

Big Plows To Make Appearance In State Contest

HARRISBURG — Big plows, the kind that churn soil on large midwest farms, will be making their first appearance at a Pennsylvania state plowing contest when farmers compete for plowing honors Aug. 30 at Somerset.

Jack R. Grey, deputy Secretary of Agriculture and chairman of the plowing contest, said big plows have been included this year because of a growing trend toward this type of plowing.

He said big plows will also be used at the national plowing contest to be held next year at Hershey.

"Having big plows at Somerset will give our farmers an opportunity to get acquainted with this type of competition," Grey said.

In addition to big plows, there will be small plow and contour plowing categories at Somerset.

Taking part in the state contest will be the winners of plowing contests held in 17 counties, including Lancaster County's champion Ivan Yost of Narvon R2.

The plowing contest is one of the features of Forage Progress Field Days being held Aug. 30 and 31 at the Somerset State Hospital farm. Other features include hay and land judging contests, corn silage harvesting and helicopter spraying.

New Milk Production Records For Area Cows

New milk and butterfat records on area Holsteins with recently completed lactations were reported this week by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

Among county cows reported were: Strickst Della Reflection,

a three-year-old, produced 18,479 lbs. of milk and 699 lbs. of butterfat in 329 days; Strickst Lucifer Reflection, another three-year-old, had 15,474 lbs. of milk and 608 lbs. of butterfat in 335 days. Both are owned by Hiram S. Augst, Elizabethtown R1.

El-Lyndo Joey Woodmaster, an eight-year-old owned by Elam Bollinger, Manheim, produced 16,680 lbs. of milk and 619 lbs. of butterfat in 305 days.

Nancy Leader Knollwood, a six-year-old, produced 20,600 lbs. of milk and 865 lbs. of butterfat in 305 days; Inka Star Betty, a six-year-old, had 21,440 lbs. of milk and 801 lbs. of butterfat in 333 days; Red

Rose Nancy Skyliner, a four-year-old, had 19,480 lbs. of milk and 618 lbs. of butterfat in 305 days. All are owned by John W. Eshelman & Sons, Red Rose Research Center, Lancaster.

Spring Lawn Ivanhoe D-Bar, a three-year-old owned by Jay C. Garber, Lancaster, produced 15,360 lbs. of milk and 621 lbs. of butterfat in 283 days.

Jay Ridge Petunia Ivanhoe, a two-year-old owned by Donald L. Hershey, Manheim, produced 15,610 lbs. of milk and 655 lbs. of butterfat in 337 days.

Ja-Jean Joetta Ivanhoe, a five-year-old owned by Gertrude Bushong Kreisle & Lawrence Foulk, Quarryville, produced 15,420 lbs. of milk and 646 lbs. of butterfat in 325 days.

Millie Wilene Licorice, a five-year-old owned by Clarence M.

Murry, Drumore, produced 14,510 lbs. of milk and 586 lbs. of butterfat in 298 days.



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Milk Production Slows As Cow Numbers Drop

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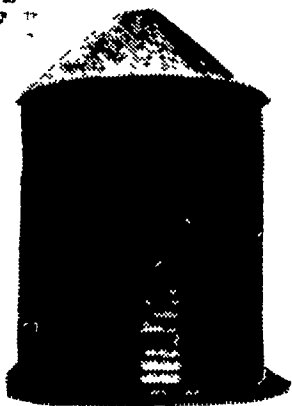
State Secretary of Agriculture Leland H. Bull attributed the decrease to a decline in the number of cows.

He said production during the first seven months of this year totaled 1 billion 968 million quarts. Last year's production for the same period amounted to 2 billion 4 million quarts.

Cow numbers in July were estimated at 738,000, the lowest in the state since 1870 and 24,000 less than in July 1966.



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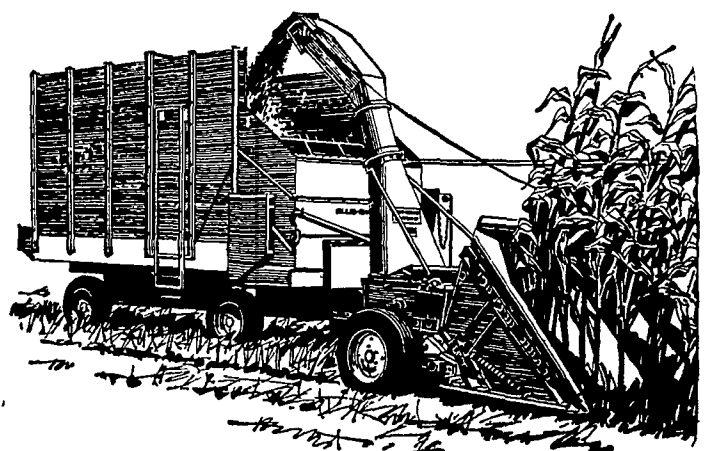
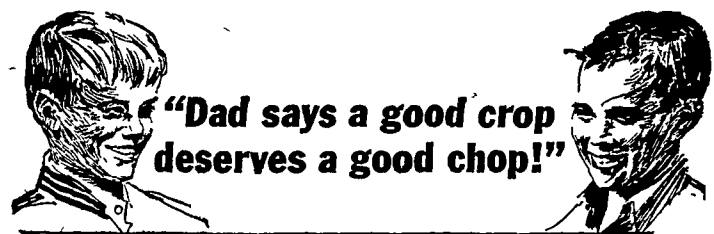
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