

Penn State Gains 20 Wins At Show

The Pennsylvania State University showed 20 champion animals, including five grand champions and two reserve grand champions, at the Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition recently in Harrisburg.

The University had the grand champion Shorthorn bull; the grand champion Polled Hereford female; the grand champion steer of the show, an Angus; the grand champion group of three steers at the show, also Angus; and the grand champion lamb of the show, a Hampshire wether.

The reserve grand champion bull of the Angus show was a Penn State entry. The reserve grand champion female of the Angus show was also a Penn State Angus.

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FB Writer Remains On State Job For Farm Show

Harrisburg, — The State Department of Agriculture announced today that Pennsylvania Farm Bureau had extended the special assignment of James H. Smith, Camp Hill, public relations specialist, through the 1959 State Farm Show in mid-January.

Secretary of Agriculture, William L. Henning said George G. Connor, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau general manager, extended Smith's assignment with the Department in the interest of Keystone State agriculture.

Originally, Smith was assigned June 1 for six months to assist in the Department's public information program and help publicize the 16th National Plowing Contest and Conservation Exposition at Hershey, the Junior Dairy Show in September, the recent Pennsylvania National Livestock Exposition, and to prepare for the 1959 State Farm Show.

Smith was designated acting director of the Department's Public Information Division after the retirement October 21, of Donald M. Cresswell, veteran publicist for the agency.

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Nation's Food Retailers Hold 10-Day Supply

Results of a nationwide survey by the Bureau of the Census for the U. S. Department of Agriculture show that in 1957 retail food stores were carrying slightly more than 10 days' supply of food for the nation, including nonconcentrated fluids.

Counted separately, the nonconcentrated fluids constituted about two days' supply of beverages that could be substituted for drinking water.

This study was made to provide Civil Defense authorities with data to help in planning emergency feeding programs. The supplies on hand in retail stores are in addition to the vastly larger supplies on farms and in the marketing system as a whole.

The sample for the survey consisted of approximately 7,000 retailers engaged primarily in selling food to be eaten off the premises. About 83 percent of the food was in forms that normally can be stored for long periods—canned and bottled or dried and packaged. The balance was fresh and frozen products.

Food and fluid inventory figures were tabulated on the basis of caloric values or fluid ounces. The number of days of food supply on hand was calculated by dividing the daily requirement figures into the calories and fluid ounces available per person. Figures used as the average

quantities required per person per day are 3,000 calories for food and 56 fluid ounces for fluids.

Marketing researchers found that of the various types of retail food stores, grocery stores with fresh meat had by far the largest stocks of food on hand—slightly more than 81 percent of the total. Next were grocery stores without fresh meat, with 8.6 percent of the total.

Population density did not appear to influence the food or fluid inventories of retailers materially, except in low density counties of the Northeast and West and high-density counties of the South.

In the low-density counties of the Northeast, the stores had about 13 days' supply of food, and about 15 in the West. In the high-density counties in the South the supply was only about eight days.

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U.S.-Pakistan Ink \$82-million Pact

The USDA has announced formal signing of a public Law 480 agreement with Pakistan for the sale to that country of \$82 million worth of agricultural commodities. The pact was signed in Karachi on Nov. 26.

The principal commodities in the agreement are 31 million bushels of wheat, 44 million pounds of vegetable oil, and more than one million bags of rice. Title I of Public Law 480 has resulted in programs for disposal of more than \$500 million of U. S. farm products.

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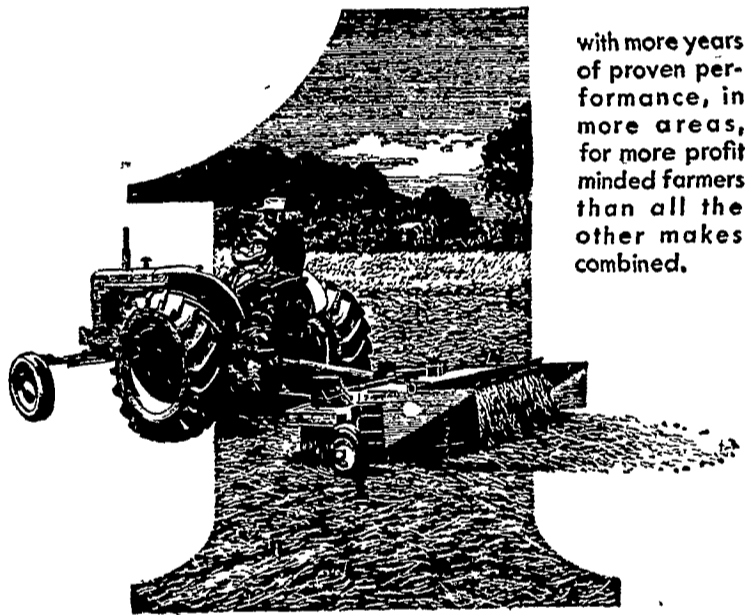
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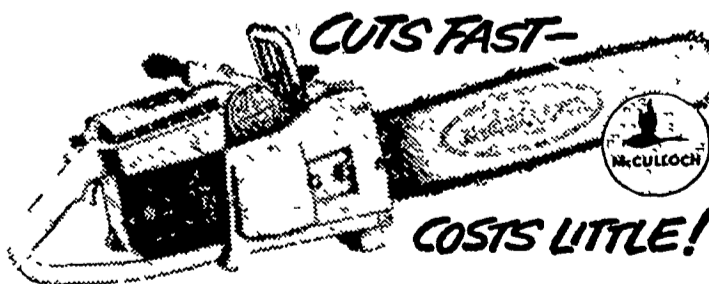
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