

Berks Farmers president talks about ag exports

BLANDON — With a record \$40 billion in agricultural exports this year, America's farmers will just about cut the total U.S. trade deficit in half, John K. Kooker, Jr., said. In commenting on this

vital issue this week, Berks County Farmers' Association President Kooker said the farm trade surplus of about \$22 billion will cut the projected total U.S. trade deficit from \$45 billion to an estimated \$23 billion.

"Agricultural trade surplus is the largest single factor in keeping what strength remains in the American dollar," Kooker said.

The farm leader pointed out that there are now 10 nations that buy more than \$1 billion worth of agricultural commodities from the U.S. each year

Japan heads the list, buying more than \$5 billion worth of farm products annually. Two billion dollar customers for American agricultural products include the Netherlands and USSR with both Mexico and Mainland China expected in the \$2 billion bracket this year.

One billion dollar customers for American farm production include West Germany, United Kingdom, South Korea, Taiwan and Canada.

Referring to the concerns by our farmers of the abuses in imported agricultural items such as mushrooms and fresh vegetables at prices considered less than fair value, Kooker said the association will continue to review the situation.

"There is a world of difference between outright dumping of commodities versus the clean competition of imports under rules we all agree to follow through the trade negotiation process," Kooker said.



Guernsey breeders

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4-Mark Hammond, Chambersburg; 5-C. David Layman, Waynesboro.

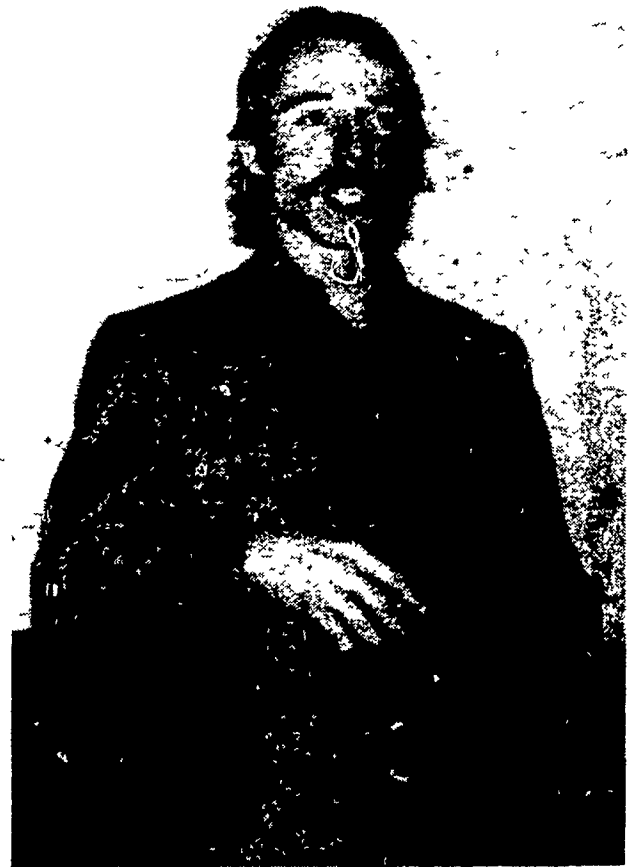
Kenneth Mummert, host of the meeting, explained to the county association his dairy operation since the group last visited the Mummert farm five years ago.

Currently Mummert has 91 milk cows, a half-Guernsey and half-Holstein

herd, and farms approximately 270 acres. His farm is located near the Letterkenny Army Depot.

Prizes for the judging contest were donated by: Atlantic Breeders; C.V. Coop; Donald Koons, A.B.S., Chambersburg Farm Service, Melrose; and Sire Power.

Refreshments were served after the adjournment of the meeting.



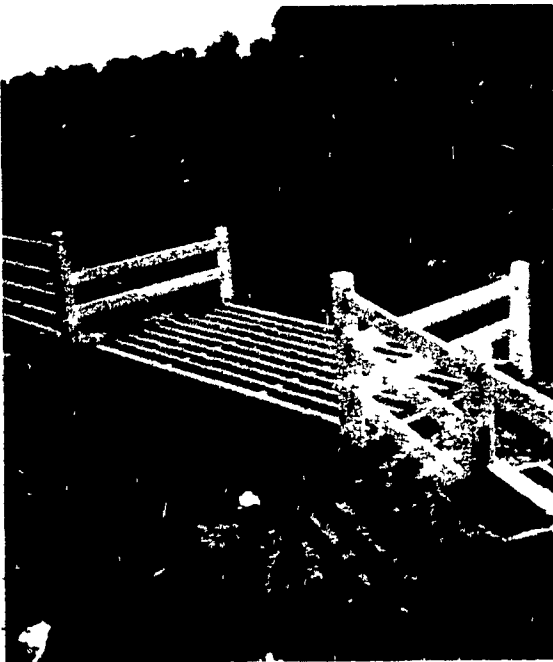
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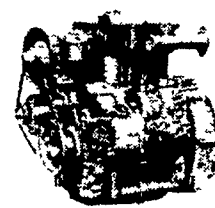
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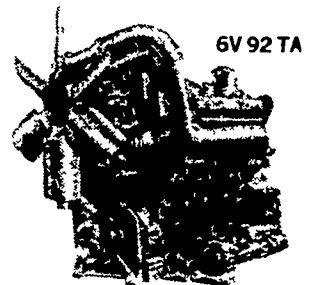
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