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Lancaster Century Farm Awards

102-Year-Old Grandmother Joins Family At Podium



Mrs. Martin Moore the 102-year-old grandmother (second from left) joined grandson David and wife Mary Fyock in front of the Lancaster County Ag Industry Banquet this week to receive a Century Farm award. Mrs. Moore was born and raised on the Lititz family farm. Robert Zook, Ag Committee chairman made the presentation.

BY EVERETT NEWSWANGER
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LANDISVILLE, Pa. — To the warm applause of the more than 250 participants at the Lancaster County Agricultural Industry Banquet here Tuesday evening a 102 year old grandmother joined her family at the podium to receive century farm recognition.

David and Mary Fyock, Lititz, with David's grandmother Mrs. Martin Moore along with six other farm families were recognized for having farms in the family for more than 100 years. The Fyock farm at 905 Orchard Road has been in the family for 105 years. Grandmother Moore was born and raised on the farm that was purchased in 1881.

Two of the new century farms came from the same family. One from the mother's side and one from the father's side. Robert and Jane Houser, 436 Beaver Valley

Pike, own the farm from father Harry Houser. This farm has been in the Houser family since 1869. That's 117 years. Rodney and Mary Lou Houser, Lancaster R6, own the farm from mother Elizabeth Houser. This farm has been in the family since 1841 or 145 years.

One of the farm couples was about to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Warren and Alverta Buch, 50 Campus Road, Lititz, own the family farm that was purchased in 1871 or 115 years ago.

The oldest farm recognized this year is owned by Mahlon and Hazel Charles, Marietta R2. Their family farm was purchased in 1823, 163 years ago.

Henry and Hazel Reist, Mount Joy, own the family farm that was purchased in 1826. That's 159 years ago.

Jay and Louis Ball, Mount Joy, (Turn to Page A24)

Tax Reform Act Will Cost Most Farmers More Dollars

BY SUZANNE KEENE

LANCASTER — As 1986 draws to a close farmers should evaluate how recent changes in the tax code will affect their tax returns this year and in 1987.

Among the revisions in the Tax Reform Act of 1986 are smaller deductions in soil and water conservation expenses, loss of capital gains and investment credit deductions, and reductions in depreciation deductions.

"Most commercial farmers will pay more tax with the new law than they paid under the old law," Penn State Extension tax

specialist Dr. Larry Jenkins told farmers attending an Extension sponsored meeting at the Lancaster County Farm and Home Center this week.

A recent Penn State study of 2,200 Pennsylvania farms indicated farmers, on the average, can expect tax increases of just over \$1,500.

"The take-aways are immediate and the give-backs don't happen until '88 and '89," he said.

Jenkins warned farmers to expect 1987 to be the toughest tax year in a long time and urged them to plan now to use the deductions

that remain to their best advantage.

He suggested farmers try to transfer some expenses into 1987 to offset income in that year. "Shift your expenses into 1987 as much as you can," he advised. "Use your pencil on it. Do some planning of your own."

Some farmers, he noted, traditionally stock up on supplies at the end of the year. Delaying those purchases until Jan. 1 would be wiser with the tax changes, he said.

Because consumer interest will not be deductible in 1987, farmers

who have a choice of paying off business or consumer loans should pay the consumer loans and keep the business loans, Jenkins advised.

Farmers who are eligible to contribute to an IRA would be wise to do so. A carefully selected IRA plan can earn more than a typical

small investment and will be more valuable than before the tax law changed, Jenkins said.

To help farmers with their planning, Jenkins outlined a number of the major tax code changes that will affect them

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Wisc. Expert Says Alfalfa Key To Profits

BY JACK HUBLEY

STATE COLLEGE — After more than two decades of involvement with forage research, Dr. Neal Jorgensen concludes that nothing enables a dairyman to turn a profit better than high quality alfalfa. Jorgensen, who serves as director of the University of Wisconsin's Agriculture Experiment Station, came to Pennsylvania to tell his story as one of the featured speakers at the Annual Forage Conference co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council and Penn State University.

Held at the university's Keller Conference Center on Tuesday, this year's conference zeroed in on the role of forages in dairy profitability. And as the morning session's kick-off speaker, Jorgensen assured his audience that alfalfa has no peer when it comes to the efficient conversion of feedstuffs to milk.

The researcher, who owns a herd of 65 dairy cows in conjunction with his brother, noted that, in general, alfalfa is underutilized. "We should be increasing the use of alfalfa from the time the cow calves right through the lactation

cycle," he said. "We do not recommend to our dairymen that they feed corn silage to high-producing cows in the first two months of lactation.

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Milk Prices, Utilization Increase

BY MARTHA J. GEHRINGER
UNIVERSITY PARK — Milk prices and Class 1 utilization of milk increased while total milk production and CCC purchases fell during October 1986, according to USDA statistics.

"Everything keeps getting better. We may be turning the corner for dairy," Jack Kirkland, Penn State economist, said.

Kirkland speculated that there would be no drop in the milk support price between 1988 and 1990. He based this prediction on the continuing drop in production and CCC purchases.

He said, however, that CCC's purchases would be close to the level which could trigger a price drop in the 1988. "I may be going out on a limb, but I feel very good about the dairy industry right now. Unless the bottom drops out between October and December, the

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Of these 6,000 turkeys on the farm of John Sensenig, Lititz, that escaped someone's Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, they still have Christmas around the corner.

Turkey Still Receives Top Billing

BY BECKY COLLINS
Special to Lancaster Farming

Behold, the lowly turkey.

Its name has been denigrated as a means of describing a number of things in our society. "Cold turkey," "talking turkey," and just plain "turkey" describe a few of the more human qualities we give these birds.

Yet, as the holiday season rolls around each year, the value of the lowly turkey is not lost on a nation of turkey "gobblers"

First Thanksgiving

Yes, it's true that the turkey was present at the first Thanksgiving in 1621. According to the National Wildlife magazine, wild turkeys were donated by the Indians in attendance as their contribution to the feast.

Long before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, millions of wild turkeys ranged North America Built for speed, hunting the elusive turkey was a challenge which could take all day

Benjamin Franklin was so en-

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ACRES Isn't The Size Of Your Farm

BY EVERETT NEWSWANGER
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CAMP HILL, Pa. — Now when a farmer talks about his acres, he may have subscribed to the Pennsylvania Farmers Association's Electronic Market and News Service. He may not be describing the size of his farm at all.

Originated by the American Farm Bureau, this new service available through PFA's Farm Management Services Division gives Pennsylvania farmers commodity Futures quotes updated every 10 minutes. With the instant access to the same in-

formation used by commercial traders, local farmers can now have help to interpret trends and select markets as close as their telephone.

Agricultural communications and resource evaluations systems, or ACRES for short, also gives you USDA market wires, market analyses and national weather service reports.

Keith Eckel, president of PFA, and a farm user of ACRES for a number of years says that the markets and the weather reports are two of the major items on the ACRES program that help him. "I

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