

Snader, Grand Champ At Lincoln Capon Show

At the capon roundup of the Lincoln 4-H Community Club on Wednesday evening, Jerry Snader, Ephrata R1, took the grand championship

with his paired, 9 1/4 pound entries.

The reserve grand champion dressed capons were shown by Irene Bollinger, Denver R2. Snader's champions were each sold at auction for \$2.70 per pound, and Miss Bolling-

er's brought \$1.75 and \$1.50 per pound. The average sale price for all the club birds was \$1.33 per pound.

In the record book scores Snader took top honors with a near-perfect 99.4. Second place was won by Ned Bushong's score of 95.5.

The roundup was sponsored by the Ephrata Rotary Club, whose members purchased the capons and hosted the 4-H'ers for dinner.

Control Of Cattle Lice

U.S. cattlemen and dairy-men, heading into a long winter when temperatures are near ideal for heavy lice infestations in their stock, are urged to take advantage of a new, more effective treatment developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The method calls for interrupting the life cycle of the

insect by carefully-timed insecticide applications. The new control approach has major economic significance for cattle raisers and dairy producers. Every year, from fall until spring, large numbers of lice retard the growth rate of calves, prevent proper weight gains of cattle on feed, and reduce milk production by as much as 20 per cent in some dairy herds.

The new control method was developed at the USDA Beltsville, Md, agricultural station where a herd was infested with three species of cattle lice... short-nosed, long-nosed and biting lice. In order to eradicate the pests, the herd was thoroughly sprayed twice, 14 days apart, with the insecticide malathion.

The USDA reported the following results: "Some lice hatched after the first malathion spraying, but the properly timed second spraying killed all of these newly-hatched lice before they could mature and produce eggs. This method offers cattle producers a practical procedure for freeing their herds of this pest."

"Success of this new eradication method," the report continued, "depends on the proper timing of the malathion application to interrupt the life cycle of the lice, together with the quarantining and treating of all cattle added to the herd." USDA scientists periodically added new cattle to the herd but avoided reinfestation by first treating all of these animals.

Malathion, has been approved by USDA for direct use with cattle, either in emulsified spray or as a dust.

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