

From Local Ag Teachers:



Thoughts in Passing



Show-Calf Selection

The article this week was prepared by Lew Ayers, teacher of agriculture at Ephrata High School

Exhibiting a prize-winning dairy heifer this summer can be an exciting experience for junior members. The benefits received from selecting, feeding, fitting and showing a calf of your own cannot be measured.

The ability to select the "right" type of calf is of prime importance and the ability to manage the calf into the type of animal that will catch the judges eye is equally important. These skills receive experience and a certain amount of "luck".

When selecting a show calf, you should know the age breakdown for the various classes. In most cases a show calf should be born "right" because an older calf will usually have more size and scale. The classes and dates to keep in mind include:

Junior Calf - January 1, 1973-March 31, 1973, Intermediate Calf - October 1, 1972-December

Ephrata Boys Feeding Deer

Ten Ephrata area junior ag students and their advisor, Charles Ackley, left Friday for a weekend of browse cutting in Tioga County. This is an annual event for the Ephrata club and their advisor.

A tour of the Raymond Butter farm Friday evening began the weekend activities. Butter was named Outstanding Pennsylvania Young Farmer several years ago.

Saturday was spent at Hills Creek State Park Game Lands cutting browse for deer. The Lumber Museum at Denton Hill Ski Area west of Wellsboro was selected to visit Saturday evening.

Students included in the weekend field trip were: Clair Martin, Gerald Good, John Zimmerman, Richard Strauss, David Reiff, Vernon Martin, Jesse Brubaker, Scott Bartsch, Jay Oberholtzer and Daniel Hollinger.



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31, 1972, Senior Calf - July 1, 1972-September 30, 1972, Junior Yearling - January 1, 1972-June 30, 1972, Senior Yearling - July 1, 1971-December 31, 1971

Also remember that a calf you purchase must be registered in your name before May 1, 1973. Animals that are bred and owned by the exhibitor must be registered by the show date.

It's quite difficult to determine how a young calf will look when it gets older. I've seen some pretty poor-looking animals as calves that turned out to be blue ribbon winners. The same is also true of animals that look typey as calves and later develop into the type of heifer you wouldn't want to lead into the show ring. Basically you want to select a calf that has a strong set of feed and legs, level over the rump, and shows stretch and upstandingness.

When selecting that special calf, it's a must to look at the

calfs dam and other daughters in the herd. The old saying "like mother, like daughter" carries a lot of weight. Check production records and classification scores of the dam and her daughters. In most cases the calf will resemble the type of her dam. Also check the production record and classification breakdown of the sire and his daughters. If you have the opportunity, check the appearance of the sires daughters. If the calfs dam has some weak points, possibly the sires strengths will overcome them.

After selecting your calf, the responsibility for its development is in your hands. Unfortunately, this is where many youngsters fail. Caring for a calf is a year-round job. Don't wait until the last minute to get your calf ready for the show. Some of the important practices that must be followed include: hoof trimming throughout the year, worming two times a year (spring and fall), exercise, and of course feeding a well-balanced grain ration with high quality roughage.

Remember not to get your calf over-conditioned by feeding too much grain or not exercising. If you have a young calf, it might be wise to continue feeding milk replacer a few weeks longer than recommended so your calf gets off to a fast start.

And finally, remember - it's better to be a blue ribbon boy with a red ribbon calf than a blue ribbon calf with a red ribbon boy.

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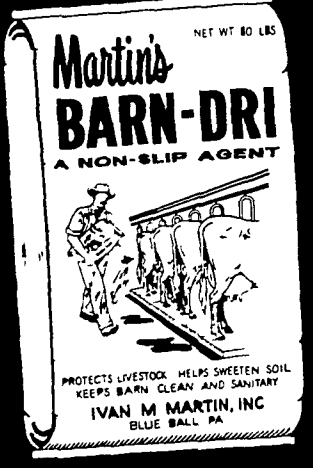
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Holstein Assn. Plans Type Barn Meetings

The Lancaster County Holstein Association has announced three barn meetings in February for dairymen who'd like to learn more about type classification. All the meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. Dates and places for the meetings are:

Thursday, February 8, farm of Nathan E. Stoltzfus, Hoffmeyer Road, Gap.

Tuesday, February 13, farm of Galen W. Crouse, Stevens R1.

Tuesday, February 20, farm of

Shelley Shellenberger, Mt. Joy, R1.

The committee responsible for planning the barn meetings was chaired by Albert E. Fry. Other members were Vernon Umble and Robert Book.

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