

Auction Building Penn State Has Largest Of Kind Short Course In In Eastern U.S. Stock Breeding

Construction began this week with the pouring of footers for the Garden Spot Equipment Auction building, said by its builders to be the first of its kind in the eastern part of the United States.

Construction of the large concrete block building, to be located on a 22 acre tract along the northern edge of Lincoln, is expected to be completed by late March or Early April.

The proprietors, Chester K. Long, Akron, J. Omar Landis, and Jacob H. Ruhl, both of Manheim, purchased five acres of the lot from J. Henry Hummer of Lincoln, while the remainder was bought from Mrs. Lizzie Kline, also of Lincoln.

The auction will offer new and used farm and industrial equipment, tools, hay and straw. About 25 persons will be employed on sales day, initially scheduled to be held once a month, it was reported. The structure will also contain a restaurant and office.

Ruhl is part owner of the Manheim Auto Auction. Both Landis and Long are auctioneers.

The nearest auction of this type is reported to be in Archibald, Ohio.

HENS MUST EAT

If hens go on an egg production slump they've probably lost interest in feed, says F. H. Leuschner, Penn State extension poultry specialist. He suggests one way to increase feed consumption is to furnish mash in a different and appealing form. Simplest way is to feed pellets, but wet mash also is appetizing to the birds.

University Park, Pa. Pure bred breeders from the Northeastern section of the United States will be converging on the Pennsylvania State University, March 20 and 21, for a concentrated course on all phases of breeding of purebred beef cattle, sheep, swine and horses.

First day's instruction will consist of basic breeding facts. Genetic principles will be discussed, and suggestions given as to how they can be applied. Production records, pedigrees, and show ring records will also be considered in the development of a breeding program. Because selling of purebred livestock is of vast importance it will be the subject of a panel at an evening banquet.

During the second day's session those enrolled will attend individual sessions on breeding of different kinds of livestock according to their interests. They will make their choice from sessions on horses, sheep, swine or beef cattle. The entire day will be devoted to the further development and application of breeding principles and practices for each specific type of livestock listed.

Any individual 16 years of age or older is eligible to attend. The registration fee for the course is \$10 for Pennsylvania residents and \$15 for non-residents.

For further information and application blanks write Director of Short Courses, College of Agriculture, The Pennsylvania State University, Room 211 Armsby Building, University Park, Pa.

People die physically because of lack of food; they die mentally, due to lack of ideas.

Almost \$10 Million Decline Reported By Lancaster Yards

The Lancaster Union Stockyards had \$9,713,644 less business during 1961 than in the previous year.

The annual report issued Wednesday shows the volume of business to be the least in ten years.

Receipts in 1961 totaled \$51,314,479 compared with \$61,028,123 for 1960.

A spokesman for the Lancaster Livestock Exchange said two main factors were responsible for the drop in dollar volume. First, he said there was a deflated cattle market during the year with fat cattle prices down to a point where they were about \$25 lower per steer. This alone would account for more than a \$5 million drop. The

compared to the slightly over \$61 million in 1960. Here is how business during the nine previous years compares with the current report:

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| 1960 | —\$61,028,123 |
| 1959 | —\$69,562,238 |
| 1958 | —\$64,992,279 |
| 1957 | —\$58,620,136 |
| 1956 | —\$54,187,873 |
| 1955 | —\$56,760,980 |
| 1954 | —\$60,056,424 |
| 1953 | —\$58,124,792 |
| 1952 | —\$87,589,128 |

BEES ENDURE COLD

Bees can take good care of themselves in cold weather if they are provided enough food says William Clarke, Jr. Penn State extension apiculturist. Some wind protection is helpful in conserving food and in saving the brood in early spring. Don't worry about snow on the hives; it's good insulation.

There will be 323 eggs, 7 pounds of turkey, and 25 pounds of ready-to-cook broilers for every man, woman, and child in this country in 1962. That's an estimate from the Economics Research Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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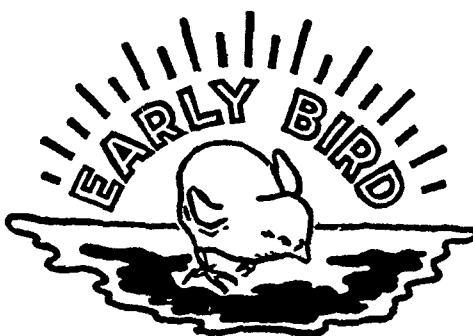
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