Complete High Production Records Local Ayrshires

Cows from two local Ayrshire herds have completed high production records, it was recently announced by the National Ayrshire Breeders' Association at Brandon, Vermont

Masonic Homes Lo Betsy, owned by Masonic Homes Farm, Elizabethtown, was the highest milk producing Ayrshire in the herd She produced 17,200 pounds of milk in 305 days on twice-a-day milking. The herds leading butterfat producer is Meridith Sun Peg with 676 pounds of fat

This is the 45th year that Masonic Homes purebred Ayrshires have been officially tested. The 94 lactation records averaged 13,573 pounds of milk and 547 pounds of butterfat with a 41 per cent test on a Mature Equivalent (M E) basis

An animal in Charles H Gable's Conebella Farm herd, Elverson, was also recognized by the National Ayrshire Breeders' Association

Conebella Betty Rue was the highest milk producer and the highest fat producer with 16,250 pounds of milk and 666 pounds of butterfat in 305 days This is the 19th year that Conebella Farm has been officially tested and the 38 lactation records averaged 14,246 pounds of milk and 574 pounds of butterfat with a 41 percent test on a M E basis

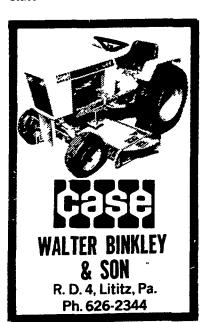
Pa. Broiler Output Continues Decline

Broiler chicken production in Pennsylvania continues to run sharply against the national trend according to the latest weekly summary from the Crop Reporting Service, a joint venture of the Pennsylvania and U S Departments of Agriculture

The number od day-old chicks put on feed this week was 1,130,000 Although this is up a bare one percent from a week earlier, it is 12 percent below the same week in 1971 and the current 10 week average has now slipped to 10 percent that of a year earlier

No improvement for the short term is in the offing as the setting of eggs for broiler-type chick hatch is also depressed At 1,802,000 they are down from 5 to 11 percent in all three indicators.

The 10 week average nationally is full of confidence for the broiler market as placements last week —57,487,000—kept the average at three percent higher than a year ago Pennsylvania producers contribute to those placements as about 15 percent of its weekly chick hatch is shipped out-of-state



Chester 4-H'ers Attend Citizenship Short Course

Beth Hutchinson of West Grove, Debbie Lewis of Exton, Marjie Pyle of Malvern, Dan Weinstock of Phoenixville and Bob Minshall of Avondale returned recently from Washington, D.C where they participated in a Citizenship Short Course at the National 4-H Center.

They were five of 34 4-H members from Pennsylvania attending the week-long session, and were among the more than 6,000 members from throughout the United States selected to take part in these teen leadership training sessions conducted by the National 4-H Foundation in behalf of the Cooperative Extension Service of the State Land-Grant Universities and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Major purpose of the course

was to provide insight into individual responsibility for citizenship and to develop skills and knowledge that help young people relate to others in their community, their nation, and their world. Discussion and seminar sessions featured contemporary topics of interest to youth and methods of dealing with problems through positive action.

The 4-H'ers said that the discussion groups were very educational. A game in which all people with green eyes were kept out of society was played to show them what prejudice is like. They also learned about passing laws in Congress and how they can become more involved in their community.

The young people had a chance to see their federal government in action by spending a day on Capitol Hill visiting with Congressmen. The group met with Senator Schweiker's aide at the new Senate Building. They also met with Congressman Yakon's aide.

The course also included field trips to the U.S. Department of Agricultrue, the National Cathedral, the Smithsonian Institute, Mt. Vernon, the Capitol, and many other historical sites.

According to the 4-H'ers, the most interesting part of the course was working together with other 4-H members from other states and getting new ideas about projects that reflect concern and interest in their fellow man. They hope to use their newly gained experiences for the betterment of their communities.

4-H members stayed in the newly expanded National 4-H

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A. Joan Rosenberry from York County and Philip R. Dodson from Lehigh County accompanied the group. The young people traveled by chartered bus.

John Schwartz, County Extension agent, will be glad to provide information on opportunities for young people in the community to participate in the variety of 4-H programs offered to boys and girls from age eight to 19.

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Seminar Planned on Rural Home Loans

On September 12th from 8:00 - 9·30 p m. the Lancaster County Cooperative Extension Service and the Lancaster Office of the Farmers Home Administration (USDA) will jointly sponsor an educational seminar on rural home ownership loans to be held in the Extension Training Room, Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster.

Although the meeting is open without charge to all interested citizens, Farmers Home Administration (FHA) loans are designed for and limited to low and moderate income families who desire to finance homes and building sites located in municipalities of not more than 10,000 population — which are rural in character and not closely associated with urban areas.

The seminar will consist of a panel discussion, followed by a question-and-answer period designed to provide information concerning the following kinds of questions. Who may borrow? What are the loan terms? What

security is required? How may loan funds be used? What are the procedures in applying for a loan?

The seminar panelists are Doris Thomas, Lancaster County Extension home economist; Jay Irwin, Lancaster County Associate agricultural agent; Roy Giessman, director of the Lancaster County Farmers Home Administration Office; and Don Harter, Penn State Resource Development Agent — panel moderator.



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