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Local Riders Invited to Try Luck at Rodeo

Pennsylvania "cowboys" will be eligible to compete for approximately \$10,000 in prize money at the World Championship Rodeo in Harrisburg as a feature of the first Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition.

The rodeo producer has secured special permission from the Rodeo Cowboys' Assn. for area riders to compete in the five standard events.

For those interested in milder forms of horsemanship, local riders "with appropriate Western riggin" are invited to ride in the colorful grand entry at any or all performances of the rodeo.

Riders should have their own horses saddled and in position by 7:30 for evening performances and by 1:30 for the Saturday matinee.

Local girl riders will be permitted to enter the Girl's Barrel Race which is held at each performance.

A feature of the first evening's performance will be the presentation of Miss Lynda Humes, 17, of Waterford, Erie County, as "1957 Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition and Rodeo Queen."

The Fort Le Boeuf High School senior on Sept. 23 was crowned in Erie as the Northwestern Pennsylvania Livestock Queen by state agriculture Secretary William L. Henning. She was chosen by Future Farmers of America members in her school to compete with similar candidates from high schools of the northwestern area.

Entry fees for the various rodeo events are as follows: Steer wrestling, \$25; calf roping, \$35; bareback bronc riding, \$15; saddle bronc riding, \$15; Brahma bull riding, \$15; girl's barrel race, \$15; and parade, no fee.

Registration can be made at the rodeo office in the Farm Show Bldg., between 9 a. m. and 6 p. m. Nov. 11.

The Exposition has attracted 2,700 head of beef cattle, swine and sheep from 29 states and Canada. They will be in competition for \$75,200 in premium awards, one of the largest offerings in the country.



THIS WELL FED AND WELL fitted Hereford steer kept Lancaster County in the winner's circle at the Southeast District 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Show at Lancaster Union Stock Yards Wednesday.

The 1,080 pounder was owned and shown by Miss Dorothy Groff, R7 Lancaster. Some 90 Lancaster County Red Rose Beef Club members exhibited at the show.

(LF Photo)

Lebanon Girl Shows Champ At SE 4-H Show

A Lebanon girl showed her Angus steer to the Grand Championship at the Southeast District 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Club Show Wednesday afternoon. Miss Doris Reist's victory gave Lebanon County its first grand championship since the district show has been held.

A 1,080 pound Hereford shown by Miss Dorothy Groff, R7 Lancaster, kept the Garden Spot in the winner's circle by being named reserve champion.

There were 94 Lancaster County animals in the competition. Thirty-one steers had been removed from the show Tuesday to be groomed for Farm Show next January.

Miss Reist is the daughter of German Reist and lives on a general and truck farm near Lebanon. The steer cost her \$139.10 when she bought him as a 535 pounder at New Holland. He weighed in Wednesday at 1,150 pounds.

She has had two herefords and one Angus steer in previous years of steer club work.

Here are the exhibitors who will show at Farm Show

ANGUS

Lightweight — David Zimmerman, Reinholds R1, Thelma Cassel, Manheim R1; Wayne H. Miller, Mount Joy R1.

Medium Weight — Marlin Cassel, Manheim R1, Lorraine Hackman, Elizabethtown R3, Samuel F. Long, Manheim R4; Magda Frey, Quarryville R2.

Light Heavyweight — John Zimmerman, Reinholds R1; Darvin Boyd, Ephrata R1; Nancy Rohrer, Lititz R3; Betty Jane Hess, Elizabethtown R3.

Heavyweight — John D. Martin, Marietta R1; Donald M. Herr, Refton; James Gible, Elizabethtown R3.

HEREFORD

Lightweight — Nancy Gible, Elizabethtown R3; Dennis Sangrey, Conestoga R2; Clyde Brandt, Marietta R1; Mary Jane Herr, Refton.

Medium Weight — Kenneth Rutt, Quarryville R2; Billy Hackman, Elizabethtown R3; Peggy Rutt, Quarryville R2; Jay Ranck, Quarryville R2.

Light Heavyweight — Leona Augsburger, Reinholds R1; Allen Esbenshade, 1631 Esbenshade Rd.; Larry Rohrer, Lititz R2.

Heavyweight — Doris Shenk, Manheim R3; Jean Muller, Elizabethtown R1.

SHORTHORN

Lightweight — Marian Hackman, Elizabethtown R3; Ned Bushong, Lititz R1.

Heavyweight — Mary Louise Miller, Manheim R2.

Turkey Breeders Plan To Cut 1958 Flocks

Based on Oct. 1 surveys by the Crop Reporting Board, indications are that owners of turkey breeder hens expect to hold, at the beginning of the 1958 hatching season, four per cent fewer heavy breed turkey hens and 13 per cent fewer light type hens than at the beginning of the 1957 season.

The survey was based on reports from the 15 most important turkey producing states.

\$63 Top Paid For Feeder Calf At Yard Sale

A premium price of \$63 a hundredweight for the top feeder steer in the third annual Feeder Calf sale held Saturday at the Lancaster Union Stock Yards was paid by C. L. Stoltzfus, Elverson.

The Angus steer was entered by Homer T. Gabel, R1 Newport.

A total of 303 head of steers and heifers from all parts of the Commonwealth as well as Maryland were entered in the sale. Sales for the animals weighing 150,980 pounds totaled \$37,620.04 for an average price of \$24.91 a hundred. Average weight was 498 pounds.

The average for this year's sale was about \$3 over the sale last year. The top on fancy quality steers was about \$3 ahead of a year ago when the top price paid was \$50 a hundred.

William Bixler, sale secretary, reported the following averages for the sale:

Twenty-nine fancy steers averaged \$33.23 a cwt.,

129 choice steers averaged \$27.33 a cwt.;

51 good steers averaged \$23.22 a cwt.;

31 medium steers averaged \$21.25 a cwt.;

and 63 heifers averaged \$19.51 a cwt.

Abram W. Dittenbach was the auctioneer. Members of the sale committee were James Dunlap, show chairman; William McCoy, grading and group chairman; Richard Hooper, publicity; Bixler, and W. M. Dunlap Jr., sale secretary-treasurer.

County Guernsey Breeders Dinner To Be Nov. 15

Pennsylvania's outstanding young farmer who is also the owner of the highest producing Guernsey herd in the state will be guest of honor and speaker at the county Guernsey breeders association annual meeting.

The young dairyman is Eugene Harding, Brookville.

The annual event, a dinner meeting, will be held at 6:45 p. m. Nov. 15 at Rhoads Spanish Tavern, Quarryville.

Harding was chosen as outstanding young farmer by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Pennsylvania last spring.

Tickets for the dinner, costing \$1.50 each, may be obtained from Frank Hershey, 442 Willow Rd., Lancaster, association secretary.

An election of directors will be held at the meeting.

Keystone Farmers Receiving Higher Prices for Products than Year Ago

Pennsylvania farmers during the month ended Oct. 15 received higher prices for their products than a year ago and the index of prices received was one per cent above a month earlier, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

Higher prices received for potatoes, hay, milk, dairy animals and eggs were offset by lower prices received for corn, soybeans and apples.

The prices received index stood at 260 per cent of the

1910-14 base level and compared with 257 per cent for the month ended Sept. 15. Nationally, the price index was 240 per cent on Oct. 15. It was 245 per cent a month earlier.

In addition to averaging higher prices for products sold, Pennsylvania farmers also paid a lower average feed bill on Oct. 15 in comparison with the previous month. Only hay prices advanced, averaging \$1.50 a baled ton higher, while the principal feeds remained at the same level or dropped slightly.

Now Is The Time . . .

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CONSERVE MOISTURE BY DEEP TILLAGE — In recent years many farmers have received benefits by practicing deep tillage on their fields in the fall. This loosening of the soil to a greater depth enables heavy rain and snow to penetrate more easily.

TEST FOR PARASITES — Livestock should be urged to inspect their animals before moving to winter quarters. Infestations of catarrh are quite common in this area and reduce the efficiency of gain and production. Treatments as spray or dust may be used.

EXERCISE FOR LIVESTOCK — Animals of all types of livestock keep animals confined too closely in winter. It is recommended that all young stock have a chance for outdoor exercise from an open shed or box stall that can be changed in confinement several months with lower health conditions and normal growth development.

RECORDS — All producers of either grade or registered stock should as part of good herd management keep records of birth into the herd. The future value of many of these animals may depend on ancestry. This will not be possible to determine unless animals are tagged and properly identified in herd records.