

Past Farm Show FFA Champions Are Rematched

A contest of champions confronts judges when they attempt to choose the best animals in the Future Farmers of America division of the 1966 State Farm Show's dairy cattle exhibit.

Forty-one purebred cows and heifers have been entered by 33 FFA exhibitors but ten of the 33 have accumulated a total of 23 championship awards for their entries in recent State Farm Shows and State Junior Dairy Shows. The champions of yesteryear will not necessarily be the competing entries in the 1966 show, for some of the animals have passed the four-year limit on age for entries in the FFA dairy show, but all have been entered by FFA boys who have established reputations for quality herds.

The FFA entries will be judged in separate vocational classes open to any Vo-Ag student who has purebred heifers and cows in his vocational agriculture program but so confident are their FFA owners of the animals' quality that 25 of the 41 entries have been entered in open classes, too where they will compete with commercial breeders' animals.

All five dairy breeds most common in Pennsylvania will be represented in the FFA competition, but Holsteins predominate, followed by Guernseys. The Farm Show Commission is offering five prizes, ranging downward from \$10 to \$4 in each of three age groups for heifers younger than two years in each breed but for heifers and cows between the ages of two and four years the top prize is \$13.

In addition to cash for their prize animals the FFA exhibitors have opportunities to win cash and ribbons for fitting and showmanship as they display their animals in the judging ring.

Machinery, All Sizes, Featured At Farm Show

Exhibits that depict trends in today's mechanized agriculture will be a major attraction at the golden anniversary Farm Show, January 10-14.

Horace L. Mann, show director, said the machinery exhibits include a variety of sizes, ranging from the very smallest to the enormously large pieces that suggest the trend to fewer and bigger operating units in modern farming.

Demand for the "midget" equipment, he explained, has been mushrooming because of its adaptability for garden and truck crops and various other uses about the home, such as mowing lawns and snow removal.

Big plow, spray and harvesting rigs are bigger than ever. This makes possible, Mann pointed out, increasing production per unit of labor saves on hired help, yet enables farmers to keep ahead of growing demands for food crops from an expanding population.

State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull said the big show will have many new aspects and that both competitive exhibits and the commercial displays will be of highest quality.

Special FHA Exhibits In Homemaking To Be Farm Show Feature

When the Pennsylvania Farm Show opens for its 50th anniversary exposition on Monday, January 10, nine special homemaking exhibits will be judged in competition for \$455 in premium awards offered by the Farm Show Commission.

This will be the 43rd Farm Show where vocational school exhibits have been entered in competition, according to

Horace L. Mann, Farm Show Director.

Homemaking exhibits for the coming show are being made by Future Homemakers of America chapters in nine schools located in six counties. They were chosen by a special committee from plans submitted by various FHA chapters. The schools were certified recently to the Farm Show Commission by Mrs. Otto S. Reinwald, State Department of Public Instruction. She is state FHA adviser.

Each exhibit is to convey one central idea based on an

approved method or practice from Garden Spot High School, New Holland, titled "Plo-Pac-Go." Mrs. Betty S. Smoker is the class teacher.

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