

Reading Fair honors Sattazahns, 1981 Farm Family

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FLEETWOOD — The Reading Fair Board of Directors honored the 1981 Farm Family, 4-H Boy and Girl and FFA and FHA Boy and Girl during their annual pre-fair banquet on Monday, here at the Fleetwood Grange.

Selected from among other Grange entries, the Clarence Sattazahns family of R1 Womelsdorf, members of Marion

Grange were this year's Reading Fair Farm Family. Their selection made them the 26th farm family to be honored by this occasion. In the audience were members representing all 25 previous farm family winners.

The Sattazahns, Clarence, Marlene, and their children, Karen, Kevin, and Kirk, farm 310 acres and are presently milking 95 Holsteins. Their rolling herd average for 1980 was 16,479 pounds

milk and 580 pounds butterfat.

Their cows are kept in free stall housing, divided into three groups and milked in a carousel milking parlor. The groups include cows producing over 50 pounds milk per day, cows under 50 pounds milk per day and dry cows. The Sattazahns outfit high producers with magnets, enabling them access to more feed.

Their crops include 140 acres of corn which yielded 24 tons of silage per acre last year and 140 bushels of grain per acre. They also have 75 acres of hay, harvested as haylage or baled in large round bales, 25 acres of wheat, 50 acres of pasture and 20 acres of woodland. They have three silos used for haylage, corn silage, and high moisture corn.

Clarence does his own artificial insemination and presently has four bulls on the farm. He has been a member of the Marion Grange since 1954 and has been Master for three years.

He is a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Host, like the other members of his family, and belongs to many other farm related organizations such as the Conrad Weiser Young Farmers, various Holstein associations, Berks County and Pennsylvania Farmers' Associations, Berks DHIA, Atlantic Breeders Cooperative, the Dairy Shrine Club, and also the Marion Township zoning board.

Marlene is a member of Farm Women Society 5 as well as the Grange and church. She is active in the farm operation, milking



The Clarence Sattazahns family was honored as the Farm Family of the Year. Seated are Clarence and Marlene with children, Karen, Kevin, and Kirk.

Near-record

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reach \$3.15 a bushel in the 4 months you delayed selling.

If you have to pay storage charges for corn held under loan, say 30 cents per bushel per year, you would have to add this in figuring your alternatives:

30 cents = 2.5¢ per bu. per month
12 mos.
3.7 cents + 2.5 cents = 6.2 cents per bushel

In this example, corn prices would have to rise by 6.2 cents per month for you to come out even. In 4 months' time, corn would have to sell for \$3.25.

In weighing your options, you should also consider how much your State and Federal income taxes would be reduced by deductions for interest paid on CCC loans and commercial storage. Also consider how much your taxes would be increased by interest earned on cash from grain sold at harvest.

New CCC corn, sorghum pricing policy put in place

On July 17, USDA announces a new policy for selling CCC stocks of corn and sorghum. To avoid market disruptions, only a portion of the stocks will be sold at minimum sales prices, which will be calculated at 115 percent of the county loan rate plus carrying charges for interest, storage, and handling. While minimum sales prices will vary by location, the national average minimum sales prices will be \$3.13 per bushel for corn and \$3 for sorghum.

Bids for additional amounts will be accepted at higher prices, or at later dates. This pricing strategy will let the market determine how much and where grain will be sold.

The new policy allows the CCC to accept bids as small as 1,000 bushels. This will help farmers, particularly farmer-feeders, to bid for CCC offerings. Contact your ASCS office for further information.

morning and evenings, keeping the records and doing the banking. This farm wife also cans and freezes her garden produce and helps with general upkeep and fieldwork.

The Sattazahns eldest child and only daughter, Karen, 21, was the 1980 Berks County Dairy Princess. She is presently a senior at Kutztown State College, majoring in elementary education and library science. Karen was involved in 4-H for ten years, was elected to the

National Four Society and served as a director to the Berks County Junior Holstein Club for three years. She presently is the Dairy Princess Promotion coordinator for Berks County.

Kevin, 18, who was a 1980 graduate of Conrad Weiser High School, helps full time on the farm. He is a director of the Junior Holstein Club and was a 4-H member for 10 years. Kevin is a member of the Conrad Weiser FFA

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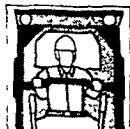
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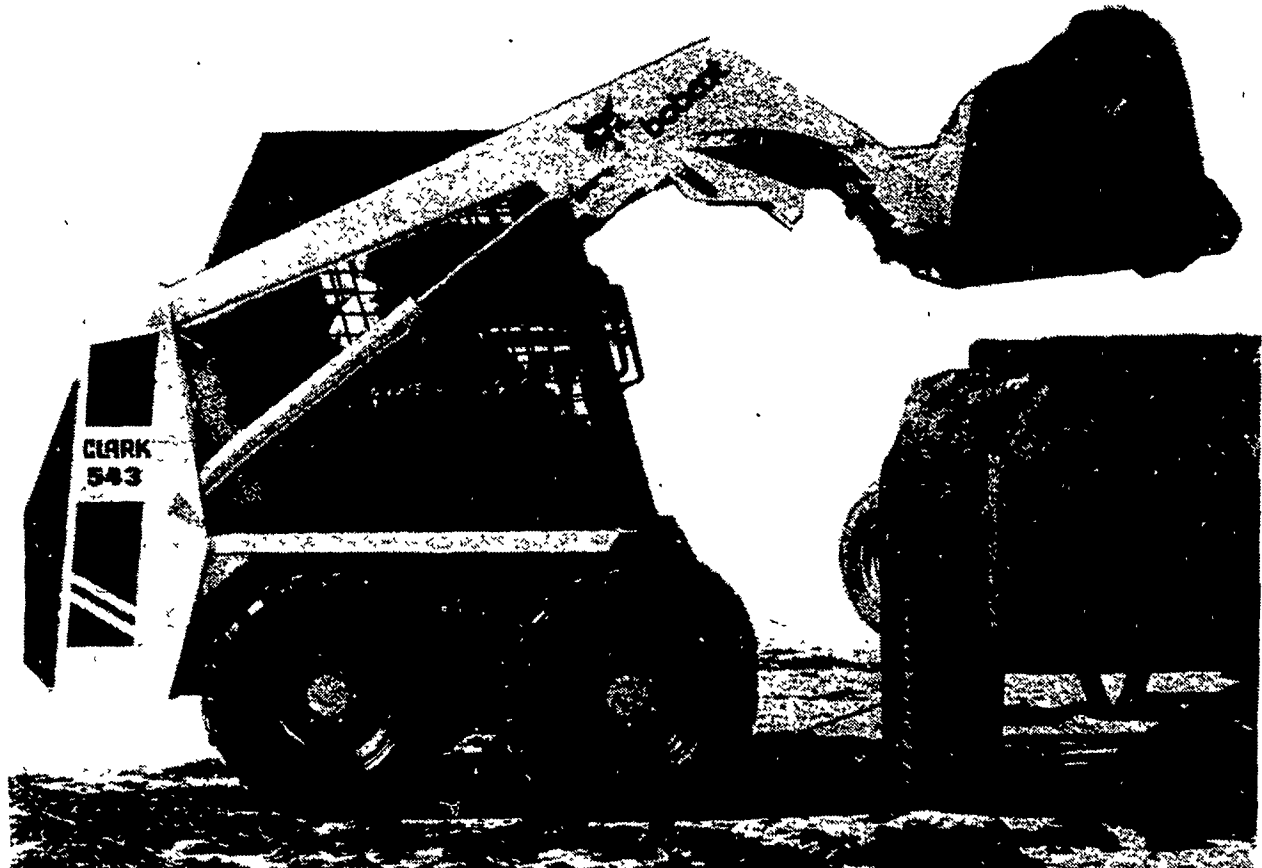
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