



SPABC CATTLE SHOW honors were taken by Wightwick of Glenafton Rachel, top animal in the herd of J. Mowery Frey & Son, R7 Lancaster. This seven-year-old cow was presented to Frey as the first

heifer ever given away at the Lampeter Community Fair. This is the second year that she has been grand champion at the show. (LF Photo)

Firsthand Reports on Stock Shows, Rodeos Given to Exposition Officials

HARRISBURG — Firsthand reports on livestock show and sales in western states and South America, and Wyoming and Colorado rodeos will be presented to the executive committee of the Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition at a meeting in Harrisburg, today.

Lee H. Bull, secretary of the exposition and deputy State Secretary of Agriculture, said the reports will be given as "educational background" in preparation of the first Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition Nov. 12-16 at the State Farm Show Building, Harrisburg.

Leon Falk, Jr., Pittsburg, president of the Pennsylvania Livestock and Allied Industries Ass. Inc., co-sponsors of the exposition, returned recently from a South American trip and indicated he will discuss shows and sales conducted there.

Walter W. Krebs, Johnstown, a member of the executive committee of the Livestock Exposition, will present the report on beef shows and sales in California.

Donald M. Cresswell, director of public information, State Department of Agriculture, will give a review on rodeos he attended at Wyoming and Colorado during his vacation.

A feature of the Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition will be a six-performance "wild west rodeo," which is expected to attract more than 200 of the best cow hands in the nation. They will be competing in Harrisburg for the world's championship title. The Pennsylvania event

will be the final one of this show circuit.

Leading beef cattle, swine, sheep and 4-H and Future Farmers of America steers from many parts of the country and Canada will compete for more than \$75,000 in premiums to be offered in the first Keystone International, Buff L. Coleman, exposition manager, said.

The exposition is sponsored by the State Department of Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Livestock and Allied Industries Association, Inc. The State Legislature has appropriated \$50,000 of the show premiums.

Record U.S. Hay Crop in Making

Based on July 1 conditions, the Agricultural Marketing Service forecasts that the 1957 hay crop will be 119.6 million tons, 10 per cent more than last year and a new record in hay production.

Taking into account the downward trend in the number of roughage-consuming animals, the supply of hay per animal is also record large.

The average July 1 condition of pastures is also reported to be far above last year and the highest for the last 10 years.

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Three Pct. Less Wool Shorn This Year

Production of shorn wool in 1957 is now estimated by the Crop Reporting Board at 226,021,000 pounds, three per cent less than in 1956 and four per cent less than the 1946-55 average.

Reasons for the decline are a two per cent reduction in the number of sheep shorn this year and a one per cent lighter average fleece weight.

Small Supply of State Produced Sweet Corn Forecast Due to Borer

HARRISBURG — Smaller supplies of clean, Pennsylvania-produced sweet corn are forecast this season by the State Department of Agriculture as a result of heavy infestations of European corn borers, Secretary William L. Henning said today.

A heavier than last year borer population has been reported in both sweet corn and field corn used for livestock feed. Last year damage by the European corn borer in the State was set at \$4,663,000.

Dr. Thomas L. Guyton, director of the State Bureau of Plant Industry, said sweet corn he has inspected has been "heavily infested" with corn borers. Dr. Guyton blamed improper spraying by growers for keeping the infestation high this year. He also said much of this year's growing weather has been favorable to the borer.

The largest concentration of sweet corn grown in Pennsylvania is in Lancaster, York and Cumberland counties. Farmers there have reported "very high" borer infestations.

Although this year's losses are expected to exceed last year's, Dr. Guyton said he didn't believe they would approach the record \$5 million caused in 1951.

A second generation of corn borers is expected to arrive in late July or early August. Spraying of DDT or other recommended insecticides as soon as the tassel of the corn plant is visible in the whorl of the leaf should reduce borer damage, according to Dr. Guyton. He recommended light applications of insecticides every week until mid-August.

Dr. Guyton urged dairymen using DDT on corn not to cut the plant for fodder and feed to dairy animals. He said the DDT accumulates in milk fat. However, he pointed out, corn plants can be fed to all other livestock.

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