

Charolais Breeders to Consider How Size-Profit Go Together

How far does increasing size go hand-in-hand with increasing profits of beef cattle?

This question and many others of vital importance to Charolais breeders will be answered at an industry wide Beef Cattle Size and Profit Conference June 19-20 at the University of Wisconsin at Madison

Sponsored jointly by the University and the American-International Charolais Assn. the conference will report the second year's results of a continuing study by the University delving into the animal size-efficiency-profitability relationship.

"A year ago, when the first phase of this four-year study was completed on another breed, the results astounded many persons within that breed and caused the breed to change what it considered its ideal type," explained William Duffey, performance and research director of AICA. "The change was to the longer, taller and heavier animal, more similar to the Charolais type."

"In that study, the larger animals were shown to be the most

profitable, and we believe results of this current project will disclose even more information that will lend support to the profitability of our larger, faster-growing animals," he added

State Is Scabies Free

State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull said recently that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has designated Pennsylvania free of sheep scabies

Secretary Bull said the action was taken by the USDA following the elimination of scabies mites in infected flocks in Chester, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Lancaster, Lehigh and Mifflin counties

Pennsylvania, previously declared scabies free, was removed from that category in 1968 when scabies mites were found in the seven counties

Mites attack the skin of the sheep causing itching, loss of wool and weight. If the disease is not treated, sheep may die

Ag Honor Group Takes Area Man

Rodney C. Welch, 415 S. Cedar St., Lititz, vice president, Wilbur Chocolate Company, Lititz, was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta society, the national honor society of agriculture, recently at the Penn State University chapter's annual meeting

Samuel S. Cobb, director of the Bureau of Forestry, Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters, Harrisburg, was also inducted, along with two Penn State faculty members, 19 undergraduates and 18 graduate students

"Alumni are chosen for membership by virtue of outstanding attainment in agricultural pursuits and have demonstrated a worthiness of this honor," said Dr. Glenn O. Bressler, Penn State professor of poultry science, society president

Faculty eligibility is based on noteworthy accomplishments in teaching, research, and service in the agricultural field, Bressler pointed out. Students are selected for their scholastic records and outstanding personal qualities

Six Regional Meetings Are Set on Hog Cholera

"Closing in on Hog Cholera" is the theme of six regional meetings on hog cholera eradication to be held in late May and early June, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced recently

The meetings are co-sponsored by Livestock Conservation, Inc. (LCI) — an organization representing the livestock industry — the National Pork Producers Council and affiliated State pork producers organizations and the Animal Health Division of USDA's Agricultural Research Service. Afternoon sessions, from 1 to 5 p.m., are scheduled as follows: May 20, Chicago; June 3, Omaha; June 4, San Francisco; June 9, Dallas; June 10, Atlanta; and June 11, Boston.

Dr. E. E. Saulmon, Director of the ARS Animal Health Division, points out that the hog cholera eradication program has reached a critical stage. "Incidence of the disease is low. The hog population is increasingly susceptible to hog cholera. Now is the time to apply the knock-out blow," he says.

"These regional meetings are designed so we can get together with the swine industry to examine the problems still facing us and see what we can do to solve them."

Topics to be discussed at the meetings are (1) providing State indemnity funds for emergency situations, (2) making quarantines more effective, (3) problems connected with

garbage feeding and ending salvage, and (4) the "Voluntary Isolation Plan" (VIP) for swine herd health

"We have enjoyed excellent cooperation between industry and government in our attack on hog cholera," says Dr. Saulmon. "This continued cooperation and dedicated effort on the part of all concerned is essential to the success of the eradication program."

Currently, all but three States — Arizona, Maine, and New York — are in the final "stamping out" phases of the eradication program. This involves prompt and complete disposal of all infected herds with indemnities to help reimburse farmers for their losses. Thirteen States have been officially declared "hog cholera free."

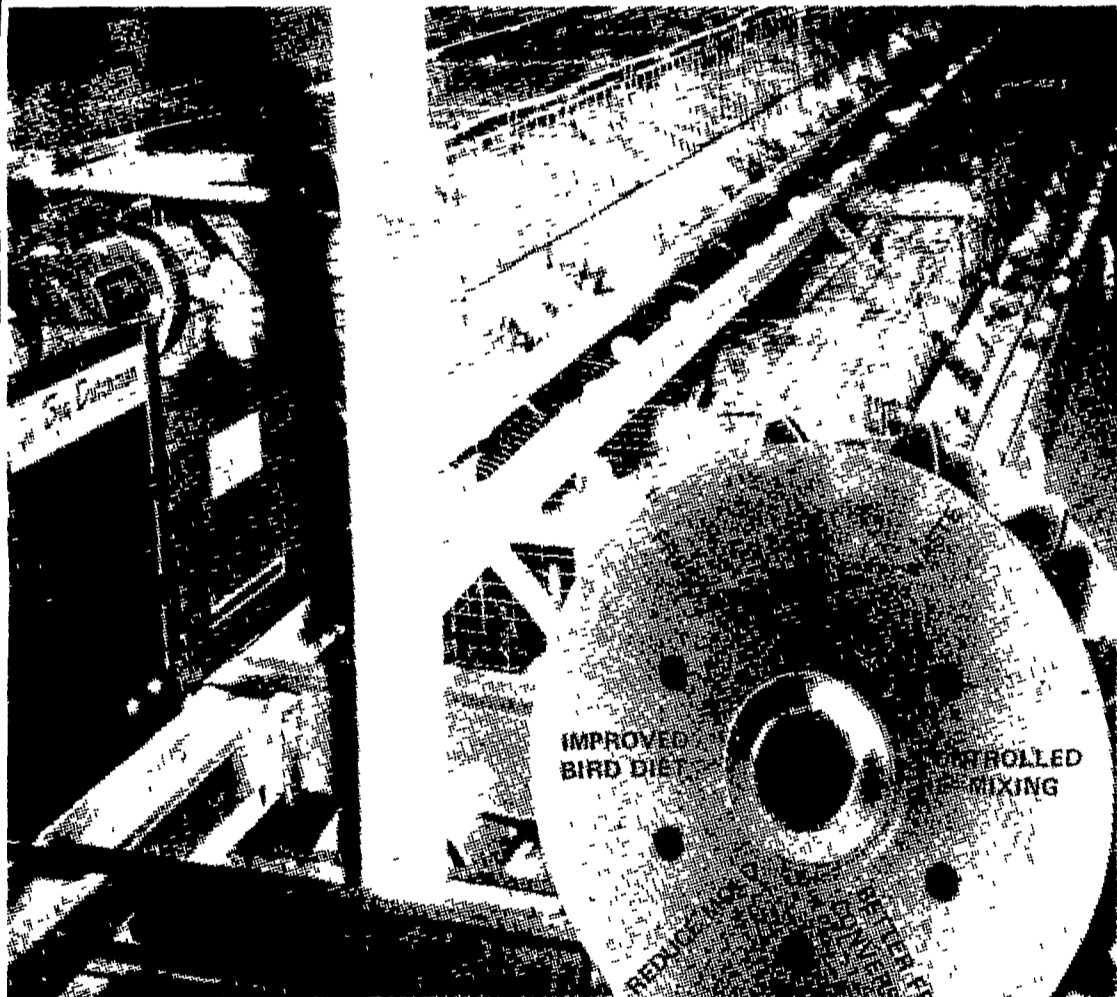
May Is Beef Month

Five states are celebrating "May Is Beef Month": Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska. And Louisiana just wound up Beef Week, May 3-9.

The emphasis is on the importance of beef to both human and economic health. The promotion is a joint effort of beef producers, state officials and educational institutions in cooperation with marketing, processing and retailing segments of the livestock and meat industry in participating states.

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