

State FFA livestock team awarded prizes in Virginia

The State FFA Livestock judging team won numerous awards recently at the Invitational Livestock Judging Contest held in conjunction with State Fair of Virginia at Richmond. The team members were: Jay Caudill, Red Lion High School; Darrel Stoltzfus, Twin

Valley High School; and Sherwood Miller, Eastern Northampton AVTS.

The members won the following awards: in sheep Darrel Stoltzfus was high individual with the team placing first. In swine, Jay Caudill placed second while

the team was second. The beef team was third. These winnings resulted in Jay Caudill placing third high individual out of 36 contestants and the Pennsylvania team placing second in the overall competition with nine different state teams represented.

Most of Penna. Land

Eighty-six percent of the land in Pennsylvania has been soil surveyed according to Benny Martin, State Conservationist, U.S. Soil Conservation Service (SCS). Soil surveyed land is that which has been mapped and classified by an SCS soil scientist. The soil maps contain information on soil texture, depth, drainage, and slope. The information is used extensively by local units of government, planners, land developers, state agencies, and landowners.

More than 870,000 acres were soil surveyed during the past fiscal year according to the SCS report. Field survey work was completed in Lebanon and Wyoming Counties. Soil survey reports were published for Northampton and Bucks-Philadelphia Counties. Interim reports, those published while field work is underway, were published in eight counties.

Twenty-six counties have published soil survey reports. Thirty-three counties have special or interim reports.

According to Donald Holzer soil scientist, Lancaster Soil Conservation Service, Farm & Home Center, Rm. 4; 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster, Pa. 17601:

Soil Survey Lancaster County
Attention Farmers. A preliminary soil investigation has begun. U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service soil scientists Don Holzer and Boyd Custer are carrying out this investigation and soil mapping.


Investigation began in the Schoeneck area and now moved to the Goshen - Little

Britain area in the southern part of the county. Other areas in the county will be investigated before full field mapping begins.

Your cooperation is requested in this work. Soil testing at Penn State University is part of this effort.

A ceremony is scheduled to be held in March to officially open the soil mapping of Lancaster County.

An Answer From Jesus



The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven.

He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.

And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day, for the sky is red and lowring O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky, but can ye not discern the signs of the times?

A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign, and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.

St Matthew 16 1-4

Prospects for rail system is NEPPCO exposition topic

HERSHEY, PA — What's ahead for rail transportation in serving agriculture in the years ahead?

Poultry producers and allied industry men attending the 44th anniversary exposition of the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council on Oct. 21-23 will get the message at the new Hershey Convention Center.

In the belief that "the

proposed ConRail system offers the opportunity for improved service by a privately-owned and viable operator," former American Farm Bureau Federation President Charles B. Shuman will explore "What's Down the Track for Eastern Agriculture."

"Efficient and reliable transportation is essential for a prosperous and productive agriculture, and northeastern poultrymen have an important stake in the successful reorganization of the Penn-Central and other railroads of the region," Shuman says.

He will outline prospects and the odds for an effective reorganization as part of a NEPPCO speaking program which also features sessions on poultry health and the means of capitalizing production in the years ahead. Also on the program are an expert review of the current and future events with high-impact value on the industry and a perceptive look at what shifting world conditions mean to

traditional marketing patterns here and abroad.

Center of attraction in the new Convention Center will be NEPPCO's annual commercial exposition of the latest in equipment, products and services, together with the traditional youth and ladies programs, the big market egg and carton shows and other social and educational events.

Information on early show registration is available at NEPPCO offices, 322 Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills, PA 19030, telephone 215-547-0190. Room reservations should be made directly with the Hershey Motor Lodge.

American Viewpoints



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