

Survey Shows

Sources Of Farmer's Information

Lancaster County farmers depend heavily on the Extension Service for their farm and home information, according to the results of a survey returned by 100 farmers in the county.

Over two thirds of the farmers returning survey forms said the Extension service was the most important source of information, but almost as many listed newspapers as a valuable source.

Following in order of importance attached to them by farmers were farm magazines, radio, television, and feed, fertilizer and other service men.

In the printed survey, instituted by the Lancaster County Extension Service as an evaluation of the work of the office, farmers said they preferred receiving their information via the press. In descending order of preference were letters, radio, farm visits, meetings, and television.

Approximately 150 of the survey forms were distributed by the 15 members of the Extension Service Executive committee.

In answer to "What are major problems in your community at this time?", farmers listed low farm prices more often than any other. Following were insect and disease control, high labor costs, low net income, establishing legume seedings, weed control, high machinery

costs and government controls.

Most of the requests for service from Extension were related to efficiency in agriculture with better marketing conditions at the top of the list. Better record keeping was the concern of many of those returning questionnaires, while many others felt soil and forage testing should be encouraged to a greater extent.

County agent M M Smith said the results of the survey will be used as a guide in planning the program of the county office in 1962.

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Livestock Show Draws Entries Many States And Many Breeds

Harrisburg — Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition officials announced today that 3,222 animals have been entered for the November 6 event to be held in the Farm Show Building.

Beef cattle entries total 774, swine 1,227, and sheep 1,221.

Angus breeding cattle entries total 163, Herefords 146, Polled Herefords 123, and Shorthorns 79.

Ninety-five steers are entered in the junior show, striving for the premium price normally paid when the grand champion 4H or FFA steer is auctioned. Tradition was broken last year when the junior show champion, a black Angus owned by Emma Mae Mast, Elverson R2, went all the way to win the grand championship of the

Rambouillet 50. Sheep feeders will show 214 market feeders and 6 truckloads of 15.

Owners of the 3,222 animals will be striving for nearly \$80,000 in premiums and awards. Livestock breed associations are offering special prizes and awards to the champions and other winners.

The State 4-H Horse Show will be held in the Farm Show arena on Thursday evening, November 9, and all day Friday, November 10. 4-H members have entered 205 horses and ponies.

Admission to all portions of the exposition is free. The show is sponsored and produced by the State Farm Show Commission. Cooperating are the State Department of Agriculture, The Pennsylvania State University, and the Pennsylvania Livestock and Allied Industries Assn, Inc.

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