

43 Degrees Are Conferred By County FFA

A total of 43 Red Rose Farmer degrees were conferred on county Future Farmers of America at a meeting of the county FFA Monday night at Donegal High School.

A committee of county officers screened the applicants for the degree and found that 43 met the minimum requirements. According to by-laws of the county organization, a total of 15 per cent of the county membership is eligible to receive the degree in any one year. The 15 per cent of the county membership this year would be 75 but applicants for the degree came far short of this number.

The Red Rose Degree is the third degree of membership in the FFA following the Greenhand and Chapter Farmer degree, in that order. A member becomes a Greenhand upon joining the organization after enrolling in a regularly or-

ganized class in vocational agriculture in public high school.

After successful completion of one year, the member becomes a Chapter Farmer if he has shown progress and growth in the Future Farmer program. Chapter Farmer is the highest degree that can be conferred by a local chapter of FFA.

Prior to the establishment of the Red Rose degree in the county two years ago, the member could apply only for the Keystone (state) degree after two years in the FFA. The county degree was designed as a stepping stone between the chapter and state degrees.

With 11 members qualifying for the award, the Grasslands Chapter at New Holland placed the county chapters: Manheim Chapter at Manheim Central High School followed with eight members qualifying; Manor Manor Chapter at Penn Manor High School, Millsville placed six in the awards column; Elizabethtown Chapter and Cloisters Chapter at Ephrata

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Pennsylvania State College has been conducting fertilizer tests for over a period of 50 years. During that time it has been demonstrated that the ground limestone (carbonate type, like Martin's Limestone) produced greater average gains than did the oxide, burnt lime. But most important of all was the evidence that the lack of any kind of lime so often seriously limited the yields in most crops.

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STRAIGHT RUN:

Weight	Age	Lbs. Feed/ Lbs. Gain	Liveability
6 59	15 weeks	3 07	97.7%
5 93	14 weeks	3 09	91.0%
6 13	14 ¹ / ₂ weeks	3 02	97.75%
6 07	13 ¹ / ₂ weeks	3 02	98.40%

COCKERELS:

7 20	14 weeks	3 10	96.50%
7 34	14 ¹ / ₂ weeks	2 83	96.00%

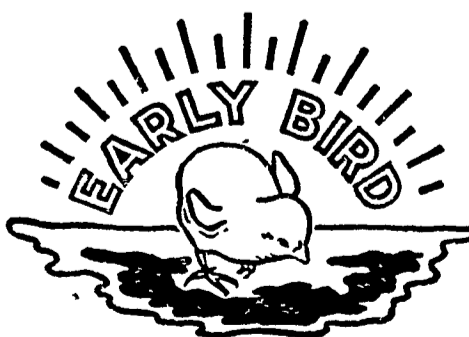
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