Sheep field day scheduled for Penn State

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. Something new has been added to the annual State Sheep Field Day to be held June 4 at The Pennsylvania State University.

The "something new" is a Performance Tested Ram Sale, reports Lancaster County Extension agent Max Smith. Approximately 35 yearling rams that have been on feed test since January will be offered for sale as the final event in the day's program.

The Field Day program will have something for everyone. The morning

program, starting at 10 a.m., will be divided into two sections. One section, held at the Beef-Sheep Center, will feature a progress report on the Finnsheep Project, comparing production of Finn-cross ewes with more conventional mutton type sheep. This will be followed by a discussion of records, recordkeeping and the development and use of an index. The final event in the Sheep Center program will be a discussion and observation of an electric fence for sheep.

The other section,

workshop on management of orphan rams have performed well lambs. This will be followed and should be of benefit to demonstration on lamb state. Just before the sale the Versatile Meat."

Lunch will be served at the Meats Lab at 12 noon.

Following lunch, one phase of the program will continue at the Meats Lab. Mrs. Janice Bates, of Washington County, and her 9-year-old daughter, both dressed in colonial costume, will demonstrate spinning and natural dyeing of wool. This will be from 1 to 2 p.m.

The performance Tested Ram Sale will be held at the Meat Animal Evaluation

Laboratory, will start with a of the 41 rams on test will be the offered at auction. These at 11 a.m. with a most any sheep flock in the cooking and film. "Lamb - there will be a discussion of the value and use of performance tested rams.

> Bill McClure has worked very closely with the Virginia Ram Performance Testing Program and has been asked to discuss this topic.

> The field day is sponsored jointly by the Pennsylvania Sheep and Wool Growers Association and the animal science section of Penn State.

The careful selection of a

important part of overall to the genetic potential of important. your flock, according to

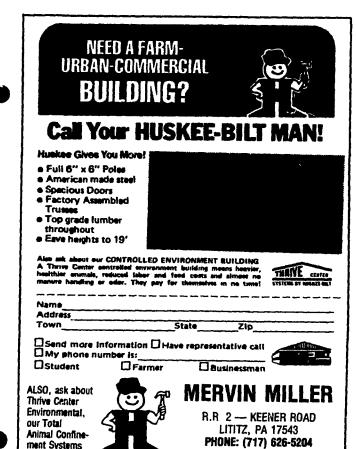
the true worth of a ram by Sale. what he costs, or what his than on his performance.

Remember, says Kimble, last three generations of rams used. That is why the Wool Growers Association.

scheduled at the Meats tenter at 2 p.m. The top end new stud ram is a very old saying that pedigrees tell you what an animal should flock management. In fact it be, shows tell you what an is probably the most animal appears to be and important single factor when performance tells you what determing what will happen an animal is, becomes so

> There will be individual Robert Kimble, director of performance records the Pennsylvania Meat available on all rams selling Animal Evaluation Center. in Pennsylvania's First Too many people evaluate Performance Tested Ram

> Meat Animal The pedigree is, or what he has Evaluation Center's won at the shows, rather programs are sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture that approximately 87 per in cooperation with The cent of the genetic make-up Pennsylvania State of a lamb comes from the University and the Pennsylvania Sheep and



Kantner moves up in Extension ranks

SCHUYKILL HAVEN, Pa. David L. Kantner, Schuylkill County extension director on Penn State University's Cooperative Extension Service staff, has been promoted to assistant director of the Southern Alleghen; Region, effective June 15.

Dr. Thomas B. King, Penn State associate dean for Extension, said that Kantner will supervise Extension programs in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Somerset counties. He will be headquartered on the Penn State Altoona Campus.

He succeeds Assistant Director Leland H. Bull, who retired January 1, 1977. Schuylkill County Ex-

David L. Kantner tension Director since

Ocotber 1973, Kantner was

appointed to the Penn State

Extension staff in 1966 as

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assistant Bucks County Extension agent.

In Schuylkill County, he developed in-depth educational programs in dairy, livestock, and farm management. Under his leadership, enrollment in 4-H programs have grown from 700 members in 1972 to over 2300 in 1976.

He assisted in the establishment of the first Extension county community resource development agent position in Pennsylvania and developed the position of agricultural assistant in Schuylkill County to work in the areas home grounds management, youth gardening, and small and part time farming.

Kantner recently received a Public Affairs Leadership Fellowship supported by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. He studied economics, sociology, government, and communications as they relate to analyzing social and economic problems in rural areas.

The new assistant director served as chairman of the Southeastern Pennsylvania 4-H Leaders Forum, 4-H District Horse Show, and Regional 4-H Lamb and Sheep Shows. He also is a director of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association.





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