

# On Getting the 4-H Steer Ready for Farm Show

**Editor's Note:** By this time every year, all but the most essential farm activities have come to a stop on most local farms. It's Farm Show time. Everyone's making last minute preparations for this Show of Shows. For most farmers and farm youth, however, who have serious interests in taking some of the top awards, getting ready for the Farm Show started many months ago—possibly right after last year's show. This letter last month by Max Smith, Lancaster County ag agent, to 4-H beef exhibitors at the Farm Show indicates the care that must go into serious Farm Show competition:

Dear 4-H Beef Exhibitor:

This letter brings additional information relating to the showing of your 4-H Club steer at the 1972 Pennsylvania State

Farm Show. Please read it carefully and discuss all details with your parents.

All steers are to arrive at the Farm Show Building on Saturday, January 8 by 3 p.m. (Request them to be there by this time in order to give them time to quiet down before feeding time.) They must be in their stalls by 6 p.m. in order to be eligible for the show and sale. Please give your trucker time to meet this regulation.

Health regulations require that your steer be negative to a tuberculosis test within 90 days of the opening of the show. Also, that he be injected against shipping fever (hemorrhagic-septicemia) with two inoculations of bacterin or vaccine at least two weeks prior to the show, or one dose of serum within three days of his arrival at

the Farm Show. Please contact your local veterinarian to get this done. Also, be sure and send your T.B. Test sheet and the shipping fever certificate along with your steer on Saturday, January 8.

Each member is to furnish his own feed and water tub or bucket, we suggest the 1/2-bushel galvanized tub that can be used for both feed and water, put your name on it.

We are requesting that each steer be tied with a neck rope or strap in addition to his halter. This will be needed to tie him out at night and to tie him between two rings in the Show Building (Old cow chains are not suitable).

Also, we are asking that each member put a strip of masking tape on the halter or neck strap with your name on it. This will help with the correct identification.

The Farm Show Commission will furnish hay, straw, and grain for inside the Farm Show Building. However, we will need two bales of straw per steer, to be used for the outside tie-out pens. Please send this along with your steer. For the above materials and for the sale expenses, the Farm Show Commission will deduct three per cent from your sale check. After the sale on Friday, January 14, all steers are to be left with a suitable halter.

We have secured Bernie Buchen, Ed Donough, Roland Longenecker, and Clark Stauffer as caretakers for the week. Mrs. Clyde Brubaker and Mrs. Gerald Hess will be chaperones for the girls. We hope to arrange for someone to be supervisor for our group in the boys' dormitory.

Steer judging will start at 10 a.m., Thursday, January 13, with the Shorthorns, followed by the Herefords, Charolais, and Angus in that order. Grand Champion to be selected at 2:45 p.m., followed by the County Trio classes. Beef Showmanship at 9:30 a.m., Friday, and the auction sale of

lambs and steers starting at 1 p.m. Friday afternoon.

We are suggesting that all 4-H Beef club members come to the Farm Show Building on Wednesday morning, January 12, you should register at the 4-H Club Headquarters located at Room No. 107 of the ground floor in the Large Arena Building, here you will pay your 50c per night dormitory charge and the 10c per day insurance. You may lodge in the dormitory Wednesday and Thursday nights. A cot and two blankets will be provided, please bring a pillow and additional bedding, if you want it. Don't forget your tooth brush, soap, towels and a change of clothing. Please dress warm for the beef barns are kept cool during the show. All club members are on their own for all meals during the show.

We urge you to spend time on your steer this final two weeks, he needs to be well trained and expertly fitted because he will meet very strong competition at Harrisburg. Secure help from your Club Leader or another club member if you do not know how to "block" your steer. Use your show halter on him daily so that he will be used to it. Train him to stand squarely on his four feet at all times.

Many showmen train their animals to eat and drink from the feed bucket or tub before taking him to the show. You could get him used to this change before going to Harrisburg.

Be on the alert for cattle lice at this time of the year, excess rubbing will remove the hair and make him unsightly.

You have earned the honor of representing our county in this state-wide event, please work on your steer and do your very best at all times. Please contact your Club leader or myself if you have any questions.



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## Heisey to Host 22 Day Goodwill Tour to the Orient

Enos B. Heisey, prominent agricultural leader and Field Manager of Public Relations, Agway, Inc., has been selected and named as host for a delegation of Pennsylvania agricultural leaders on a 22 day Goodwill People-to-People inspection mission throughout the Orient including Alaska.

The Pennsylvania delegation will depart Seattle on October 27, 1972. They are scheduled to take part in numerous visitations with their occupational counterparts, as well as participate in numerous meetings and interviews with United States and foreign government representatives.

The Goodwill Mission will take the Pennsylvania citizens to Japan, Taiwan, Philippines, Thailand, Hong Kong and Alaska.

Membership in the Pennsylvania People-to-People delegation is limited to official and personal invitation only. The entire Goodwill Mission is arranged and designed to implement the aims and purposes of the United States cultural visitation exchange program and endorsed by People-to-People, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri.

Its purpose is to promote understanding and goodwill, both for the American people and the American government, to tell the story of democracy during face to face visitations and to improve relations and feeling toward the American people.

Heisey resides at 236 E. Glenn Road, Hershey.

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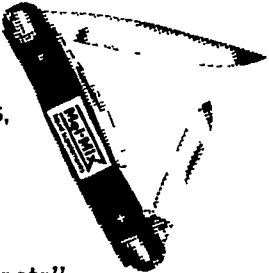
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