



WINNER OF THE FEED DEALERS MERCHANDISING CONTEST sponsored by Wirthmore Feeds, Inc. was the Leroy Sensenig mill at Hmkle town. Shown accepting prizes they won for the most outstanding display in the contest are left to right Jack Wirthmore, Wirthmore poultry service representative; Norman Kurtz, Salesman for Leroy Sensenig Mill; Kenneth Sensenig, son of Leroy; and Leroy Sensenig, owner of the mill. Far right is Travis Johnson, District Manager of Wirthmore Feeds, Inc. who presented prizes on behalf of the company.

Sorghum Variety Is Declared Noxious Weed By Agronomists

Harrisburg — The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture warned farmers today that a variety of Sorghum being offered for sale for use as a pasture grass or silage is classified as a noxious weed under state law.

Dr. Thomas L. Guyton, director of the Bureau of Plant Industry, says that the seed being offered is Sorghum Alnum. Because of its similarity to Johnson grass, it is banned in Pennsylvania.

"Salesmen are going from door-to-door selling this seed," Dr. Guyton said. "They are claiming that this grass will make two to three cuttings of silage a year. This claim, experienced agronomists tell us, is exorbitant."

Johnson grass seed was outlawed in Pennsylvania last year when infestations of the sorghum grass was found in Lancaster County and neighboring counties. Johnson grass spreads by sending out underground runners as well as by seed. There is no known effective herbicide which will control Johnson grass.

In the restrictions against Johnson grass, provisions are made that crosses with other grasses, and many other grasses which produce seed which are not readily distinguished from Johnson grass are classified as noxious weeds.

Sorghum alnum is produced in New Mexico.

• Ranck Holsteins

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tops for that breed. J. Rohrer Witmer, Willow Street R2, told the 408 members and guests at the banquet of the association at Mt. Joy on Wednesday night that 25 herds had topped the 500 pound average for the year. Three years ago only ten herds had an average of over 500 pounds. In 1958 the number grew to 17 herds and this year the figure tops any other county in the United States in number of herds producing over that figure.

The average fat production for all herds on test, for the first time this year, went above 400 pounds. The 10,003 cows in the association produced an average of 10,077 pounds of milk with an average test of 4.02 for a total average of 402 pounds of fat per cow. The average in 1958 was 393 pounds.

Six members were named to the board of directors at the banquet. They are Ray P. Bollinger, Stevens R1; John S. Shelley, Manheim R1; Elam B. Beiler, Gordonville R1; Graybill Gible, of Manheim R3; Paul B. Hess, Litz R1; and Leon M. Summers, Gap R1.

Guest speaker was Earl D. Warner, president of the Warner Dairies, Inc., York, and the York County Milk Dealers Assn. Mr. Warner recounted his experiences on a recent trip to the Soviet Union.

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