

Weed Control Meeting
The 25th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Weed Control Conference, now renamed the Northeastern Weed Science Society, will use the theme "A Quarter-Century of Progress in Weed Science"

The meeting takes place at the Hotel Commodore in New York City January 6-8, 1971.

Veteran's Advice on Preparing for Farm Show

To thousands of persons who merely visit the Farm Show, it will be a mixture of animals and exhibits and people and noise

The Farm Show is something else, however, for the many persons who are actually participating in the Farm Show and helping to organize it

The type of planning which goes into the Farm Show is represented by the following letter recently from Max Smith,

Lancaster County agricultural agent and a Farm Show veteran, to 4-H'ers who will exhibit steers at the Farm Show

This letter brings additional information regarding the showing of your 4-H Club steer at the 1971 State Farm Show. Please read it carefully and discuss the contents with your parents

All steers are to arrive at the Farm Show Building on Saturday, January 9, by 3 p.m. (prefer them in their stalls by this time so they will get settled down in time for the evening feeding) They must be in the Show Building by 6 p.m. in order to be eligible for show and sale. Be sure to send the health papers with your steer (TB Test and Shipping Fever certificate)

Each member is to furnish his own feed and water bucket or tub, suggest the 1/2-bushel galvanized tub and can be used for both feed and watering, put your name on it. Each steer to be tied with a halter and a neck chain or strap (not an old cow chain). Suggest that you use a strip of masking tape on his halter with your name on it — helps with identification

Please note a change this year — the Farm Show will furnish hay, straw, and grain for all steers, this is for the inside stalls. However, we will need at least two bales of straw per steer for the outside tie-outs. Send this straw with your steer on Saturday. For the above materials and sale expenses the Farm Show will deduct 3 per cent from your sale check. All steers are to be left tied with a suitable halter after the sale on Friday, January 15

Steer judging will start at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 14, with the Shorthorns and working up the alphabet to Angus. Grand Championship class about 2:45 p.m. followed by County Trio classes. Beef Showmanship at 9:30 a.m. Friday morning. Auction Sale at 1 p.m. Friday

We have arranged for Glenn Brubaker, Burnell Buchen, and Ed Donough to be beef caretakers for the week. Mrs. Clyde Brubaker and Mrs. Gerald Hess will be chaperones for the girls. We will arrange for someone to be supervisor in our Boys Dormitory

We are suggesting that all club members come to the Farm Show Building on Wednesday morning, January 13, and check in at the 4-H Club Headquarters (Room No. 107, first floor of Large Arena.) Here you will register for your bunks in the dormitory (50c per night). This will include a cot and one blanket, bring additional bedding if desired. Don't forget soap, towels, tooth brush, and several changes of clothing. Dress warm because the beef barns are kept cool

We urge you to spend time on your steer daily, brush and walk him daily so that he will be smooth and firm, and have a bloom to his hair-coat. Pose him often with your show stick so that he will know what you want him to do. Use your show halter on him several times before show day, so that he will be used to it. Don't expect him to respond well to a chain halter if he has been trained with a rope halter.

Your steer should be trimmed and blocked again since the Lancaster Roundup. Secure help from your Club Leader or another club member to get him fitted to look his very best.

You have earned the privilege of representing Lancaster County in the State Farm Show. Please do your very best at all times, because there will be keen competition on your next trip into the show ring.

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