

# Pork Congress

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producers to take a look at what happens when they hold hogs an extra week or two while holding out for higher prices

"With the 2 million hogs slaughtered every week, feeding a 225 pound hog an extra week can add 25 million pounds of pork to the

market, and you know what that will do to pricing," he said.

He also suggested producers study the futures market and use it as a tool, not just as a barometer for prices. He told them to lock in at a price that will insure a profit, not necessarily the top dollar.

He emphasized hog producers need to learn how to hedge and use the futures since packers are hedging and marketing their product with the futures — putting more competition in the live hog market.

However, Yergler pointed out, the number of farms competing in pork production will be continuing to decrease. He predicted the number of farms raising hogs will drop to 100,000 nationwide by 1999. These farms possibly will be producing more pork than the 2,400,000 farms that were in the pork business in 1954, he said.

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President Abe Fisher was kept busy handing out awards during the Third Annual Keystone Pork Congress. He presented Michele Bankert, above, with the 1981 Champion Junior Showman award, and Robert Bishop, below, received the 1980 4-H Swine Producers award.



The way these hogs are raised also has changed, he said, with the shift being toward more confinement.

"Six years ago, there were only 10 percent of the operations raising hogs in total confinement, with 70 percent raising hogs in open lots and pasture, and 20 percent using partial confinement. Now, about 30 percent of the hogs are raised in total confinement, and those raised in open lots and pastures has dropped to 20 percent, with the difference in partial."

Concerning the recent rise in feeder pig prices, Yergler stated this national trend is the result of a shortage — a backlash from last spring's low prices. However, he noted, it is normal for feeder pig prices to go up around this time.

The Lancaster markets reported a rise in prices over the past three weeks from \$50 to \$100, with this week's market dropping back down in the \$90 range. Locally, the pig shortage is believed to be the result of the stress on sows during the hot weather last summer and poor conception rates, plus pig losses due to diseases like TGE and pseudorabies.

The remainder of the session was devoted to electronic marketing and telephone auctions.

Ohio State's Dennis Henderson described the Hog Accelerated Marketing Service, called HAMS,

which is being developed and studied under a federal grant in Ohio.

Through a network of computer terminals, hogs are marketed at the rate of 1300 to 1400 head per day. These numbers, however, only account for 13 percent of the operating costs of the system — about \$2.50-\$3 per head. Other traditional methods of marketing run around \$1.50 per head for costs.

George Lane, hog division marketing manager of Producer's Livestock Association commented, "We've shown this system can market hogs. There is a need for electronic marketing. Producers using the system are optimistic and packers are interested."

Presently, three Pennsylvania packers are hooked up on the computer terminal system.

Mike Carpenter of the Virginia Department of Agriculture explained the state's Tel-O-Auctions, started in 1960. He noted 60-70 percent of the state's feeder pigs are sold through the telephone auction — between 150,000-160,000 each year.

John Saunders, vice president of the National Pork Producers Council, summed up the Third Keystone Pork Congress by complimenting the volunteer organization on a superb effort — one that could compare to other state's with paid PPC staff.

## PUBLIC SALE

OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD GOODS, ANTIQUES & FARM EQUIPMENT SATURDAY, MARCH 7

At 9:00 A.M.

Located midway between Coatesville and Lancaster, first farm East of Route 41, along Route 30, Lancaster County, PA.

### Household Goods at 9:00 A.M.

Old Kitchen Cabinet, Old Slant Top Millers Desk, 9 piece Dining Room Suite, Old Dovetailed Blanket Chest, 6 Oak Dining Room Chairs; Small Dovetailed Blanket Chest, Washstand, Claw Foot Oak Center Table, Empire Bureau, Small Jelly Cupboard, 6 Drawer Spool Cabinet, Lime Oak Knee-hole Desk, 4 piece Bedroom Suite, Knee-hole Desk, Wood Box, Old Benches, Old Wooden Hobby Horse, Old Plank Bottom Rocker, Camel Back Trunk, Clothes Tree, Hanging Hall Rack, Old Rope Bed, Sofa, Cane Seated and Back Rocker, Rocking Chair, Occasional Chair, Spice Rack, Folding Table and Chair, Franklin Treadle Sewing Machine, Spanish American War Uniform, like new, Souvenir of the SPANISH AMERICAN WAR, Old Clothing, Old Hats, Old Childrens Clothing, Bedding; Old Quilts, Basket Quilt, 9 Patch Quilt; Coverlet, Comforts, Old Homespun Linen; Braided Throw Rugs, Clock, Pictures, Mirrors, Lamps, Books, Old Children's Books, Old Post Cards, Name Cards and Leather Cards, Small China Dolls, Old Key Wind, Pocket Watches, Old Slate, Brass Sleigh Bells, Iron Kettle Hangers, Crocks and Jugs, Ice Tongs; Old Magazine Rack, Rugs 9 by 12 Oldson Rug

### Glassware

Bavarian China Set, Press Glass, Old Willow Ware, Small Glass Basket, Old Press Glass Punch Bowl Set with 12 Cups and Ladle, Cake Stand, Fruit Dishes; Depression Glass; Carnival Ware, Earthen Pie Plates and Bowls, Old Spittoon; English Adams China, Salts, Old Bottles, Dates Jars, Sherbets, Silverware; Old Pin Cushion; Old Coffee Grinder; Japan Cups and Saucers; Tinware, Iron Bear Banks, Old Childs Tool Chest with Tools; AMERICAN FLYER TOY TRAIN AF10, EXCELLENT CONDITION, Tappan Gas Range, Frigidaire Refrigerator, Coleman Space Heater, Oil Space Heater

### Farm Equipment

Allis Chalmers D17 Wide Front End, good rubber, A-C D15 3 point Hook Up Wide Front End, good rubber, A-C D14 has Loader, A-C C A Cultivator and Corn Planter, Farmall Super A with Cultivator and Tobacco Hoers, Oliver 2-14" 3 P Raydex Plow, J D KBA 28 Disc, J D 3 Section Harrow, Cultipacker, Brady Manure Spreader, Two Row Stauffer Tobacco Planter, N H 68 Hay Line Baler PTO, N H 7 foot Mower, MC-Rotary 7 ft wide, Elevator, Drag Elevator, 3 Rubber Tire Wagons with beds; Gram Drill, 2 N I Side Rakes, one on rubber, 2 Tobacco Wagons, One Hole Corn Sheller, Electric and Battery Operated Fencers, Electric Fence Post and Wire

MILK EQUIPMENT — 325 gallon Jamesway Bulk Tank, Two Unit DeLaval Milkers, 30" Barn Fan with automatic Controls, Stainless Buckets and Strainers; Tubs, 40 ft Extension Ladder; Tobacco Lath, Platform Scale, Bale Box, Sizing Boxes, Large Pot Belly Stove, 275 gallon Oil Tank, 19 in Dinner Bell; Iron Trough; Rubber Tire Wheelbarrow, Hay, Corn and many other articles too numerous to mention.

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Household items will be sold first.

Terms by

**JOHN N. & ALICE E. CROUSE**

AUCTIONEERS

Robert E. Martin & Son, 656-7770

Frank L. Steller, 656-8195

D. Steller and K. Martin, Clerks

Refreshments served by

Linville Hill Mennonite School

No Out of State Checks Accepted

## COMPLETE DISPERSAL SATURDAY, MARCH 7

9:30 A.M.

Located 3 miles from Newmilford, PA. Take exit 67 off I-81 and go east on 492. Susquehanna Co. Follow auction arrows.

### 170 HOLSTEINS

About 100 cows in all stages of lactation Lots of size and condition The heifers are all ages from breeding age down A young very productive stanchion dairy The heifers well grown Interstate charts, shipping shots, pregnancy examined

### MACHINERY

MF 2745 tractor with full cab and all extras, V8 diesel, 145 hp looks like new; MF 6 bottom 18" plows, auto reset; MF 1100 diesel; JD 3020 gas, all WF; MF 880 5 bottom plows; JD 10' transport disc; 3 IH forage boxes with wagons; 3 Bale King wagons; NH 289 haybine; NH 256 rake, NH tandem axle 679 spreader; NH 770 chopper; 2 row and pickup; NH 28 blower; Grumm tedder; transport harrows; Wmpower generator

### PRODUCE

Approx 5000 bales very good hay and approx 400 tons early cut grass silage

### FARM

This farm also to be offered at auction at 12 noon. Situated 3 miles from I-81, good farm house, 200 head under 1 room, 116 stanchions with barn cleaner with pipeline to all, 50x100 new freestall heifer barn, 30x60 silo with unloader, 1000 gal tank, lots of land available. Call auctioneer for terms and inspection

Watch next week's paper for complete ad Terms Cash or approved check

Owner

**WILLIAM CANTONE**

Jim Adriance & Sons Auctioneers  
Montrose 717-278-1574

## PUBLIC SALE FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1981

10:30 A.M.

Located 1 1/2 miles north of Route 340 from the Bird-in-Hand Motor Inn & Restaurant. 1 mile south of Monterey along the Monterey Rd., Lancaster Co., Pa.

### LIVESTOCK

50 head of Holstein dairy cattle 39 head of Holstein dairy cows in all stages of production 5 due to freshen in next month 10 heifers from 3 mos to 1 year old 1 small bull 2 pr sorrel mules, well broke

### FARM EQUIPMENT

NH #268 baler with diesel engine, New Idea #323 1-row corn picker, New Idea #206 manure spreader, McD corn binder with loader, Husky fast-feed corn sheller,

Oliver two bottom 12' plow, Oliver single bottom 14' plow, McD #9 7' trailer-gear grass mower, NH elevator, wheel type side rake, 2 flat-bed wagons, 1 with springs,

Mechanical transplanter, McD two row corn planter, John Deere 20 KBA disc harrow; John Deere 3-section spring harrow; 2 John Deere riding cultivators, double cultipacker, gravity bin on running gears,

Two fore-trucks, platform scales, Minnich tobacco press, bag wagon, log chains, front gears, collars, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 horse hitches,

Dairying Equipment, Mojonner 600 gallon bulk tank, Lombardini 20 hp diesel with 1050 hours, 3-DeLaval milking units, 300 pound portable Sputnik, Boumatic 4 or six unit pump, Lehigh 3 hp compressor, stainless steel tubs and strainer, pail rack, electric fence,

Sale at 10:30 A.M.

Owners

**BENJ. S. & LIZZIE E. GLICK**

Diffenbach's Auctioneers

Lunch available.

## PUBLIC AUCTION MONDAY, MARCH 30

Selling Farm Equipment

Location - take Rt. 422 E from Lebanon to Myerstown, in Myerstown take 645 North, go straight on Strack Dam Rd. toward Mt. Zion to E. Strack Dr., turn right to 2nd property on right.

**SAMUEL G. & MARION**

**B. MUSSER**

Owners

John E & Paul E Martin

Auctioneers

## Vo-ag is safe

LANCASTER — The proposed change in Lancaster County Vocational-Technical schools, to be voted on February 26 by the board of directors of the 16 school districts, will have no effect on vocational agriculture, says Ralph Layman of the Willow Street Vo-tech.

"We are not going to be discussing or changing vo-ag at all," Layman said. "In the process of long-range goals, however, we may include horticulture and floriculture into one basic course with students specializing their senior year."

The plan, first presented last fall, has been met with much criticism which resulted in cutting the proposed expense almost in half, from a \$4.1 million project to a \$2.5 million one in October of last year.

The Thursday meeting will be held at the Brownstown Vo-tech school at 8 p.m. 144 members of schools' boards will be voting.