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Junior Exhibitors Win Angus Group At Timonium

A chilly rain didn't stop the young Lancaster County showmen at the Eastern National Livestock Exposition at Timonium, Md., Monday. The country group of five Angus steers took the top spot in the junior show for the fifth consecutive year.

The county group was mixed with both 4-H and FFA members exhibiting. The showmen were Ernest Frey, R2 Quarryville, FFA; Billy Hackman, R3 Elizabethtown, 4-H; Lorraine Hackman R5 Elizabethtown, 4-H; Paul Mast R2 Elverson, 4-H; and John Harsh R1 Kinzer, 4-H.

A first-year lamb club member, Fred Hess, showed his Hampshire lambs to the championship in individual entries and the reserve championship of the trio class in the junior Hampshire lamb division. The 10-year-old showman is the son of Arthur Hess, Bareville, co-owner of the famous Green Meadows flocks.

The livestock judging team was only average, winning over two teams, but losing to two teams. The Maryland team was first and a team from the State of Indiana was second. Under the Lancaster County boys were teams from Virginia and West Virginia.

In the collegiate Cattle judging contest, Penn State took first place in the 12 teams entered.

The 4-H team, representing the state, was first in sheep judging. James A. Hess, R1 Strasburg, was third individual and Donald Welk R1 Strasburg, was eight. The other member of the team was Donald M. Herr, Refton.

In the open class, Fred Frey, Quarryville Angus breeder, showed two steers to fifth place in large classes of fat steers.

Penn State had the reserve champion, a small typey Angus.

Nearly dominating the show, Penn State also showed the champion and reserve champion Shorthorns.

In lamb competition, PSU and the champion trio of Hampshires and reserve champion lamb.

Five county youths also took third place in county groups of

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COMPARING NOTES AFTER the 4-H Judging Contest at the Eastern National Livestock Show at Timonium, Md., Saturday, was the Lancaster County Livestock Judging team and their coach, County-

Agent Max Smith. The team placed third in a field of five and was high team in sheep judging. The members are, left to right, Donald Welk, James Hess and Donald Herr. (LF Photo).

Penn State to Show 56 Animals At International Livestock Show

CHICAGO, Nov. 12 — Pennsylvania State University, University Park, which last year won world wide fame by showing the grand champion steer here, has again listed large entries of livestock for the 58th International Live Stock Exposition, set for Nov. 29 through Dec. 7 in the international Amphitheatre here.

In breeding cattle they will show five Aberdeen Angus purebreds, three Herefords and three Shorthorns. In fat steers, they will show six Angus, six Herefords, five Shorthorns and one steer in the Carcass Contest.

Last year's grand champion was a Shorthorn named P. S. Troubador. Cattle are fitted and shown under the direction of Herman Purdy, who will judge Polled Shorthorns at the show.

In sheep, they will have ten Hampshires in the breeding division, in wether lambs, six Hampshires, six Shropshires and five Southdowns.

A large number of livestock exhibits have been entered for International. Some are past champions.

In what is the continent's largest Aberdeen-Angus show, Heckmeyer's Highlands, Valencia, Butler County, has entered 22 head in the competitions. Don Schmidt made the entries. They had grand Don-Mac's Bordohermere 10th and grand champion female with Bordulac Burgess and Bee Mac. This year they are showing get of sire groups of progeny by Bardohermere.

Other prominent breeders showing Angus are Millarden Farms, Annville, Lebanon County, 10 head; and Old Manor Farm, Homer City, Indiana County. They have placed well in the tough competitions of the International and other shows.

Sheep will be shown by well known Pennsylvania flock owners. Mrs. David McDowell, Mercer, Mercer County, will have 14 Cheviots in the breeding classes and three of the same breed in the wether classes. She had reserve champion ewe in Cheviots last year.

David E. McDowell, Mercer, has listed 11 Hampshires for breeding sheep competitions. Mrs. Ford Cooper, Reynolds, Jefferson County, will have four Dorsets at the Chicago Show. They are en-

tered in the breeding division of the sheep department

Green Meadow Farms, Bareville, will show 15 Hampshires in the breeding classes.

A number of Maryland entries are listed.

Aberdeen-Angus in the breeding cattle division will be shown by Swan Point Farm, Rock Hill, three head in their own name and one animal each shared with Cold

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Soil District To Hold Tour On Conservation

A conservation tour and two farm forestry demonstrations are among the projects adopted for the coming year by the directors of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District at a meeting Monday night at the Lancaster County Court House.

These two new projects are in addition to the some of the following practices now carried on by the prize winning district: Watershed meetings, fair exhibits, window displays, slide talks, participation in Soil Stewardship Week, sponsorship of land-judging contests, and cooperations in many of the other agricultural programs in the county.

Plans were formed for the annual meeting and dinner for the district Speakers at the event will be Dean Hoffer, Manheim, who will give his FFA prize winning speech on conservation, and Dr. G. D. McKlven, Lebanon Valley College.

The dinner will be held Feb. 20 at Hostetter's Banquet Hall, Mt. Joy.

The Lancaster County District has twice won national awards for the work done here in soil and water control work.

The success of six watershed meetings held recently by the district was encouraging enough to prompt the directors to plan 12 of the gatherings for the coming year. The aim of the meetings is to get the attention and cooperation of farmers not presently working with the soil conservation district.

An entirely new event proposed for the coming year is an essay contest on soil conservation. Details are yet to be worked out on the project.

At the planning meeting, the directors heard the following report: (Continued on page 16)

Roughage Supplies in State Lowest In 20 Years; Water Supply Still Low

The lowest supply of hay and roughage on hand in Pennsylvania since records were first compiled 20 years ago was reported Wednesday by the State Department of Agriculture.

Federal-State surveys as of Nov. 1 placed estimated supplies at 77 per cent of normal in comparison with 89 per cent reported for the same period a year ago. The 10-year average is 90 per cent. The previous low was 81 per cent of normal in 1939.

Drought conditions in much of Pennsylvania during the growing season resulted in the reduction of hay and roughage. In southeastern counties supplies usually fed to livestock in winter months were being used during the summer.

Since June, prices paid by Pennsylvania farmers for baled alfalfa hay skyrocketed \$10 a ton to \$42 a ton on Oct. 15, highest on record. All other hay averaged \$31.50 a ton on Oct. 15, up \$6 a ton from June prices.

The smallest hay and roughage supply was reported at 63 per cent in southeastern counties where drought conditions were most severe. Central supplies were estimated at 69 per cent and 71 per cent of normal was reported in the southcentral area.

In the southeast, supplies on hand Nov. 1 were 33 per cent below 1956. Last year 94 per cent of

normal supplies were reported in the area.

In northern counties, where there was adequate rainfall during the growing season, hay and roughage available ranged from 86 to 95 per cent of normal.

Farmers in many areas of Pennsylvania continued to haul water to livestock during October because of dry wells and streams.

October rainfall was below normal. While sufficient for growth of grasses and winter grains, rains were inadequate to raise levels of wells and streams.

Many areas reported October as the sixth consecutive month with below normal rainfall. In the Reading area, April was only month with above average precipitation this year. Records there show rainfall to Nov. 1 was 23.27 inches or 10.9 inches below normal.

Late September frosts cut tobacco production and freezing temperatures might still cause some damage to tobacco in curing sheds. Production is estimated at 42 million pounds compared with 51 million a year ago.

The short corn crop is expected to cause a sharp decline in gross income on most Pennsylvania farms since much of the crop failed to mature and was cut for ensilage following destructive drought conditions.

Now Is The Time . . .

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TO CULL LOW PRODUCERS — Dairymen facing a roughage shortage will profit by culling low producers at this time. Good producing cows will return more net profit than low producers. It does not pay to purchase high-priced feed for poor producers. A guide in this respect is that a cow should produce at least 300 pounds of butterfat per lactation to pay costs. The average cow will produce half of her lactation record during her first 120 days in milk.

TO KEEP HEIFERS GROWTHY — Research work has shown that it does not pay to get growing heifers too fat. Cows with higher production and better udders will result if too much fatty tissue is not present around the glands of the udder. Daily outdoor exercise, plenty of good roughages, and limited feed are recommended for yearling heifers.

TO REMOVE HORNS FROM CALVES — Since many calves have been dropped on dairy farms in recent months, it is advised that horns be removed for efficient production. Horns have very little economic value in the livestock business and cause considerable damage each year. Some showmen prefer horns to show more breed type for their animals, but for the breeder interested in the welfare of his cattle and greatest returns has little use for horns. Several materials are on the market that may be used on horns until the calf is two weeks of age; also the electric calf dehorner is rapidly gaining in popularity.