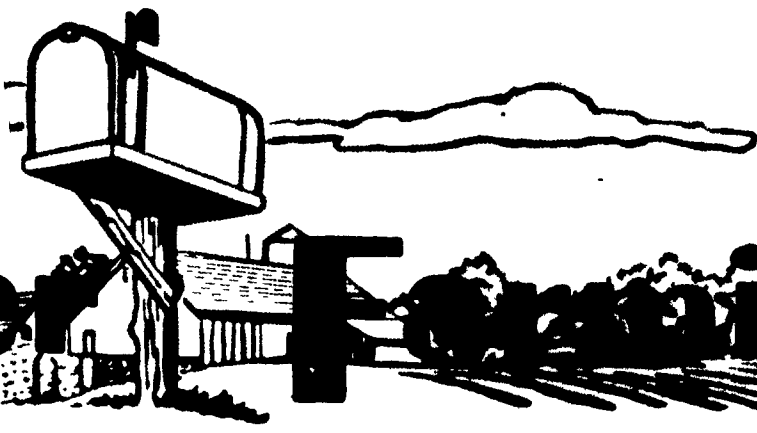


Lancaster Farming



Maryland-Leaf Prices Up 1 Percent Over Last Year

BY LISA RISSER
PARADISE (Lancaster) — Brisk weather and brisk bidding greeted tobacco growers and buyers at the season's first tobacco auction on Monday. The finest quality Maryland-type tobacco went for a high of \$1.26 per pound with the 12 buyers paying an average of \$1.12 per pound.
"We had a tremendous sale," reported Eric Probst, president of Paradise Tobacco Auction where the sale was held. "Most of the farmers went out of here with a smile on their faces."
The prices auctioneer Mitch Ashby of North Carolina coaxed out of buyers was about 12 cents higher than prices of a year ago. "Buyers are energetic about this year's crop," he said. "The demand

is high for this crop."
According to Ashby the tobacco that was dumped on the market by the federal government a couple of years ago has been bought up and now there's a shortage.
A few hundred growers and spectators followed the bidding action and about a dozen farmers rejected the top bid for their crop and refused to sell. "They decided to holdout in anticipation of higher prices," explained Probst.
About 150,000 pounds of tobacco were sold on Monday with the price range between \$1.26 and \$1.45. Joe Irvin with Ideal Leaf Tobacco Co. of Farmville, Va., was the volume buyer on Monday. Two days later the average selling price was \$1.16 with all good-



Twelve buyers lined up in the Paradise Tobacco Auction warehouse on Monday to purchase about 150,000 pounds of Maryland type leaf. The average price per pound was \$1.12 with the finest-quality tobacco bringing \$1.26 per pound.

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A panoramic birds-eye view of the Reiff farm sale north of New Holland. Three prints, cut and pieced together, give full record of the nearly 1000 farmers who attended--one of the largest crowds ever to attend a real estate sale.

Lanc. Farm In Ag Zone Sells At Development Prices

BY EVERETT NEWSWANGER
Managing Editor
NEW HOLLAND - Land zoned rural/agriculture and in the same family for 127 years sold at a public auction here Tuesday afternoon for a price that rivals average development property.
The Earl Township farm, formerly owned by Annie N. Reiff, brought \$14,090 an acre from two local farmers who plan to keep the land in farming. Ben Hoover, New

Holland, paid \$690,000 for the 47 acres with two houses, steer and hog barns and other buildings on the east side of Rail Road Avenue. Jacob Reiff, a Litz area farmer bought the 19 acres of prime farmland on the west side of the road for \$240,000.
About 1,000 people, many who arrived at the farm on bicycles, horse drawn buggies or cars with bumpers painted black, formed a solid circle, five, ten and fifteen men deep, around the auctioneer's

stand. The atmosphere riveled many a sporting event at the spectrum.
As the price soared to record prices on the separate tracts the prospect to keep all the land together diminished. In the end, **National Egg Producers Discuss Supply Management**
BY LOU ANN GOOD
CHICAGO, IL — National representatives met in Chicago Thursday to review the findings from the nationwide egg producers survey. The survey was sparked from Lancaster egg producers who want to stop the decline in egg consumption and prices.
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when both farm tracts were offered together, no additional bids were received. So the farm was sold in separate parts. In addition, the Linden Grove School on the property at the corner of Linden Grove Road and Rail Road Avenue brought an additional \$45,000 from Melvin Hoover, New Holland. Total price for the combined properties was \$975,000.
When compared to farms that sold in 1987 in the suburban Lan-

caster City growth development area, this land sold for only \$1,600 below the \$15,696 average. When compared to agricultural land in the county, the selling price was a record \$3,600 per acre above the previous selling farm. This previous record came last December on another East Earl Township farm along Route 23 that brought \$750,000 or \$10,490 per acre.
According to Agricultural Pre-

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Genetic Progress, BST — Solutions Or Problems

BY PAT PURCELL
LEBANON — Advances in genetic development and in research on Bovine Somatotrophin suggest that the dairyman may be finding new solutions to some old problems. But according to the president of the Lebanon County Holstein Club, progress in these areas may create more questions

than answers.
Dr. David Vail, veterinarian and registered Holstein breeder has devoted more than 30 years of his young life to the Holstein breed. Vail continues to show and breed, but has some doubts about what is being called progress in genetic development. Also, he believes

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Lancaster County Production Up DHIA Member Fees To Increase By 3-5 Percent

BY PAT PURCELL & LISA RISSER
LANCASTER — An increase in DHIA fees, necessary to pull the organization into the black, will be instated as of January 1, 1989, Clifford Blank told Lancaster County members this week.
County DHIA members gathered for their annual meeting

and awards banquet at Yoder's Restaurant of New Holland on Monday and at Willow Valley Convention Center on Tuesday.
Farmers who are testing their herds two times per day will be charged an additional \$5 with the money going to help pay supervisors' salaries. Also, district directors

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