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Exposition Opens; Countians Among Early Winners

Nearly 3,000 head of the nation's outstanding beef cattle, swine and sheep jammed the big State Farm Show building in Harrisburg Monday as the first annual Pennsylvania National Livestock Exposition started.

Although the official dates of the affair are Nov. 12 to 16, judging of carcass classes started Monday. And in this early judging, a Lancaster County beef cattle breeder showed that the Garden Spot can show up well in the face of all comers.

Fred Frey, Quarryville, had the on foot champion steer in the carcass class. He showed in the summer yearling class. Another Angus, this one from the Pennsylvania State University, finished first in the junior yearling class and took reserve championship.

Another fast championship was brought home by Fred Burnhard, Mt Joy, by winning the purple rosette in the junior baby beef competition.

In the swine show Masonic Homes swept the Duroc competition and Stauffer Homestead Farms showed well in the Hampshire classes.

Stockmen from all parts of the nation are lavish in their praise of the facilities available at the Farm Show site.

Oscar Anderson, Illinois Poland China breeder, said that the swine facilities were among the best in all the shows. He should know, having shown champion barrows in the National Barrow show and at state fairs throughout the nation.

Another bouquet was handed Pennsylvania's initial effort in providing "big time" competition for Keystone breeders Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., president of the Eastern Polled Hereford Assn. and an exhibitor, said "It's terrific," when speaking of the entire exposition. He said the Pennsylvania exposition has the biggest beef breeding show ever held in the East.



COUNTY HERDSMAN SAMUEL LONG, R4 Manheim, holds the Grand Champion junior show steer named Tuesday at the Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition. The steer is owned and was shown by Fred

Bernhard, Mt. Joy. The Angus, Maxie, started as a buddy steer with the top rated steer being shown and sold at the District Roundup last Thursday. (LF Photo)

4-H Delegation Needs Funds For Chicago Trip

Lancaster County this year is sending the largest delegation of 4-H members in its history to the national 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

They are the three members of the livestock judging team, the three members of the poultry and egg judging team and four girls with home economics demonstrations.

However this number of members attending is causing a problem in financing the trip. The average cost to each member will be about \$160 for transportation, meals and lodging. This makes a total of \$1,600 required for all the members to attend.

The state or county 4-H office does not have funds to cover these expenses. So this week in Lancaster County, a drive among the agricultural organizations and industries is being started to raise funds for the young men and women.

The drive is being headed by Abram Bucher and Stanley Muselman, both of Lancaster.

As of now, \$200 had been promised by the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women, the 4-H and Extension Councils. This leaves \$1,400 still to be raised.

The boys and girls will stay at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago and will be accompanied by executives from the state 4-H club office.

stocks of fire-cured showed an increase, but decreases from a year ago were shown for stocks of dark air-cured, cigar filler and cigar binder.

Filler Stocks Down 3 Per Cent From Last Year, Oct. 1 Tally Shows

Cigar filler stocks are down three per cent from a year ago and binder stocks are down 11 per cent, according to the Oct. 1 tally by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

During the 1956-57 marketing year, a total disappearance (exports plus domestic disappearance) of some 87.5 million pounds was noted for filler compared to 93.9 million pounds a year earlier.

For binder the total was 45.7 million pounds compared to 50 million pounds the preceding year.

Stock reports of Oct. 1 show that 123,359,000 pounds of types 41-44 tobacco are on hand. This compares with a 126,928,000 pound figure a year earlier.

Puerto Rican filler stocks are down 7,000,000 pounds from Oct. 1, 1956, to 50,312,000 pounds. However foreign grown leaf stocks are up by nearly 4,000,000 pounds.

Total tobacco stocks in the United States and Puerto Rico total 4.918 million pounds as of Oct. 1. This is an increase of 135 million pounds compared with a year earlier.

Flue-cured stocks continued higher than for the corresponding date a year earlier, up five per cent, but this situation will reverse by the next reporting date because of the relatively small 1957 crop which is now being marketed by growers.

Holdings of Burley leaf this Oct. 1 were about the same as a year earlier while Maryland in-

Now Is The Time . . .

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TO WINTERIZE YOUR HOME — Many doors and windows of farm homes fit loosely and can be tightened with weather stripping; tests have shown that a reduction of 12 per cent in the fuel bill is possible by weather stripping and the installation of storm windows and doors. Every door and window is a source of heat loss; attic insulation will not only reduce heat losses this winter but help keep your home cooler next summer.

TO ORDER YOUR CLOVER AND ALFALFA SEED — Be sure of your needs of these seeds by getting your supply reserved before late winter seedings are causing an active market. Many times the recommended varieties are sold

out before the main rush of seeding gets under-way. Lancaster county red clover growers cannot afford to be satisfied with any other strain except Pennscott; it should out-yeild all other varieties.

TO SPRAY WILD HONEY-SUCKLE — Early winter is the best time to use chemicals to kill honey-suckle vines. One of the recommended chemicals is to use one part of 2,4-5 T brush killer and 20 parts of No. 2 Fuel Oil; this mixture can be sprayed on the vines during late November, December, and January with good results. Do not spray on trees, shrubs or any other plant that is not to be killed.

TO ENROLL IN SHORT COURSES AT PENN STATE — A wide variety of short courses in many phases of agriculture are offered at Penn State University each winter; the four-week short course in general agriculture starts the first of January and may be continued for the second four-week period if desired. Details available at the Extension Service Office, or by writing to Director of Short Courses, Armsby Bldg, University Park, Pa.



CARROLL SHAFFNOR, Penn State shepherd, showed this 123 pound Hampshire wether to the top at the Exposition. The sire is Penn State's Bullmine Jr., and the wether is of the same breeding of the International Grand Champion last year. (LF Photo)