

Angus Line Up at Lancaster Roundup



Here is a general view of last week's 13th Annual Southeastern District Livestock Show at Union Stock Yards, Lancaster. Angus are lined up for Judge Jim Coyner, from Warrenton, Va., field representative for the American Aberdeen Angus Breeders association. The day was a bit cold and blustery, the enthusiasm high, the crowd exceptionally large for weather conditions. A word of compliment is due the Stock Yards Company and Livestock Exchange at Lancaster, County Agent Max Smith, their staffs and others who helped make this an excellent, well managed show. — (Lancaster Farming Photo).

Home And Garden

Timely Reminders from The Pennsylvania State University. College of Agriculture

Fit Skirts — Skirts fitted about the waist with darts instead of stitched pleats are more flattering to most women's figures, says Mae B. Barton, Penn State extension clothing specialist.

Affect Food Value — Shell color doesn't affect the food value of eggs. There is no advantage in paying a premium for color. Elsie Jamesberger, Penn State extension consumer education specialist, points out.

Rail Needed — Provide a handrail for basement steps as a safety precaution, advises Doris L. Snook, Penn State extension home management specialist.

Lower Table Decoration —

When you use a floral centerpiece on your dining table, be sure it's low enough so folks can see over it when they're seated. That's a reminder from Bonnie Dale Sansom, Penn State extension home furnishings specialist.

Grease Pans — Grease only the bottom of cake pans. Cake has greater volume and a flatter top if the sides aren't greased, reports Louise W. Hamilton, Penn State extension nutritionist.

Cook Eggs — Always cook eggs at a low temperature. High heat makes them tough and hard, reminds Marjorie J. Wormeck, Penn State extension nutritionist.

Measure Correctly — Modern cookbooks call for level measurements. If you measure accurately with standard spoons and cups,

you will have few failures, believes Helen L. Denning, Penn State extension nutritionist.

Mulch Strawberries — Mulch your strawberry patch soon to prevent heaving and severe frost damage, urges Carl Bittner, Penn State extension pomologist. Straw is first choice of materials. Put it on before temperatures drop below 20 degrees Fahrenheit but after the plants have been subjected to several hard frosts.

Cut Asparagus Tops — The dead tops of asparagus plants may be cut off this month, reminds Robert Fletcher, Penn State extension vegetable specialist. If not diseased, the tops may be used for mulch. Some growers leave the tops on until spring and then disk them into the soil.

Honey for Consumers — Honey is marketed in four forms: comb, chunk, creamed, and liquid. Charles Porter, Penn State extension consumer information specialist, reports that three-fourths of the crop is sold extracted from the comb, usually in glass jars.

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The first jet-powered vertical takeoff plane was recently tested at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. Previous VTO's have been powered by propellers driven by turbines.

Meat Animal Production At Record High

Production of meat animals in 1955 soared to a record volume of almost 27 billion pounds, and Americans are eating more meat today than they have in the last 47 years.

Such are the highlights of a USDA report which gives per capita consumption at 161 lbs this year, largest in the last 47 years. Consumer demand, increased supplies and lower feed costs were credited with the record.

Hogs To Level Out

Production of meat next year should remain very close to the 1955 volume. Hog production, now swinging upward, may level out or move lower in 1956, but slaughter totals are expected to surpass the 1955 figures. Cattle numbers and slaughter, at a high mark this year, may taper down a bit next year. Sheep numbers are expected to be lower in January.

The increase in hog production marked two years in a row that supplies have moved higher, in face of skidding prices. Currently the USDA is buying pork and lard in an effort to bolster the market. The cost of this program, Secretary Benson advises, may be around \$85 million.

Spring Pigs Gain

Spring pigs increased 9 percent, and a prospective 10 percent fall pig increase is likely. However, the corn-hog ratio is also not far above average, with lower prices for that feed grain. The 1956 spring crop is not expected to change much from 1955, but marked reduction may occur

in the fall next year.

The two-year decline in hog prices is expected to end next year, and average prices should be close to those of 1955, the Department added.



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