

Crouse Regains Dist. Hay Title

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HERSHEY — The later cut alfalfa took the show here last Friday at the tenth annual Southeastern Pennsylvania District Hay Show held as a feature of the Pennsylvania Forage Progress Days.

Galen Crouse, Stevens R1, won the grand championship with his winning heat cured sample. He also had first place class wins with four other entries: summer annual grasses with no heat; heat cured first cutting alfalfa; heat cured later cut grass; and heat cured summer annuals.

A York countian E Wayne Beshore, New Cumberland, showed the reserve grand champion entry with a winner in the no heat division.

There were 40 Lancaster County hay samples in the 164 entry show from the 17 Southeastern counties. County placings follow:

NO-HEAT DIVISION

Alfalfa grass mix first cutting:
5 Queameade Farm, Naivon R2

Alfalfa grass mix later cutting:
3 John Yost, Kinzers R1
4 Queameade Farm, Naivon R2

Grass second cutting:
4 Lynn H Royer, 2025 Oregon Pike, Lancaster
5 Robert B Rissei, Lititz R1

Summer annual grasses:
1 Galen Crouse, Stevens R1
4 Clarence Dauple, Mannheim R1
5 Irwin Z Seible, Mt Joy R2

HEAT CURED DIVISION

Alfalfa first cutting:
1 Galen Crouse, Stevens R1
4 Gerald Hess, Leola R1

Alfalfa later cutting:
1 Galen Crouse, Stevens R1

Grass later cutting:
1 Galen Crouse, Stevens R1

Summer Annuals:
1 Galen Crouse, Stevens R1

Fall Rest Will Benefit Pastures

Permanent pastures are benefited by a rest period in the fall, says William Murphy, University of Missouri extension field crops specialist.

He points out that while grass is making fall growth, it is also building up root reserves that strengthen plants for next year's production.

Fall growth that is not grazed while it is growing is not lost. The fall growth retains its quality, and can be used in late fall or early winter without depleting root reserves of the grass plants. This results in a saving on other feed during that period.

Farmers who can manage to use other pasture, such as meadow aftermath and small grain pasture, and give their fall pastures a chance to take a "fall rest" should come out ahead, says Murphy.

Heisey Tops FFA Land Judging

Future Farmers of Lancaster County walked off with all four top spots in the FFA division of the land judging contest held in conjunction with Forage Progress Days at Hershey last week.

The sweep was led by 18 year old David Heisey of the Cloister FFA Chapter, followed in close order by Richard Smith, New Providence R1, Tom Zaitman, Ephrata R1, and Cliff Bollinger, Lititz R4.

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