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Livestock Show For 4-H Slated November 6-8

Nov 6-8 has been selected as dates for the 1956 Southeastern District 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Club show and sale at Lancaster Union Stock Yards

John M Hooper, president of the Lancaster Live Stock Exchange, announced the Exchange will again sponsor the closing day sale. He expects more than 300 head of steers from 10 counties to be entered, along with 20 pens of lambs

Counties making entries are: Adams, Berks, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, Northampton, Perry and York.

Henry T Moon, assistant state 4-H Club leader, is chairman of the show committee.

Other members are Homer Gabel, Perry County, Howard Ritter, Northampton County, and Fred Linton, Lancaster County, club leaders, Tom King, Penn State extension specialist, Harold Stewart, assistant Dauphin County Agent, and County Agent Max Smith, Lancaster County

150 Holstein Breeders Tour Farms, Plants

Mushrooms, automobiles—and dairy herds were on the Monday tour made by 150 members of the Lancaster County Holstein Breeders Association

Ebbecke's Mushroom Plants at Toughkenamon was the first stop of the day, then the group visited the General Motors plants at Wilmington, Del., and the famed Winterthur Farms north of Wilmington. Also included in the tour was Hill Girt Farms at Chadd's Ford.

In charge of the tour was Everett Benjamin, R2 Holtwood

20-Year State Campaign Against Brucellosis Complete in Two Years

Leland H Bull, State Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, has advised Pennsylvania dairy farmers that a 20-year campaign to clean up their most troublesome disease of cattle may be "virtually completed" within two years.

The State's brucellosis or Bang's disease eradication program has been stepped up recently and is moving much faster than expected, he told the opening session of the annual 2-day meeting of the State Brucellosis Committee on March 22.

"We now have 34 of the 67 counties officially certified as brucellosis-free, seven of them attaining the honor roll within the past year," the Deputy Secretary declared. "Centre, Cambria and Mercer Counties are nearly ready for certification and all Western Pennsylvania should be cleaned up by the end of this year."

Extension Service Praised

He told delegates from county brucellosis committees in every part of the State that much of the progress can be attributed to the continuing educational program of the agricultural extension service of the Pennsylvania State University and the cooperation of practicing veterinarians and county committees

Dr H A Milo, director of the State Bureau of Animal Industry, told the state committee that 87 per cent of all cattle in Pennsylvania are now under some official plan of testing for control and eradication of brucellosis. He said 87,750 herds have been tested since 1937 and nearly 1,200,000 head of cattle are in the current program. A county is certified when less than 1 per cent of cattle and under 5 per cent of herds show presence of the disease which causes abortion in cattle.

In addition to the 34 certified counties, Pennsylvania now has 14 where testing has been completed and 17 are partially tested, Dr. Milo said.

Three mobile laboratories are now operating in 36 counties, using the "milk ring" test, according to Dr. C. M. Stevens, in charge of the brucellosis division, State Bureau of Animal Industry. From January 1, 1955 to this March 15 these traveling laboratories have tested milk samples from 53,150 herds comprising more than 640,000 cattle. Tests revealed an average of 25 suspected herds but only 30 per cent of these showed actual presence of the disease through blood tests.

Committee Pledges Support

Prospects for early complete eradication of brucellosis from all Pennsylvania dairy and beef cattle herds brightened with a pledge by the State Brucellosis Committee of continued support of the testing program.

At the closing session of its two-day meeting, the Committee commended the Department

for the "orderly manner and encouraging speed" with which control work is progressing.

In another resolution, the Committee recommended that sign-up requirements for area testing be changed from 90 per cent of herds to 75 per cent of herds or 90 per cent of cattle.

A closer check on movement of cattle into and within testing areas was asked in a proposal, submitted by the Erie county committee.

J. Lewis Williams, of Uniontown, was re-elected committee president. Paul R. Anthony, Strausstown, was named vice president, and Philip M. Stover,

RD 1, Bellefonte, secretary. Others named to the executive committee are Albert E. Madigan, Towanda; G. A. Briggs, McConnellsburg, Jonas Gruver, Thomasville, and Clyde Vosburg, Titusville.

The Committee voted to meet again in 1957 on March 21 and 22.

The work of the extension service in conducting the educational phase of the brucellosis program was recognized in a statement presented from the floor by Secretary Stover.

Joe S Taylor, chairman of the dairy extension section at the University, declared that "with the goal of a certified State in sight, there is no longer any question about getting the job done, merely how quickly it can be accomplished."

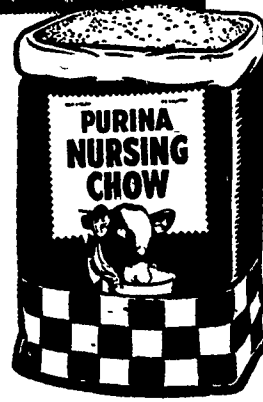
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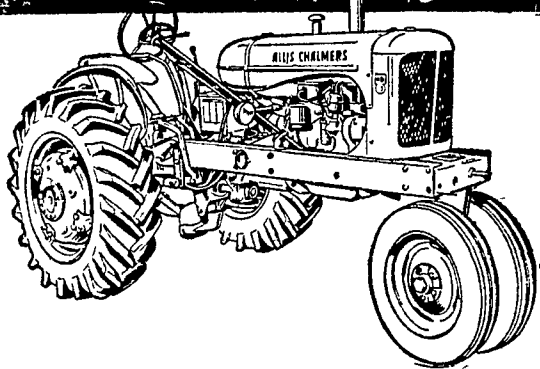
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Students Name Staff For Ag Publications

Jack H. Paules, Spring Grove, has been named editor of the Penn State Farmer, Forester, and Scientist, student magazine of the College of Agriculture. He succeeds David Morrow, of Tyrone.

On the new staff are associate editor Glen H. Elder, Jr., Centerville RD 3, who succeeds Miss Judith D. Corfield, Ben Avon, and assistant editor Russell A. Beatty, McKeesport. Thomas J. Boyd, New Salem, is the new business manager, succeeding Louis Galliker, III, of Johnstown. The new circulation manager is Terence N. Alwine, Johnstown RD 4, succeeding Alan R. Terwilliger, of Wilkesburg.

The new staff, assumed its duties with the current issue of the magazine, scheduled for distribution in early May.

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