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'71 Farm Show Premiums To Be Record \$73,073

The 1971 Pennsylvania Farm Show to be held in Harrisburg January 11-15 will offer a record high of \$73,073 in premiums.

The highest premiums will be awarded in animal competi-

Pa. Dairy Report

Milk production per cow for the first nine months of 1970 has averaged from 3 to 35 pounds above the same period last year in Pennsylvania, according to the State Crop Reporting Service.

This year's growing season was nearly ideal throughout most of the state. Dairymen are going into the winter with good feed supplies.

Pastures held up well throughout the season and the amount of roughage obtained was above most recent years.

The total number of cows milked by commercial dairymen (10 or more cows) continued to decline.

The milk price continued strong. Preliminary estimates for the first eight months this year ranged from 15 to 40 cents per hundredweight above a year earlier, the Crop Reporting Service said.

Special Planting Survey Planned

A special survey will be made early in January to determine the 1971 spring planting intentions of Pennsylvania farmers, the State Agriculture Department announced recently.

Questionnaires will be mailed to about 7,000 farmers requesting information about acreage to be used for major crops, according to W. J. Fluke, statistician in charge of the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Pennsylvania is one of 35 states in which the survey will be conducted among about 275,000 farmers by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Crop Reporting Service. The purpose, Fluke said, is to determine the acreage to be planted to corn, spring wheat, oats, barley, sorghum, soybeans and cotton. Of these, only corn, oats and soybeans are spring planted in Pennsylvania.

A report on acreage intentions, based on this survey, will be issued January 25, 1971, Fluke said. It will be followed by the annual planting intentions report issued regularly in March by the State Crop Reporting Service, Fluke added.

The January appraisal, he explained, is intended to help farmers get an early season view of prospective acreages in relation to new farm legislation. It also will provide USDA program planners with an early acreage outlook.

Fluke urged farmers who receive questionnaires to indicate their current planting intentions, recognizing that later factors may bring about a change in plans.

tion Dairy cattle premiums total \$20,850, beef cattle \$14,430, poultry \$8,119, sheep \$5,703, horses \$4,225 and swine \$3,633.

Premiums for crops: fruit \$2,850, vegetables, \$1,435, apiary products \$1,323, hay \$658, maple products \$573, corn \$565, edible nuts \$462, tobacco \$312, wool \$296, small grains \$282, Christmas trees \$262 and potatoes \$219.

Premiums for contests home economics \$3,084, school demonstrations \$1,040, school exhibits \$910, horse pulling \$800, folk dance \$750, tractor driving \$160, potato grading \$108, good housekeeping \$100, and sheep blocking and grooming \$25.

Premiums for miscellaneous exhibits: eggs \$651, dressed turkeys \$180 and entomology \$68.

Horace L. Mann, Farm Show director, said doors will open at 8 a.m. during the week of the show and will close at 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at 4 p.m. Friday. Closing time for evening events held in the large arena is determined by the time necessary to complete the events.

Mann termed the show another "full house."

He said that there are 218 commercial exhibits, eight by state agencies, and 11 church and agricultural association food booths.

Mann said that about 50 commercial exhibitors are on a waiting list because of lack of space.

The governor's tour of the facility has been set for Sunday afternoon, Jan 10.

Poultry Federation Plans Banquet

The Pennsylvania Poultry Federation is completing plans for the Farm Show activities, which will be held January 11 through January 15, 1971.

Highlighting the week's activities will be the annual banquet slated to begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 13, in the beautiful new ballroom of the Penn Harris Motor Inn located in Camp Hill.

Frederick Slezak, President of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation has appointed Earl L. Hess, Ephrata, as chairman of the annual banquet.

The guest lecturer at the banquet will be Dr. Heartsill Wilson, Denver, Col., who was recently designated as "Best in America" in the fields of Industrial Psychology and Human Motivation.

Dr. Wilson is the recipient of the Gold Laurel award of the Master Speakers Guild. His subject for his address is "The World of the Uncommon Man".

Tickets for the banquet can be ordered from any of the committee members or from

the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation office at 3807 Paxton Street, Harrisburg, Penna. 17111.

Dairy Conference Set

"The Challenge of Progress" has been chosen as the theme for the 1971 Southeastern Dairy Conference.

The Southeastern Dairy Conference, an annual event held at the Guernsey Breeders Barn on highway 30 east of Lancaster, is sponsored jointly by Allis Chalmers, Curtiss Breeding Service, John W. Eshelman & Sons and New Holland Supply Company.

February 9, 1971 has been chosen as the date for this 6th Annual Conference. Wally Lindskoog of Arlinda Holstein Farm in Turlock, California will be the Keynote Speaker.

Lindskoog achieved the record of having the high herd nationally for milk and fat in the over 100 cow category, with a herd average of 20,000 plus.

William R. Myer is again serving as chairman of the Farm Show food booth. The food booth will be operated on the main floor of the Farm Show building. In order to meet the demand for the "Flavor-Crisp fried chicken" three large pressure cookers will be installed and will be in operation for the five day period.

On Wednesday, January 13, Dr. Robert F. Gentry, Poultry Disease Researcher, Pennsylvania State University, will address an educational meeting, which will be held in Room 305 in the Department of Agriculture Building on South Cameron Street, directly across the street from the Farm Show building.

Dr. Gentry will discuss the production and use of Marek's Vaccine. Marek's Vaccine is being produced by the new Penn-Bio Laboratories, which are located in State College. Research indicates that mortality from Marek's can almost be eliminated by proper vaccination.

Brand Egg Program 'Gains Momentum'

Interest in a state-wide brand egg program "has gained considerable momentum, in the past few days," according to Earl Hess, president of Hess Bros. Farms, Inc., Ephrata.

Hess said he has received a dozen or more inquiries from feed dealers, marketers and egg producers "They have expressed concern about the need for it," he said.

Hess made the remarks this week following a meeting last Friday of the Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association.

Hess is helping to lay the ground work for a brand egg program under which eggs for a large number of producers are promoted under one brand name. The egg marketing association has formed committees and has been taking the preliminary steps leading to a brand egg program for many months.

Hess said the Association now is in the process of developing some "point of sale material."

This material includes price tags and shelf display material for actual use in a pilot program. This will be finalized at next month's meeting, he said.

At Friday's meeting Hess reported that several states have been contacted to obtain information about their brand egg program, but response so far has not been satisfactory, he said.

Fred Pontz discussed reports of average egg selling prices and said the egg industry must maintain good marketing practices. He stated that it is profitable to get eggs into cartons and establish a brand that will be recognized and cannot be broken down by competition.

Mel Mitchell said the individual brand egg programs should

be tested as a preliminary step toward an overall brand program.

Sam Berenson stated that when a brand egg program is adopted it should be registered for protection. He also stated that the marketing program on the brand egg should be on a franchise basis in order to establish a true sale value.

In other discussion Kermit Birth reminded members that egg pickup for the Farm Show was set for early this week. He also reported that the 1971 Farm Show will feature a pyramid with new designs and a story of the industry's interest in ecology.

President Frank Troester appointed two committees as follows: nominating, Ben Burkholder, Ray Sauder, and Russell Knorr, auditing, Tom Smith and John Wenger.

Indian Run Watershed Association Planned

A watershed association is being formed for the Indian Run north of Ephrata, Aaron Stauffer, president of the Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District, said this week.

The Ephrata Jaycees are planning to start the watershed association and the formation of the association will have the assistance of the Pennsylvania Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Stauffer said.

Indian Run, which starts at Indian Lake north of Schoeneck and flows into the Cocalico at Ephrata, drains 2,150 acres or about 3.4 square miles of land almost directly north of Ephrata.

Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District is

Editor Voted NFEA V-P

Zane Wilson, managing editor of Lancaster Farming, has been elected vice president, Eastern Division, of the Newspaper Farm Editors of America (NFEA) at the organization's recent meeting in Chicago.

S. Archie Holdridge, farm editor, The Hartford Courant, Hartford, Conn., was elected president of NFEA to succeed Don Muhm of the Des Moines Register and Tribune.

The NFEA has three divisions in addition to the East, Midwest, Southeast, and South and West.

planning a watershed meeting in the vo-ag rooms in Ephrata and New Holland sometime this winter. Primarily centered around Indian Run, the meetings would be designed to get both farmers and developers to sign up and help clean up Indian Run, Stauffer said.

The basic reason for forming the Association, he said, is to curb siltation in Indian Run. The effort would be aimed at all silt producers in the watershed, including new developments and farms, as well as new highway construction. Farms are still the number one silt producer, Stauffer noted.

The Association also would be aimed at "any pollution which may be involved."

Highway Review

Stauffer also said the district is in the process of reviewing all new highway construction in Lancaster County. This includes any relocation and building of bridges.

The new review, which started a few months ago, is the result of the new memorandum of understanding with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Under the agreement, the District is to review all drawings in regard to the effect on the ecology of highway work in the County. This includes a study of drainage, erosion and preservation of land, he said.

While the state doesn't have to agree with the district's recommendations, the state has agreed to consider them. This

Merck Announces Plans For Marek's Vaccine

World-wide rights outside the United States to a vaccine against Marek's disease in chickens, based on the "Burmester strain" of turkey herpes virus, have been assigned to Merck & Co., Inc. by Drs. Ben R. Burmester, William Okazaki, H. Graham Purchase, and Richard L. Witter, owners of the foreign rights to the invention.

Merck earlier had announced that it is preparing to produce the vaccine for marketing in the United States and abroad early in 1971 under the trademark 'Deptavac HVT'.

Prior to U.S. marketing, a license must be received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

According to the company, the limited amounts of vaccine that will be initially available after USDA licensing can be expected to increase rapidly throughout the year as full production is reached.

The company hopes ultimately to make "Deptavac HVT" available in more than 30 countries, where there are substantial poultry and egg producing operations.

gives the district a chance to study the plans in advance before a public hearing, Stauffer explained.

Orval Bass, district conservationist, is now reviewing portions of the new route 23 and 222 in Lancaster County.

Junior Directors' Role

In reporting on the Districts recent meeting Stauffer said a decision has been made to give the junior directors a "more extensive role". The District is in the process of devising means of getting the young members more involved, he said.

"We're hoping to get them to organize youth groups, clean up streams and work on the Amos programs," he said, in explaining the types of programs in which the young members can be helpful.

In the Amos program, for instance, the youth's are helping make the Amoses and will help erect them. The Amos program is expected to get underway with good weather next year.

The Amos program centers around wooden figures of a farmer standing at the entrance of a farm with a list of the good conservation practices which are being used on the particular farm. The program is intended to publicize conservation work which farmers are doing and to help create an awareness of the need for conservation.