

Farmers Union elects new state chairman

JAMESTOWN — James Brown, of Jamestown, Mercer County, was elected chairman of the Pennsylvania Farmers Union following the ninth annual

convention of the organization.

Brown, currently Mercer County Farmers Union president, succeeds Forney Longenecker of Lutz as chairman of the Commonwealth's family farm organization.

A Farmers Union member for more than 33 years, the Mercer County beef farmer served during 1980 as vice-chairman to Longenecker. Brown also was instrumental in forming the Farmers Union Milk Producers Association, a cooperative now operating in Pennsylvania's western counties.

"It is indeed an honor to serve this organization as chairman," Brown said. "I am dedicated to continuing the growth the Farmers Union has made during the last three years."

Elected vice-chairman for the coming year is Irk McConnell, Sr., of McDonald, Washington County. McConnell last year was elected delegate to the National Farmers Union Convention, and for many years has been Washington County president.

Both men bring to their offices a long tradition of public involvement and leadership in the Farmers

Union. Brown has been a farmer his entire life, and was president of the Farmers Union Milk Producers Cooperative for 11 years.

He now serves as an executive member of the Production Credit Board, and chairman of the Green Township Board of Supervisors in his home county.

The election of Brown and McConnell followed the largest convention ever held by the Pennsylvania Farmers Union. More than 120 delegates from approximately 22 counties attended the two-day session at the Grantville Holiday Inn, east of Harrisburg.



James Brown, left, of Jamestown is the newly elected chairman of the Pennsylvania Farmers Union. With him is Irk McConnell, Sr., of McDonald, the new vice chairman.

Farmers are feeding slightly fewer head

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania cattle feeders had 78,000 cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market on January 1, 1981, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. This number was down one percent from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle during the October-December quarter, at 17,000, was below the 19,000 marketed a year earlier. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during the October-December quarter totaled 47,000, six percent below the same period a year ago.

Expected marketings during the January-March 1981 quarter, projected at 26,000, would be 24 percent above the same period last year.

In the 23 major cattle states, the number of cattle and calves on feed was 11.1

million head. This was down five percent from last January and 12 percent below January 1, 1979.

Placements during the October-December 1980 quarter were 734 million, nine percent below the same quarter last year and 15 percent less than the fourth quarter of 1978.

Other disappearance of 523,000 leaves net placements of 6.82 million.

Marketings of fed cattle for slaughter during the October-December quarter were 5.68 million, one percent and 16 percent below 1979 and 1978 respectively. Cattle feeders intend to market 6.29 million during the January-March quarter of 1981.

If this total is realized, first quarter marketings would be two percent above 1980 but seven percent below the same period in 1979.

Extension banquet on Feb. 12

LANCASTER — The annual dinner meeting of the Lancaster County Extension Association will be held on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 6:45 p.m. in the auditorium of the Farm and Home Center.

Tickets for the banquet can be purchased before Monday, Feb. 9 from any member of the Board of Directors, or from the Extension Office.

Michael Ranck, Lancaster County District Attorney, will speak about "Crime-

Home and Community", a growing concern of farm communities. A brief slide presentation will introduce Lancaster County's 1980 Master Farmer, Galen W. Crouse and family.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Carol and Connie Balmer. A brief meeting and election of Directors will be conducted and a review of extension activities of 1980 will be presented.

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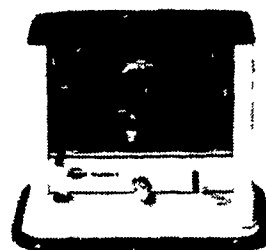
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