. Ten to 15 years ago, he explained, it was almost a foregone conclusion that too much cholesterol would increase the chances of
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Tobacco being purchased

By DIETER KRIEG
LANCASTER — Tobacco buyers are visiting farmers again now, offering between 60 and 70 cents per pound for a crop which is generally being described as good to very good.

According to one grower-buyer, about a tenth of Lancaster County's crop has been bought, as buyers were just getting started this week to inspect the local crop. The Maryland type tobacco, however, was purchased in

early November. Prices for those varieties reportedly ranged from 35 to 85 cents per pound, depending on quality and grading. While some companies expect the farmer to sort his
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Bomgardner sweeps 4-H round-up

By JOAN LIESAU
LEBANON — Jay Bomgardner, 19, captured both grand championship titles with his market hog and steer projects at the Lebanon County 4-H baby beef and market swine

round-up held December 27 at the Lebanon County Fairgrounds.

Jay, the son of Victor and Anna Bomgardner, Annville R3, showed a 1265 pound Angus-Simmental-Hereford cross steer which was later

sold to the Lebanon Valley National Bank. The steer sold for \$1.06 per pound for a total of \$1340.90. His buddy steer, a 1050 pound Hereford-Simmental cross, placed second in its
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