



APPROACHING THE PODIUM of the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City to receive his American Farmer Degree is Lester Wiker, Quarryville. Wiker was one among 11 Pennsylvania FFA members to receive the degree. The degrees were awarded the second day of the FFA National Convention. (Photo by Ralph Bitler)

Midwestern Hog Dealers Cited For Violation of Packers Act

An order of inquiry requiring Harry L. Sparks and Rex Wanda Sparks, hog dealers at stockyards in Illinois and Missouri, to reply to charges of violations of the

Packers and Stockyards Act, was issued October 10 by the U S Department of Agriculture. The order recites instances during the last three years when the respondents allegedly sold hogs at false and incorrect weights. In

one paragraph of the order, 45 transactions are listed in which hogs were invoiced for a total of 69,030 pounds above the purchase weight. Other allegations are that the respondents substituted hogs that had not been weighed for weighed hogs, caused the issuance of incorrect scale tickets and freight bills, made service charges when no service was given, altered scale tickets, and committed other violations.

USDA said that unless the charges are admitted or satisfactorily explained in writing, the case will be set down for oral hearing. Stockyards where the Sparks operated include Bushnell Stock Yards, Bushnell, Ill.; St. Louis National Stock Yards, National Stockyards, Ill.; Mississippi Valley Stock Yards, St. Louis, Mo.; Union Stock Yards, Peoria, Ill.; and Springfield Stock Yards, Springfield, Ill. The partnership also operates Midwest Order Buyers, with its principal office at Chapin, Ill.

Poor Pullets Should Be Sold At 7 Months

Not every pullet that is housed has the ability to maintain heavy production. Associate County Agent Harry S. Sloat says pullets that fail to mature into good egg producers by the time they are seven months of age, or after the flock is laying 50 per cent, should be sold. They will be of more value as meat and usually make a first-class market fowl.

Pullets that do not produce eggs profitably waste feed, labor, and housing space. When such birds are removed from the flock the others have more room and give a greater return for the valuable feed they consume.

Sloat says culling is a continuous proposition from hatching egg through day-old chick, growing stock, pullets ready for housing, and with the layers. Efficiency of production helps decide which poultrymen stay in business.

Canadian Hog Numbers Up by 10 Per Cent

On Sept. 1 of this year, hog numbers in Canada were estimated at 5,293,000, up 10 per cent from the 4,800,000 of 1956.

Farrwings from September to November 1957 are expected to total 264,000, which would be 36 per cent above the same period of 1956.

Holstein Individual HIR Records Announced by Breed Association

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — The Holstein-Friesian Assn. of America has announced the completion of outstanding official production records by registered Holstein cows owned by the following Lancaster County breeders:

Harold K. Book, Ronks — Milked twice daily for 307 days, Roaring Maples Empress Della produced a total of 15,394 lbs of milk and 605 lbs of butterfat as a 3-year-old.

Issac M. Brubaker, Lititz — Milked twice daily for 297 days, Bruk Vil Bess Edith Bondsman produced a total of 12,567 lbs of milk and 575 lbs of butterfat as a 7-year-old.

Conoy Farm, Bannockburn — Milked twice daily for 365 days, Graceview Woodmaster Golden produced a total of 17,020 lbs of milk and 556 lbs of butterfat as a 4-year-old.

Paul H. Eby, Cochranville — Milked twice daily for 365 days, Highland Ovation Lucy produced a total of 13,298 lbs of milk and 492 lbs of butterfat as a 3-year-old.

Robert C. Groff, Quarryville — Milked twice daily for 365 days, Glenelg Maporette produced a total of 17,534 lbs of milk and 771 lbs of butterfat as a 6-year-old. Henry E. Kettering, Manheim — Milked twice daily for 291 days, Henket Rag Apple Emperor produced a total of 15,109 lbs of milk and 615 lbs of butterfat as a 5-year-old.

George A. Rutt, Stevens — Milked twice daily for 325 days, Hickoryvale Admiral Sally produced a total of 12,967 lbs of milk and 496 lbs of butterfat as a 2-year-old.

Job Stoltzfus, Elverson — Milked twice daily for 365 days, Prilly Wayne Bessie Homestead produced a total of 18,197 lbs of milk and 730 lbs of butterfat as a 6-year-old.

Earl L. Umble, Atglen — Milked twice daily for 318 days, Just A Farm Elm Robel Maid produced a total of 11,077 lbs of milk and 426 lbs of butterfat as a 2-year-old.

M. M. Wenger, Rheems — Milked twice daily for 306 days, Emperor Millroad Fay produced a total of 14,539 lbs of milk and 543 lbs of butterfat as a 4-year-old.

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