

Weather outlook topics scheduled for cattlemen

DENVER, Co. - "The long term weather outlook and effects on production and marketing of beef cattle" - that is just one example of topics to be discussed during educational sessions at the American National Cattlemen's Association Convention, to be held January 28-30 in Phoenix, Arizona.

One of the highlights of the three-day program will be an industry outlook session on Wednesday, January 28. The program is sponsored by Cattle-Fax, ANCA's market analysis service, and it will provide both short and long range forecasts.

In addition to the annual meeting of Cattle-Fax, the program will provide a broad look at the situation the industry will face in the years ahead, Topper Thorpe, Cattle-Fax Manager, pointed out.

Dr. Irvin Krick of Krick & Associates, a weather forecasting service, will discuss the long range weather outlook and its effects on the cattle business. Dr. James W. Riley, economist with Merck & Co., Inc., and a member of ANCA's Council of Economic Advisors, will describe the general economic situation and the outlook for beef demand. Thorpe and John Welch of Cattle-Fax will analyze the market situation and outlook and will explain use of Cattle-Fax as a marketing tool.

"Our Convention will be entertaining and enjoyable, and we also will take important Association actions," said Gordon Van Vleck, ANCA President. "Those are major reasons why we meet, but not all. This year's program calls for the 'Happening' seminars and a record-sized Trade Show, as well as the expanded Cattle-Fax outlook seminar - all packed with practical, worthwhile information for cattle producers."

The educational sessions will be held on Wednesday and Thursday in the new Phoenix Civic Plaza, and the Trade Show will be open from January 27 through January 30. The fourday Trade Show will consist of 150 exhibitors that represent commercial, governmental and non-profit organizations. The intent of the Trade Show is to give cattle producers a firsthand look at products and services available to

them. Booths will be open throughout the day and are located in the Phoenix Civic Plaza along with all other Convention proceedings.

Trade Show exhibitors have again agreed to present one-hour seminars on topics related to their field of service. Cattlemen will have the choice of attending any of 17 educational seminars running Thursday afternoon.

A list of exhibitors and their seminar topics follows: Commodity News Service, Inc., "LFM-The Best Hand You Ever Hired;" Merck Chemical Division, "Parasite Control Provides Feed Efficiency;" Chicago Mercantile Exchange, "Futures Markets - an Important Management Tool;" Bache and Co., "Hedging Insights;" Heinold Commodities, "Hedging Strategies;" Bridgewater Associates, Inc., "Creative Hedging Strategies;" ContiCommodities, "Feed Grains and Cattle Price Outlook;" Lockwood Cor-

poration, "Profit Planning Through Water Management."

Butler-Oswalt Division, "Legal-for-Trade Electronic Scales in the Feedlot;" American Brahman Breeders Association, "Crossbreeding's Common Denominator;" Norden Laboratories, "Current Research on Corona Virus, Lepto Infections, and the Shipping Fever Complex;" Abbott Laboratories, "Current Thinking on Vaccines and their Application;" Western Farm Management, "Mortgages, Management and Money;" Hesston Corporation, "Large Package Hay Handling Systems;" Elanco Products Company; and Jensen-Salsbery.

For more information on the Convention, including registration information, contact Tom Pellet, ANCA Director of Special Services, P.O. Box 569, Denver, Colorado 80201 (303-861-1904).

Herd butterfat record set in New Jersey

Heading the milk and butterfat production lists for dairy herds in New Jersey were Holstein herds of Howard Sutton & Son, Califon, and Four Oaks Farm, Somerville. Both are members of the Central Jersey Dairy Herd Improvement Association, the farmer owned and operated cooperative administering the testing program in Hunterdon, Somerset and nearby counties.

The Sutton herd, consisting of 33 cows, averaged 677 lbs. of butterfat and 17,170 lbs. milk. The Four Oaks herd, with 43 cows, averaged 17,597 lbs. milk and 673 pounds fat, and is owned by Mrs. Mary C. Hyde and managed by George Knapp.

The recent year marked the 5th straight year that the Howard Sutton herd had exceeded 600 lbs. fat. And, the 677 lb. level marks the highest level ever achieved by a dairy herd on official test in the state.

This was Four Oaks first appearance on the 600 lb. fat - 16,000 lb. milk list. The 17,597 lbs. was high milk this year in the state. Three other Central Jersey herds were also on the "honor list."

They were: New Jersey Experiment Station, New Brunswick, 633 lbs. fat and 16,173 lbs. milk; Penn-Breeze Farm, Charles Rogers, Pennington, 625 lbs. fat and 15,870 lbs. milk; and Stanley Douglass and Sons, Pittstown, 605 lbs. fat and 14,885 lbs. milk.

Thirty herds in the state exceeded either 600 pounds of fat or 16,000 pounds milk.

Maryland dairyman receives Service to Agriculture award

BEL AIR, Md. - F. Grove Miller of Northeast, Maryland was presented the Service to Agriculture Award by the Maryland Association of County Agricultural Agents at the recent Maryland Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Baltimore. The award is given annually for outstanding service to Maryland agriculture, the Cooperative Extension Service and the University of Maryland.

Miller is a dairyman and businessman from Cecil County who has been active in many local and State agriculturally related activities. He is presently president of the Maryland Farm Bureau and past Master of the Maryland State Grange. This past summer he completed a seven year term as a member of the University of Maryland Board of Regents. He is also a member of the Maryland Agricultural Commission.

Being interested in Maryland agricultural products, Miller has served as chairman of the Maryland Agricultural Dinner for members of the Maryland legislature, is currently a director of the Maryland State Fair and on the National Occupational Safety and Health Act Committee representing agriculture.

In his home community, Miller is an active participant in county DHIA

work, the artificial breeding cooperative and local farm marketing and farm supply organizations. He helped organize and has been president of the Cecil County Fair. Currently he is a director of the fair.

The Service to Agriculture Award is given annually by the Maryland Association of County Agricultural Agents to that individual whom the members feel expresses qualities of leadership and responsibility in service to Maryland agriculture. The organization consists of Maryland Extension Agents serving agriculture and rural and urban communities. It is affiliated with the National Association of

County Agricultural Agents, a nation-wide organization of Extension workers

The award was given Miller by the current president of the Maryland Association, Reg Traband, Extension Agent in Harford County. Traband relates Miller is an active participant in many agricultural organizations, both in his home community and on the state level, and works diligently to support a strong agricultural base for both our state and nation.

Traband further noted Miller is not only an outstanding leader, but a true friend to Maryland agriculture.

Corn contest held

Three members of the Little Dutchmen FFA chapter recently competed in the Lebanon County Corn Contest. The members were (left to right) Ellis Meyer, Jay Bomgardner and Reid Hoover. The county contest is divided into three categories; high yield, cost per bushel, and ear quality. Winners from Annville

were: Yield - 1st Reid Hoover 176.8 bu.-a.; 4th Ellis Meyer 164.9 bu.-a.; 9th Jay Bomgardner 139.6 bu.-a. Cost Per bushel: 1st Jay Bomgardner 52 cents; 3rd Reid Hoover 63 cents; 10th Ellis Meyer 85 cents.

Ear Quality: 2nd Ellis Meyer; 3rd Jay Bomgardner and 6th Reid Hoover.

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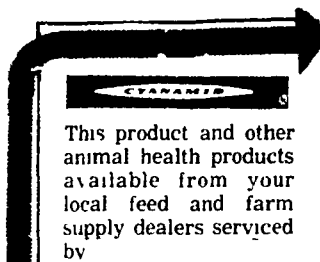
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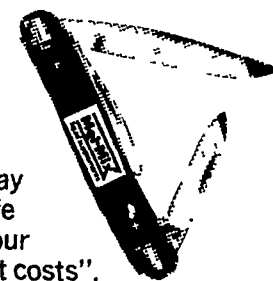
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