

Deadline set for Eastern Nat'l contests

TIMONIUM, Md. — September 20 is the registration deadline for entries in the Junior Stockman of the Year, Junior Dairyman of the Year, and Junior Horseman of the Year contests sponsored by the Eastern National Livestock Show.

The three events, each of which offers a top prize of a

\$1000 scholarship, are open to 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America Chapter members and will be conducted during the 32nd annual Eastern National to be held at the Maryland State Fair Grounds, here, October 4 to 8.

Age limits for all three contests are from 14 to 19. Competition is open to teams of three members each from the same 4-H Club or FFA chapter and, on an individual basis, to members of a club or chapter that does not have a team. In addition to the scholarship for the top-ranked individuals in each event, team and individual premiums will be awarded.

"The three competitions are designed to test the overall ability of young stockmen, dairymen and horsemen," according to John Wildesen, manager of the livestock show.

In the Junior Stockman Contest, entrants will compete in nine separate classes which include judging livestock on the hoof, identifying and grading various cuts of meat, and answering written questions on the livestock industry in general.

In the Junior Horseman Contest, the entrants will compete in 10 separate classes which will include performance, halter, written

questions, visual identification and feeding.

Entrants in the Junior Dairyman Contest will compete in 12 separate classes which will include judging of heifers, com-

mercial cows, dairy steers and dairy goats, identification of dairy products, and parts of a milking machine and feeding.

For detailed information on the events, and on registration, write to the Eastern National Livestock Show, Maryland State Fair Grounds, Timonium, Md 21093.

Minosa tree plagued by problems

NEWARK, Del — The mimosa, or silk tree, a native of the orient, was introduced into this country during colonial times. Since then it has become a well-known and widely grown specimen plant and shade tree.

The mimosa's popularity is due to its rapid growth rate, graceful form and foliage, and showy flowers, say experts. The fluffy pink flower heads are produced in midsummer, after most other trees have spent their bloom. Also, the mimosa's relatively small size makes it suitable for the average home grounds.

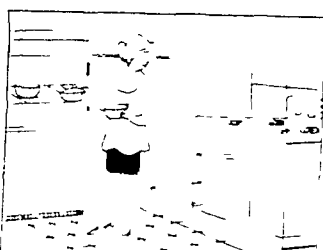
But for all its desirable traits, the mimosa does have some serious faults. The tree is rather short-lived. It's subject to attack by the mimosa webworm, which mats and blights the foliage

and makes a general nuisance of itself by its creepy-crawly activities. Repeated sprays of Sevin or malathion are necessary to keep this critter under control. Even worse, the tree is plagued by a widespread and destructive soilborne fungus called mimosa wilt disease. This causes a dieback and kills the trees. There is no control for this scourge.

Mimosas appear to be most reluctant to leaf out in the Spring, bring among the last trees to do so. They have also suffered from the extreme weather these past two winters. In addition, the trees' brittle wood makes them prone to splitting and breaking.

Whether or not the mimosa is considered a desirable ornamental depends on individual taste. However, if one wishes to plant this tree, he should be aware of its shortcomings and use it with discretion in the landscape.

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