

Accidental Poisoning Caused by Rotenone

Rotenone, an insecticide considered safe for use under field conditions, was responsible for the deaths of a number of pigs in a herd, according to a report in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Poisoning signs appeared suddenly in the herd. Affected animals exhibited a type of ascending paralysis which began in the hind-legs.

Investigation by veterinary authorities established that a container of rotenone had been spilled and swept into a feed bin. The poisoning occurred when the contents of the bin was fed to the pigs.



FEEDING GRAIN IS EASY with this gravity flow feeding system installed by Issac Brubaker. The amount of feed is controlled by the handle at the left. The trough is part of the gate and travels to the feed outlet by an overhead track. This is the third year that Brubaker has been using this system. (LF Photo)

Loose Housing, Milk Parlor Success Depends on Good Herd Management

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The management system is that machinery replaces man-power in manure removal and in some extent in the feeding programs.

Both milking parlors are equipped with gravity flow grain feeders and hay and silage feeding is made easier by having racks arranged close to the hay storage areas.

Neither farmer reported any increase in disease or udder problems with the milking herd.

Earlier this summer Robert Heilman, summer assistant coun-

ty agent and dairy major at Penn State, had explained some of the objections to handling dairy cows loose. Most of them hinged around the fact that the cows were more difficult to keep clean.

These two farmers show that cows can be kept as clean and healthy under this system as in a closed housing system. But both still pay attention to detail in their management of the herd.

It would seem, then, that no matter what the system, the good management and judgement of the operator is the key to success.

Farm Calendar

Wed., Sept. 18 Solanco Community Fair, Quarryville, running through Sept. 20. Elizabethtown Kiwanis Community Farm Fair running through Sept. 21.	Fri., Sept. 20 Pennsylvania Holstein Assn. Annual Show, Farm Show Bldg., Harrisburg.
Thurs., Sept. 19 Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show, Farm Show Bldg., Harrisburg.	Wed., Sept. 25 West Lampeter Community Fair running through Sept. 27. Ephrata Fair running through Sept. 28.
	Thurs. Sept. 26 County ASC Convention, Lancaster.

Tennessee Couple to Compete In National Plowing Matches

PEEBLES, Ohio — For the second consecutive year, a husband and wife team will carry Tennessee's colors into the National Plowing Matches, to be held here Sept. 18. John and Pauline Blankenship, Route 6, Murfreesboro, Tenn., made history in the 1956 contest as the first husband-wife team ever entered in the National Plowing Matches.

Contestants from some 15 states are expected in this year's National Matches, being held in conjunction with the 1957 World's Conservation Exposition and Fifth World's Plowing Contests. This is the first time the World Contests have been held on American soil. Two-man teams are entered from 14 countries.

The fact that the Blankenships plow as partners rather than competitors eliminates the chance of any family squabbles as to which one is the real champion of the family. John plows in the level and event, and Pauline in the contour contest. 1957 marks John's fourth appearance in the National Matches. In previous competition he placed 12th, 9th and 10th. Pauline made her first appearance in the national contest last year, placing 10th.

Mrs. Blankenship is the second woman ever to appear in a National Match. As she explains it, "I'd rather be out there plowing than sitting at home waiting for John."

The Blankenships operate a 208-acre general farm, on which they milk 25 Jersey cows, raise Hampshire hogs, a few sheep, grain and corn. They also breed and sell English Shepherds, a small-purpose farm dog.

The Blankenships have two children, Mary Ann, age 11, and Henry, age 13, and they plan to have the youngsters on hand when Mom and Dad go after the National Plowing Championship, September 18. The winners of this year's National Matches will compete in the 1958 World Contests in Germany.

Pennsylvania is sending three plowing champions to Peebles. They are Harold Forrester, R1 Chambersburg, Franklin County, who placed second in the 1956 national contour championship, in the contour contest, Myron Young, R3 Chambersburg, contour, and George Horner, Centre Hall, Centre County, level land contest.

Forrester, who farms mostly level land on the more than 200 acres he works, said he entered the contour competition as a favor to the sponsors of the Franklin County contest since he had little experience in contour work.

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