

# Students learn about livestock

TIMONIUM, Md — Nearly 4000 schoolchildren were introduced to live farm animals, many of them for the first time, in a new educational program conducted by the Eastern

National Livestock Show last month

A report on the program, funded by a grant from the Baltimore County Arts and Sciences Commission, was released recently by John

Wildesen, manager of the livestock show

Wildesen said the live farm animals, including beef and dairy cattle, sheep, pigs, and ponies, were taken to 20 county schools where 3850 children in kindergarten and the first grade were permitted to touch the animals and were given basic information on the value of farm animals to health and economy. Another 547 children in higher grades and 90 children in special education classes participated in the program.

The school visits, Wildesen said, emphasized the theme that "animals are good; they eat things people cannot eat and turn those things into milk and meat."

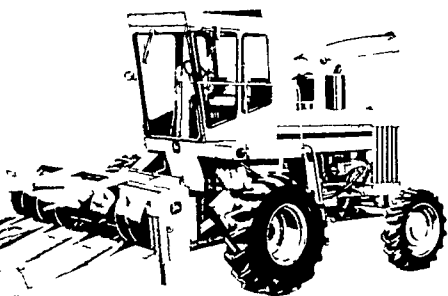
He said the average urban youngster does not have the opportunity to come in contact with farm animals, other than in textbooks, and that the "hands on appearance of the animals brought many favorable comments from teachers."

The school visitation program is one of many year-round educational activities conducted by the Eastern National which annually holds a livestock show at the Maryland State Fair Grounds here for livestock breeders from more than 20 states. This year's show is set for October 4 to 8.



John Wildesen (standing), manager of the Eastern National Livestock Show, talks about the value of swine to school children in a new educational program conducted by the progressive show management.

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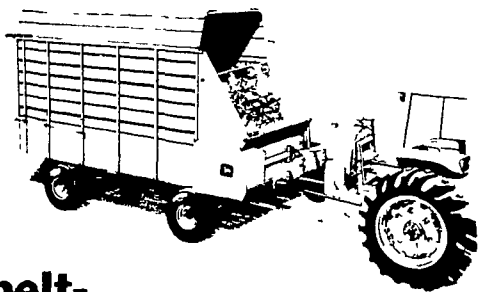
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make regularly scheduled presentations on the processed egg and poultry meat products of the future at this year's Fact Finding Conference, September 12 to 15, in Houston.

Swanson, now president of Swanson and Associates, will discuss his new ideas with poultrymen and women on the exhibit floor of the Albert Thomas Convention Center. Every afternoon, he

will present his ideas for further processed egg products that can be frozen and made adaptable to the quick breakfast market. He will also show a number of meat products which utilize the less popular forms of poultry and its by-products.

Swanson is completing his 28th year in food research and has developed a number of successful food products for major grocery manufacturers.

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