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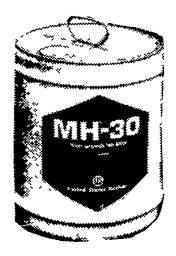
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between four worming materials, Thibenzole, Phenothiazine, Loxon and Tramisol."

He just recently started using Tramisol, which is the only one of the drugs effective against the lung worm; it is also helpful with tapeworm Herr considers Tramisol one of the major breakthroughs in recent years in the sheep business.

Ewe Management

Some of his ewes are 10 to 12 years old. But he considers seven to eight years as a typical productive life of a ewe.

He notes that "you can't look at ewes and tell what kind of lambs they're going to have." He pointed out one ewe, which he 'said is among his poorer ewes in terms of appearance, but consistently has among his better looking lambs

Among key needs for sheep production, Herr feels, are

- Good fence. This includes fencing off fields for rotational grazing.

— Dog control. While dogs can be a major problem for the sheep producer. Herr noted he's been "very fortunate" in never having had a dog problem

— Buildings Herr doesn't

feel that much money should be invested in buildings "If given a choice, they'll stay out most of the time," he said But Herr emphasizes that one of the keys to success is providing shelter and excellent care during lamb

Detail and Records

Many producers go into the sheep business with the idea that sheep require less labor and care than other livestock Herr doesn't think the successful sheep producer can have this attitude; in fact, he thinks

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it's lack of proper attention to details all along the line which has made sheep increasingly non-competitive in the U.S. farm economy.

Herr says most farmers in Southeastern Pennsylvania who raise sheep do it as a secondary enterprise. He adds that this means management suffers and adequate records often are not kept.

Even though Lancaster County is third in the state in sheep production, this doesn't mean sheep production is a very big phase of agriculture, since Lancaster County dominates in most phases of Pennsylvania agriculture, he noted.

He said many local flocks share the food supply from another farm enterprise, which makes it difficult or impossible to keep adequate records on, either enterprise.

Ephrata Adult Farmer Picnic Slated Aug. 29

The Sixth Annual Ephrata Adult Farmer Family Picnic will be held at the Ephrata Community Park at 12 30 pm Sunday, August 29

The park is located near the Senior high school at Oak & King Streets

Reservation deadline is August 23 Each family should bring a hot or cold covered dish, place settings, and a pitcher for serving the cold drink Ice cream, cold drink, and hot coffee will be provided The pork chops will be barbecued at the park in time for lunch

It is necessary for the committee to know in advance how many pork chops to prepare for your family Adult servings include 2-pork chops at a cost of \$1.25 each and child servings include one pork chop at a cost of 75c each Please enclose a check with your reservation so that money handling on Sunday at the picnic can be kept to a minimum If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact one of the committeemen John R. Zimmernan, chairman, 733-6812; Ray Beyer, and Vernon Leininger.

Without excellent records. Herr feels it's impossible to evaluate sheep as an enterprise and to improve sheep as a farm income producer.

Sees Opportunity Here

Overall, Herr recognizes the U.S. sheep industry as a problem-riddled industry. But he thinks sheep men, if they will, can change things.

In particular, he's enthusiastic about prospects in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

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