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Flemingburg, Ky.

Make a market for farm products

by Dr. John E. Shierly, Director of Farms, Eastern Kentucky University
Farmers have used the market at the end of each crop year they find out if they have made a profit or not. Once this profit or loss has been determined the serious farmer will study his program to determine the best way to improve his earnings during the next crop year.

Example A, you had an average corn yield of 100 bushels per acre. The price during harvest was only \$1.30 per bushel, so you received only \$130 per acre for your corn.

Case 1: After studying the situation you observe that if you had stored your corn for sale the following spring, you could get \$2.20 a bushel. In this case your receipts would be \$220 per acre. The conclusion in this case might be to build a storage structure for corn.

Case 2: Further study of the corn crop showed that you could have produced 100 tons of silage per acre by feeding the silage to beef steers you could realize a profit of \$20 per ton for silage. In this case your receipts would have been \$400 per acre. The conclusion in this case might be to harvest your corn as silage and feed it to beef steers.

In both cases some cash outlay would be required to increase the value of your corn crop but the additional income would be worth it.

Example B, you have a cow-calf operation containing 60 cows. You had a lowly elderly or needy person before Christmas as the club project. Mrs. Mike Jones, secretary and treasurer, read the minutes and called the roll. The program entitled "The Night the Angels Sing" was presented by first reader, Mrs. James Hamon and third reader, Mrs. Gile C. Hammy who read the story "The Miracle of Christmas". Mrs. Rusty Lawrence sang a solo, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy". Mrs. Elgin Clark was organist for the group as they sang a medley of Christmas carols.

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in market value of finished (fat) steers and hedges is only \$2.50 per cwt. Then, you decided to sell your steers as in Case 3 for a total receipt (less commission) of \$9,200.50 and carry your hedges in a finish weight of 875 pounds.

The hedges bring \$20.00 per cwt. or gross receipts (less sales commission) of \$6,910.50 less additional feed and labor cost of \$1,000.50. This results in net receipts of \$5,910.00 or \$514.44 more than if the hedges were marketed as feeders (Case 2). The combined with

the receipts for the steers gives total receipts of \$9,200.50 instead of the original \$6,910.50 or \$2,290.00 more than original receipts.

This would be the same as originating 119 more steers under your original program.

Use two examples (corn and cattle) to point out a basic fact: You can

improve the market value of your products. In the case of grain, you have stored it until the demand increased. In the case of cattle, you have changed the steers and hedges into a more marketable form and at the same time provided a good market for your same-grown feed. Plus, you have used your land, facilities and labor to better advantage.

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Sheriff investigates accident

Nicholas County Sheriff Reese Smoot investigated an auto accident Saturday evening at the intersection of Gallows Hill Road and Route 23. According to the Sheriff H. B. Mitchell of Mt. Olivet failed to stop at the intersection and struck an auto operated by Clinton Gray, traveling toward Flemingsburg. Two passengers in the auto were reported to have been taken to Nicholas County Hospital for treatment but their names and details concerning their injuries were not available at press time Tuesday.

Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff J. W. Ewing investigated two non-injury auto accidents last week. On Thursday, Dec. 1, about 9:30 p.m., he said, Timothy Watkins, 19, 211 Malberry St., drove his auto into a parked vehicle in the lot at R

& L. Service. According to the accident report, about \$200 worth of damage was done to the left front fender of the Bowles Chevy when his auto was hit in the rear by a vehicle operated by Shelle Kinder, 22, also of Route 1.

According to the Deputy Sheriff both vehicles were traveling toward Flemingsburg on a wet road at the time of the mishap. It had been raining, Mr. Ewing said, and the roads were slick.

NOTICE

To the thief who stole tools out of Small's Greenhouses:

If the tools are returned by Friday night, Dec. 9, nothing will be said. If not returned, I am prepared to take whatever legal action is necessary.

Bill Small

Door prize winner

Mrs. John Gabriel (left) and Mrs. Earl Marshall (right) are pictured as they presented Mrs. Eugene Gauce with the door prize she won at the Nicholas County Health Care Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar held Saturday, Jan. 14, 1977. Mrs. Daniel Tischer, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Tischer, was the hand-made alpha pictured in last week's issue of THE CARLISLE MERCURY. The Westhartian committee will pick up old newspapers if they are tied to bundles. Call 289-7177 for pick up or take your old newspapers to the Nicholas County Community Center. The old newspapers will be used to manufacture cellulose for insulating purposes.

Homemakers meet

The Carsons County Club Fireside Room decorated for Christmas, was the scene last Thursday for the meeting of the Moorefield Homemakers. Mrs. J. S. Wilson and Mrs. Harvey Wilson were hostesses.

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Santa's Carnival TOYS GIFTS

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