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Fall Fairs Start With Openings At Reading, York

The fall fair season was off this week with the opening of the Reading and York Interstate Fairs on Sunday and Monday, and the Littitz Farm Show Wednesday.

One of the early winners at the Reading Fair was Warren Leininger, R2 Denver, who had both grand champion boar and female in the Spotted Poland China.

The grand champion boar and junior champion boar in the state Hampshire show was won by Stauffer Homestead farms, East Earl.

The grand champion and junior champion females were exhibited by Ford Cooper, Reynoldsville. There were nearly 200 head entered in the show.

In the barrow show a Yorkshire won first place and a Berkshire was second. The champion was shown by Ernest Haas, Maxatawny, and Ford Cooper had the reserve barrow. There were 43 head in the show.

There were as many Lancaster Countians judging as exhibiting at the Reading event. Arhe Anderson, Elizabethtown, was swine judge, and Clarence Lyons, Lancaster, was judging dairy cattle.

The only other Lancaster County exhibitor at Reading was Stauffer Homestead Farms, R2 East Earl, with several head of Hampshires.

Two head of Brown Swiss from the Warfel herd represented the Garden Spot at York.

The threat of rain Monday damped the crowd at Reading after a record first day attendance Sunday.

However rain failed to keep away crowds at the York event. The grounds were full of students Tuesday despite a light drizzle as schools were dismissed for the day. However it seemed that the rides and the midway held more attention for the students than did the agricultural or educational displays.

The Littitz Show this year will be slightly condensed version of the annual event. Crowded for space this year due to construction at Littitz Springs Park, the fair will be without the annual baby contest, usually a highlight of the event.

Next week will bring shows at Quarryville and Elizabethtown.

Solanco Fair Offering \$450 Premium Money for Farm Exhibits

Premiums totaling more than \$450 in the agricultural division will be up for exhibitors of top flight livestock and field crops at the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair which will be held at Quarryville Sept. 18, 19 and 20.

Besides the strictly agricultural items, artwork, handwork, sewing, canned goods and flowers will be on display.

This will be the eighth fair to be given by the association. Jackson Owen is president of the fair and Charles Phipps is general manager.

The main feature of the Solanco Fair will be the Rural Youth Contest. This contest, open to boys and girls under 19 who live in Southern Lancaster County, is based on the number of points earned in the various departments of the fair.

Kicking off the fair will be a



FOR THE PAST FEW weeks now, most other farming in Lancaster County has come to an abrupt halt because it is tobacco cutting time. Although the yield this year is down considerably because of the

dry summer, tobacco will still be the number one cash crop in the county. Current predictions are that the yield will be down some six million pounds from normal.

'Keystone International' Drawing Hundreds of Entries from State

HARRISBURG— Advance entries and requests for premium lists indicate that hundreds of outstanding Pennsylvania-bred beef cattle, swine and sheep will be exhibited at the first annual Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition to be held in the State Farm Show building here Nov. 12 through 16. Exposition officials predicted Monday.

Pennsylvania livestock men showing their purebred animals will compete for the first time within their own state in an international show, according to Leon Falk, Jr., Pittsburgh, exposition

chairman. He explained that entries in the State Farm Show are accepted only from Pennsylvania breeders while entries at the livestock exposition are open to breeders from any state or foreign country.

He added further that the so-called "Keystone International" gives Pennsylvania livestock men a chance to obtain national recognition for their breeding and market animals through winning in competition against livestock from many other states.

October 1 is the closing date for entries in the Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition, State Agriculture Secretary W. L. Henning said.

Cash premiums offered by the exposition total \$75,217.50 of which \$50,000 was provided by the 1955 session of the State Legislature for advancement of the over-all livestock meat production industry in the Commonwealth. The 1957 Legislature allocated another \$50,000 approved by Gov. George M. Leader for a second Keystone International to be held in November of next year.

The 1957 exposition will provide more than \$40,000 in premiums for winners in the beef cattle divisions, nearly \$10,000 for sheep and approximately \$12,600 for swine. Premiums offered in a junior steer show for 4-H Club and Future Farmer exhibitors come to \$3,505. Additional prize money will be offered in special awards and in carcass shows for market steers, hogs and lambs, and in the National Polled Hereford Show and Sale, one of the outstanding features of the exposition.

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Egg, Hay Prices Increase Sharply In August

HARRISBURG — Average prices received by Pennsylvania farmers for eggs and hay showed sharp increases during the month ended Aug. 15, according to Federal-State surveys announced Friday by the State Department of Agriculture.

The advances sent the Pennsylvania index of prices received for all principal products up seven points or three per cent. The index now stands at 250 per cent of the 1910-14 base level, the survey shows.

Seasonal decline in egg production were accompanied by an advance for the month averaging six cents per dozen to 45 cents received by farmers on Aug. 15. This was about the same as a year earlier. In mid-August farmers were receiving an average of \$24.10 per ton for all baled hay, up \$2.00 from a month previous. But farmers were paying an average of \$35.50 for baled alfalfa hay on Aug. 15, the survey showed.

Nationally, the index of prices received by farmers for their products was one point or less than one-half of 1 per cent higher than a month earlier. The national index was 248 per cent of the 1910-14 base level.

Despite gains in prices received for small grains in Pennsylvania, the crops index was down nine points from last month, attributed to a 44 point decrease in fruit prices.

A 10-point increase in prices received by farmers for wholesale milk was reported as a result of a seasonal increase of 20 cents per hundred pounds milk production, although 6,000 more cows were listed in dairy herds than for July 1957, remained unchanged.

Atlantic Angus Assn. Sale To Be at Richmond, Va.

The Atlantic Angus Assn. has formed a sifting committee for the annual sale Feb. 24 and 25 at Richmond, Va., it was announced this week.

Now Is The Time . . .

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TO MAKE NEW PASTURE SEEDINGS — Early September is recognized as the best time to seed pasture mixtures, due to the present drought conditions many producers did not make the seeding last week. This should be done by the middle of this month in order to get the desired growth and cover for winter. The application of a complete fertilizer prior to seeding and the use of the roller or cultipacker following seeding operations is strongly recommended. Both permanent and the triple-purpose pasture mixtures may be seeded at this time.

TO TOP-DRESS PASTURES AND FORAGE CROPS — Fall applications of both phosphorus and potash are strongly recommended toward the harvesting of more quality forage next summer. The use of three to four hundred pounds per acre of 0-20-20 following the last cutting of a permanent hay field, or after the grazing season in pastures, will give the plants a chance to store much of these soil elements into the root system for top production next summer.

TO CONTROL RODENTS — Fall is rapidly approaching when rats and mice will be moving from the fields to your homestead. One of the best control practices is to destroy all places where they may hide, harbor, and make nests. Rubbish piles, brush, open stone walls, dirt floors, and other places where they gather might be destroyed or improved. The annual loss of stored grains from rodents is enormous, rat-proofing through the use of galvanized metal strips around your bins or cribs, or the use of half-inch hardware cloth. Poison bait stations have reduced many heavy infestations.

TO ESTABLISH SOIL-SAVING PRACTICES — Prior to the seeding of fall grain is one of the best times to adopt contour strips as a means of reducing both soil and water losses from a hillside. Alternate strips may be sowed to grain this fall and the remaining strips to row crops next spring and the change-over is completely working. Assistance is available from the Soil Conservation Service and from our Extension Service.