Snap Beans, Sweet Corn Plantings Expected Up

Pennsylvania farmers are expected to plant more snap beans and sweet corn this year and devote slightly less acreage to cabbage, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The Commonwealth's 1972 acreage of snap beans contracted for processing will be about 8,300 acres, 26 per cent above last year and 36 per cent above the 1970 planted acreage.

This compares with a four per cent national increase in snap bean plantings at 260,770 acres. The prospective plantings are eight per cent more than 1970.

Pennsylvania processors expect to contract 8,100 acres of sweet corn in 1972, eight per cent above 1971 and 11 per cent above the 1970 planted acreage.

Nationally, 468,050 prospective acres for sweet corn for processing represents a five per cent increase over 1971 and a nine per cent increase over 1970.

A survey of the state's cabbage growers indicates 1,600 acres will be devoted to the late summer crop, 100 acres less than last year's crop.

Shropshire Bred Ewe Sale Announced for Keystone Livestock Exposition

The Penn-Mar Shropshire Breeders Club has announced plans for the spring meeting at the Menhennet Farm near Cochranville Saturday, May 13.

The events of the day include: 10 a.m. to 12 noon, measuring loin-eyes; 12 - 1 p.m., covered dish luncheon; 1 to 4:30 p.m., discussion of uniform standards

of conformation for Shropshires; 5:30 p.m., informal supper for any who wish to stay.

David Greene has arranged to bring Maryland's Scan-O-Gram so that loin-eyes on live lambs can be measured. Persons are invited to bring ram lambs to be measured. Lambs should be shorn and should be as near to 100 pounds in weight as possible. For lambs weighing less than 100 pounds, the ratio of loin-eye size to days of age will be calculated. To do this, it will be necessary for participants to bring the birth date on each lamb.

Any Shropshire breeder, whether a Club member of not, is invited to participate.

Dairy Exposition Program

Contests for this year's Dairy Exposition at Pennsylvania State University in April and May are a dairy princess contest, dairy cattle judging, a fitting and showing contest, two milking contests, and a milk "chugging" contest.

All are main events evolving around the 47th Annual Dairy Exposition to be held April 26 through May 13 at Penn State. The Exposition is sponsored each year by the Dairy Science Club.

The Dairy Princess contest is the first event on Wednesday, April 26. The Penn State Dairy Princess will be chosen that evening in 117 Borland Laboratory. She will reign over the remainder of the Exposition.

May 6 is the next scheduled event for the Exposition. Starting at 10:30 a.m., the 4-H, FFA, and collegiate invitational cattle judging contest will be held at the University dairy barns. Competing for various team trophies and awards will be 4-H and FFA members. College students will compete on an individual basis.

The remaining events of the Dairy Exposition will take place Saturday, May 13, known as Show Day. The day begins at 9 a.m. at the dairy barns with the first fitting and showing class. The all-around showing and fitting champion of the Exposition will

be selected at the end of the day, after completion of all other

Again this year, well-known campus figures will compete against each other in a milking contest. A milking contest for sororities is scheduled for the afternoon. Fraternities have the opportunity to participate in the Exposition by entering teams in a milk: 'chugging' (drinking) contest. The prize will be a cash

donation to the winning fraternity's favorite charity.

Calf dressing and a dairy products raffle will be two of the final events of the day. Students will dress calves with original designs and creative costumes. The grand prize at the dairy products raffle is \$25 worth of cheese and ice cream.

Show Day May 13 will end with an awards banquet at 6:30 p.m in the Hetzel Union Building

Bats Highest Rabies Carrier

Two cases of rabies were verified in Pennsylvania in March. One skunk was infected in Greene County and a dog contracted the disease in Mifflin County, the latest county to report rabies.

The Pennsylvania Bureau of Animal Industry's Miscellaneous Disease Division reported 21 rabies cases during the nine month period between July 1, 1971 and March 29, 1972. During the same period the previous year, ten cases were discovered.

Bats remain the number one carrier, accounting for one-third of all rabies infections, although no new cases involving bats were reported in March. Other animals infected in the past nine months were: dogs (two); skunks, (four); fox, (four); and cattle, (four).

Rabies, an infectious virus disease, affects the nervous system of all warm-blooded animals including man and is fatal if not treated. It is usually spread by the bite of an infected animal.

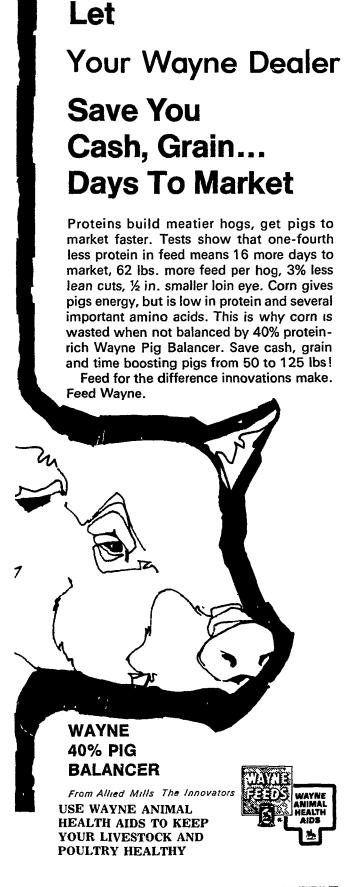
The increase of rabies for the past nine months is ascribed to

the disease's cyclical or "seasonal" nature. Dr Homer S Forney, chief of the Miscellaneous Diseases Divisions, said, "The increase or decrease of rabies depends on the reservoir that is out in nature." A reservoir is built up by the contacts made by a rabid animal.

Information compiled by the bureau since 1943 shows the incidence of rabies is seasonal, reaching a peak of infection approximately one year out of a four year period.

The main reservoir of infection is attributed to wildlife, since immunization has reduced the incidence among domesticated animals

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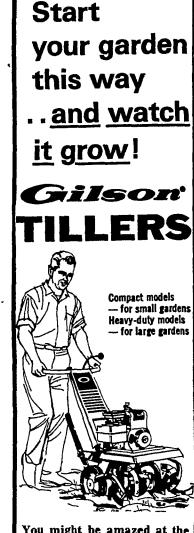
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