

Ben F. Morgan honored

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caster County agent who made the presentation. Morgan was a 4-H boy from age 12 through age 20, and studied at West Virginia University. After graduation, he entered extension work while continuing his education.

In his work at Penn State where he's been since 1956, Morgan is head of the entire sheep extension program all over the state and very much involved in the breeding program of beef cattle. He offers advice to cow-calf operators and helps in the organizing of feeder calf sales.

No newcomer to the Pennsylvania Livestock Association, Morgan

managed the event from 1958 to 1963, and has been one of the Expo committee's co-chairmen since then.

Asked about the future of the beef industry, Morgan confidently stated "it will come back — it always has."

Puffing briefly on his pipe and pausing a moment, he added: "But I'm very concerned about the sheep industry — membership is getting so low that we'll soon have too many packers to handle the small amounts of lamb coming in." He explained that without more lamb going to market, some of the packing houses will have to close up and thus competition will have been eliminated.

The U.S. wool market,

very small in comparison to production in Australia and New Zealand, is down because wool prices are controlled by international supplies. Low production costs in other areas of the world prevent American producers from gaining a better market.

The situation is similar with some meat products, Morgan continued, especially canned meat. Cheaper labor costs abroad account for this situation.

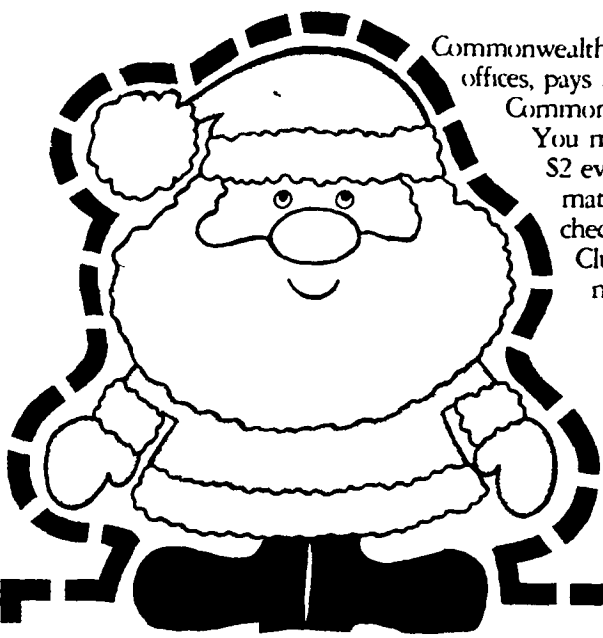
As Livestock Man of the Year, Morgan was presented a plaque which pictures the four areas of the livestock business (horses, sheep, hogs, and beef cattle).



Showing sheep is a family affair, especially for the Robert Herr's of Narvon. Dr. Herr (center) is shown with his pen of three entry in the

Dorset class. Elizabeth and Barbara Herr helped their father at showing with expert advice coming from Charles Smith, a family friend.

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Top beef chosen

HARRISBURG — Jeff Brown of Bethel, Ohio, had the grand champion steer at the 19th Keystone International Livestock Exposition Nov. 8-14 at the Farm Show.

Judges at the Open Class Steers competition also named Debra Barker of Kendallville, Indiana,

reserve grand champion steer of the show.

The best steers in the competition were slaughtered and later judged as carcass steers on-rail.

The champion carcass award was given to Phil Riecke and family of Avilla, Indiana.

Jay W. Fought of Carlisle, Pa., last year's grand champion winner at the open steer show, took the award for the reserve champion carcass.

Jeff Brown's crossbred steer was champion of the Junior Steers show, and Debra Barker's Crossbred was the reserve champion steer of that show.

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