

Goats gaining ground

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN - The dairy goat is making a name for herself in Pennsylvania. To date, there are several hundred herds in the state. More than 200 goat herds are registered with the American Dairy Association. Pure Goat Products, a commercial dairy in Boyerstown, handles goat products exclusively. Nine Pennsylvania goat herds are licensed by the state to sell raw milk. Goats' milk is white and easier to digest than that of cows' milk. This is especially important for infants, elderly people, and people with weak stomachs.

Goats' milk is also highly nutritious. It contains many essential nutrients needed by the body. In fact to get the nutrients supplied by one quart of goats' milk one would have to eat the following amounts of food: one pound of lean beef steak, one pound of chicken, one and two-thirds pounds of peas, eight eggs, seven oranges, three and one-fifth pounds of codfish, five pounds of spinach, three and one-half pounds of oysters, six tomatoes and six bananas.

During the Summer months, hundreds of goats will be shown at fairs and goat shows throughout the state. At last year's Spotlight Sale, sponsored by the American Dairy Goat Association, the top selling goat was a seven month old



The goat - a calf-sized milk producer - provides milk to millions around the world.

Toggenburg doe. It was bought by Steve Ferguson of Pennsylvania for a record of \$5,660.

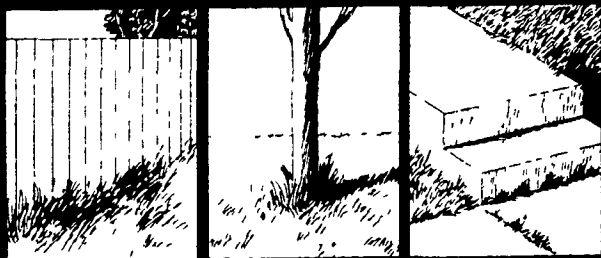
Schuylkill County has an active club for goat enthusiasts called the Blue Mountain Dairy Goat Association. Anyone interested in dairy goats or any youth interested in the 4-H program can get more information by contacting Kathy Buggy or Al Shoner at the Schuylkill County Extension Service, P.O. Box 404, Schuylkill Haven, Pa. 17972; telephone - 717-385-3431.

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Phares Z. Musser				
42	4-3	17,362	3.9	673
23	2-6	17,134	3.9	662
18	2-4	12,759	4.8	618
Lewis M. Werner				
84	6-11	16,906	3.8	647
21	5-5	16,123	4.0	650
75	2-7	15,750	3.8	605
Raymon & Marlin Getz				
Unh	10-7	19,131	3.6	687
Jaleen	3-3	16,393	3.8	616
Yippe	3-4	16,659	3.7	609

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Dogs help the deaf

HARRISBURG - Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Kent Shelhamer, whose department administers the state Dog Law, today issued a call for public attention to a "hearing dog" program for the deaf which was brought to Pennsylvania in early June by the Women's SPCA of Pennsylvania in cooperation with the American Humane Association.

Under the program, Shelhamer said, dogs are trained to respond to such sounds as the ringing or buzz of an alarm clock, the cry of a baby, smoke alarm signals, door bells and knocks, and even the stealthy sounds made by prowlers. When altered, the dogs will make physical contact with their masters and lead them to the source of the sounds.

Shelhamer said the Women's S.P.C.A. of Pennsylvania "should be given a

great amount of credit" for working with the American Humane Association in making the first hearing dog placement in Pennsylvania with 19-year-old Garwood F.

Eggs praised

LANCASTER-The Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association-hosted-guest speaker Christine Bushway, American Egg Board coordinator for NEMA.

Ms. Bushway highlighted the Summer egg program available through American Egg Board, briefly commenting on the top 20 markets in the U.S. and selling of eggs by the pound. She topped off the evening with some very positive comments on the broad television coverage given the "Incredible Edible Egg" especially on the Evening News Programs.

Kaufman of Huntingdon Valley.

Shelhamer also noted that the dog, trained in Denver by the Humane Association, is a

black mongrel which been abused by its owner whose life was saved by Colorado Humane Association.

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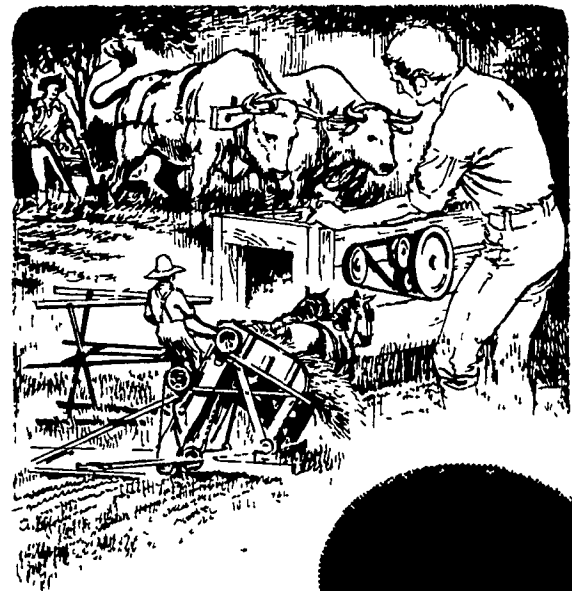
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