

The swine classes at the 17th Keystone International Livestock Exposition will be going all out this year to clear their image. The mammoth livestock show opens for a six-day run at the Farm Show Thursday, November

Scattered outbreaks of hog cholera in the summer of 1972 forced Expo health officials to return nearly 200 entries from Ohio and Indiana and reduce the head count of hogs to last place, behind the sheep, horses and beef cattle.

In December and January four isolated outbreaks of hog cholera were uncovered in the Commonwealth and the entire swine department at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show was cancelled. But the outbreaks in more than a dozen states were successfully contained and the entire continental U. S. is once again out of quarantine. The only USDA quarantine still in effect is the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The important pork producing areas of the east along with significant representation from the south and the midwest northwest will be back in the Keystone International this year improving the species in both quantity and quality.

Host state farmers traditionally make their best showing in the swine classes. For instance, in last year's breeding

classes Pennsylvanians were acclaimed premier exhibitors in six of the seven breeds with Richard P. Sholley, Jonestown, Lebanon County, copping the accolade for both the Poland China and Spotted Swine breeds. Sholley also showed the champion boar in these two breeds.

Another big winner in the '72 Expo was Reno H. Thomas, a mid-state farmer-legislator who grabbed all of the top prizes for Yorkshire and breeding stock. The Beavertown, Snyder County, pork producer also took the grand championship in the live judging of market-ready hogs.

The revised schedule of events for the 1973 show, November 8-13, will have all of the swine breeding classes showing on Friday and Saturday in the small arena. The barrows competition will continue to be held Sunday and Monday with the truckload judging first followed by the individual classes.

Nearly half of the barrows in the live judging will be immediately shipped to a nearby slaughterhouse and meat experts will make an evaluation of the carcass. Grand championship of the on-foot (live) classes is good for \$50 and a plaque. Grand championship of the on-rail judging is worth \$1,000 and a plaque.

The York Area Chamber of Commerce will visit Lancaster County this year for its annual farm-city tour.

The tour, to be held Monday, will first stop at Lauxmont Farms, Wrightsville RD1, for the First Annual Purebred Dutchman Hereford Sale. Lunch will be served prior to the sale at 1 p.m.

The tour will then proceed to Baum's Bologna, Inc., Elizabethtown, and the Atlantic Breeders Cooperative. The meeting will be held at the Harvest Drive Farm Restaurant, near Intercourse, that evening.

John T. Smith, York County agricultural agent, arranged the tour.

Pulbic hearings on milk prices for the Lancaster County area will be held in Harrisburg on Nov. 15, it was announced Tuesday by the Milk Marketing Board.

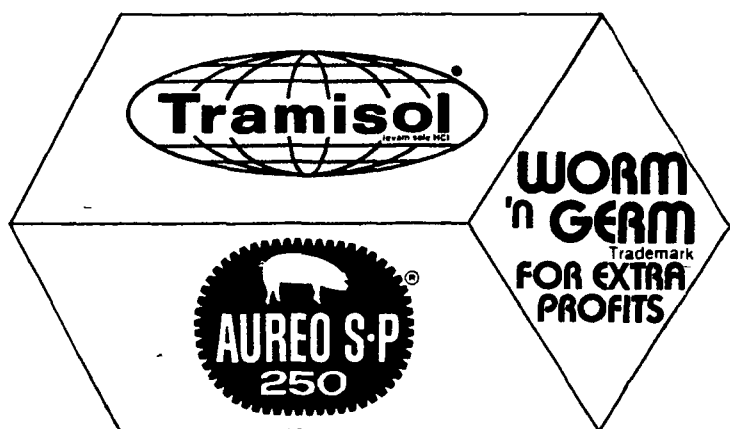
The session, which starts at 10 a.m. in the State Agriculture Department building, will be for the southcentral area which includes Lancaster, Lebanon and York counties.

Chairman Harry Kapleau scheduled the hearings and said their purpose was to update statistics received at prior sessions. He said they do not necessarily signal price increases.

On Nov. 7, Kapleau said, the westcentral marketing area will hold hearings in Erie.

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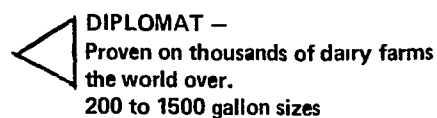
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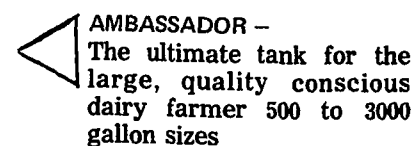
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