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Meat Evaluation Center Now In Business At PSU

A new Meat Animal Evaluation Center, termed "the only one of its kind in the United States," is now under operation on grounds of The Pennsylvania State University.

The Center, which runs controlled feeding and management tests on the three major species of meat animals — beef, sheep, and swine — under one roof, will prove valuable to both the consumer and livestock industry, according to State Secretary of Agriculture Leland H. Bull.

Data received from tests and studies at the new facility will

determine which bulls, boars, and rams in the Commonwealth are best suited for producing offspring that will convert feed to high quality meat more efficiently, the Secretary reported.

In explaining the program which began operations January 1, Bull said pens of animals, each from the same sire, are being raised under specific feeding and management systems until they reach market weight. They then will be slaughtered at the Penn State Meat Laboratory where specialists will conduct studies to determine the animals' ability to convert feed to meat, daily rate of gain, and carcass quality.

This gives the livestock breeder a method to evaluate (Continued on Page 18)



Two buildings in the foreground comprise the new Meat Animal Evaluation Center which began operations January 1. This is the only facility in the United States where progeny tests on beef, sheep, and swine are conducted at a centralized location.

Inter-State District 7 Has Elections

At the annual meeting of Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative District 7, held Wednesday noon at Hostetter's Banquet Hall in Mount Joy, members heard remarks on the state of the farm situation and on the critical world food shortage. Speakers were Dr. James E. Honan, general manager for Inter-State, and renowned agricultural photographer Grant Heilman of Lititz area.

B. Snively Garber, Willow Street R2, was recognized for his 10 years service as district director. He was presented with a desk pen set by J. Mowery Frey, Jr., Lancaster.

In other business, members (Continued on Page 5)

Forests In Pa. Need Improving

The need to convert sub-marginal forests to shorter-lived and more rapidly growing trees of value to the forest products industries was expressed recently by a Penn State University scientist at the annual meeting of the Weed Science Society of America in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Robert D. Shipman, associate professor of silviculture, declared "a basic objective in providing our expanding population with renewable wood products, wildlife, and recreational resources is the (Continued on Page 5)

Acreage Measurement Service Offered

Farmers may request measurement service to determine the exact amount of acreage to be planted to wheat or feed grains or to be diverted under the Feed Grain Program, according to the county ASCS office.

Measuring guarantees a farmer will not lose use of land by diverting excess acreage, and enables him to plant the full permitted acreage, but not overplant.

Rates for measurement service are

Acres	Cost
0.1 to 11.9	\$ 8.00
12.0 to 24.9	12.50
25.0 to 49.9	17.50
50.0 to 100	25.00
over 100 acres	25.00 for first 100 acres, plus \$15.00 for each additional multiple of 100 acres or fraction thereof

New 4-H Horse Club To Be Formed In Northeast

A new horse club for 4-H'ers between the ages of 9 and 19 will be formed in the Elizabethtown area next week, according to associate county agent Win Merriam.

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, February 28, at the home of Melvin Ressler, Elizabethtown R1. Merriam said.

"The purpose of this group is to promote knowledge and information on the proper care and management of pleasure horses, and to provide a basic understanding of the correct elements of riding," Merriam stated.

Leaders for the new group are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ressler. (Continued on Page 9)

Benefits Of Conservation On The Farm Will Be Discussed March 1st

The benefits of conservation on the farm from a production point of view, and from a business consideration will be examined next Wednesday night when two Lancaster countians, each an expert in his field,

will explain what sound conservation practices can do for the land and for the farm organization.

In the meeting to be held at the Lincoln Independent School, near Martindale, Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District chairman Amos H. Funk, Millersville R1, will tell area farmers about some of the basic conservation practices available to them, and how the district can help them establish the practices best suited to their individual needs. He will be assisted by district director Aaron Z. Stauffer, Ephrata R1, and by SCS county conservationist Orval A. Bass.

Looking at the effects of conservation from a total farm organizational angle will be agricultural banking specialist Stanley Musselman of the Lan-

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Subject Of Financing Will Spark County Poultry Assn. Meeting Tues.

"Financing — Who Has It And How Do You Get It?" will be the subject of the third informational meeting sponsored by the Lancaster County Poultry Association in its current series, according to J. Harold Esbenshade, educational committee chairman.

The Tuesday night meeting will be held at the Lititz

Community Center, Esbenshade said, and will include the added attraction of a talk on the future of the poultry business by a successful, though controversial, poultryman — Elwood Willard of Spread Eagle Farm, Klingershtown.

George Lewis, agricultural representative for the Conestoga National Bank, and Carl Brown, manager of the Lancaster Farm Credit Office, will discuss viewpoints of their respective lending agencies on Poultry Financing.

The importance of record keeping as related to financing will be discussed by Dr. Floyd Hicks, Penn State University extension poultry specialist, Esbenshade said.

The meeting, which will be kicked off at 7:45 p.m. by Willard, is open to all interested poultrymen. Esbenshade noted, adding that door prizes will be presented and light refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Farm Calendar

February 27—7.30 p.m., Estate Planning Clinic at John Neff School, Neffsville

—8 p.m., Red Rose DHIA directors at Lancaster Farm Credit Bldg.

—8 p.m. Manheim YFA, at Manheim High School; "Liquid and Dry Fertilizers"

February 28—28th and Mar 1st, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, Nursery Business Management Clinic at Horn & Hardart Restaurant, Rt. 202. (Continued on Page 10)



Amos H. Funk



Temperatures for the next five days are expected to average below the normal 44 to 25 degree range. It will continue very cold throughout the period with fair skies over the weekend giving way to stormy conditions early in the week.

Precipitation occurring as snow will come from two possible storms, one on Monday night or Tuesday, and a heavier coastal type about Wednesday.



Stanley Musselman