

Late peach season expected

MOORESTOWN, N.J.—As of July 10, the Northeast peach season remains about seven days later than normal, and more than 10 days later than last year.

That was the consensus reached by members of the National Peach Council Marketing Committee which met here recently to survey the outlook for this year's peach crop.

Rehaven peaches, the first major volume variety, should start about August 1 in the New Jersey, Maryland, and West Virginia areas, followed by continued supplies about five days later from Pennsylvania.

For all varieties following Redhaven, up to the Rio Oso Gem, a general reduction of volume is expected from the amount which are available for commercial shipments. However, if all goes normally, the season should be caught up by August 25.

Because of the somewhat shorter crop, the Marketing Committee said, a majority

of the crop is expected to be in the larger sizes this year.

Although USDA reports have indicated that the 1978 peach crop for the Northeast will be about the same as 1977, using totals for nine Northeastern states, volume reductions are expected in major peach producing states, the committee members agreed.

These reductions include 35 per cent fewer peaches in New Jersey than in 1977, and Pennsylvania 11 per cent less than last year.

Based on these projections, the committee said it appears that commercial availability of fresh market peaches will be significantly less than the amounts available last season.

Egg Tests

You can determine the age of an egg by placing it on the bottom of a bowl of cold water. If it lays on its side it is strictly fresh. If it stands at an angle it is at least three days old and ten days old if it stands on end.

Lehigh Co. 4-H sheep club holds Spring show

ALLENTOWN—The Lehigh County 4-H Lamb and Sheep Club held their Spring Show on July 15 at the Allentown Fairgrounds Grand champion fitter for the event was Gail Snyder, and champion showman, Keith Breninger. In the reserve champion slot for both fitting and showmanship contests was Marlyn Stroh. The following are the complete results from that competition.

Senior Fitter

1. Gail Snyder, 2. Sara Fretz, 3. Susan Breninger, 4. Keith Breninger, 5. Dwayne Reinert

Intermediate Fitter

1. Marlyn Stroh, 2. Teresa Funk, 3. Melissa Fretz, 4.

Rose Williams, and 5. Paul Drissel.

Junior Fitter

1. Joshua Grim, 2. Ruth Grim, 3. Scott Reinert, 4. Kevin Reinert, and 5. Russel Drissel.

Senior Showman

1. Keith Breninger, 2. Gail Snyder, 3. Sara Fretz, 4. Dwayne Reinert, and 5. Susan Breninger.

Intermediate Showman

1. Marlyn Stroh, 2. Melissa Fretz, 3. Teresa Fink, 4. Rose Williams, 5. Paul Drissel.

Junior Showman

1. Joshua Grim, 2. Scott Reinert, 3. Ruth Grim, 4. Kevin Reinert, 5. Russel Drissel.

Diane Keefauver from Newville served as judge for the event.



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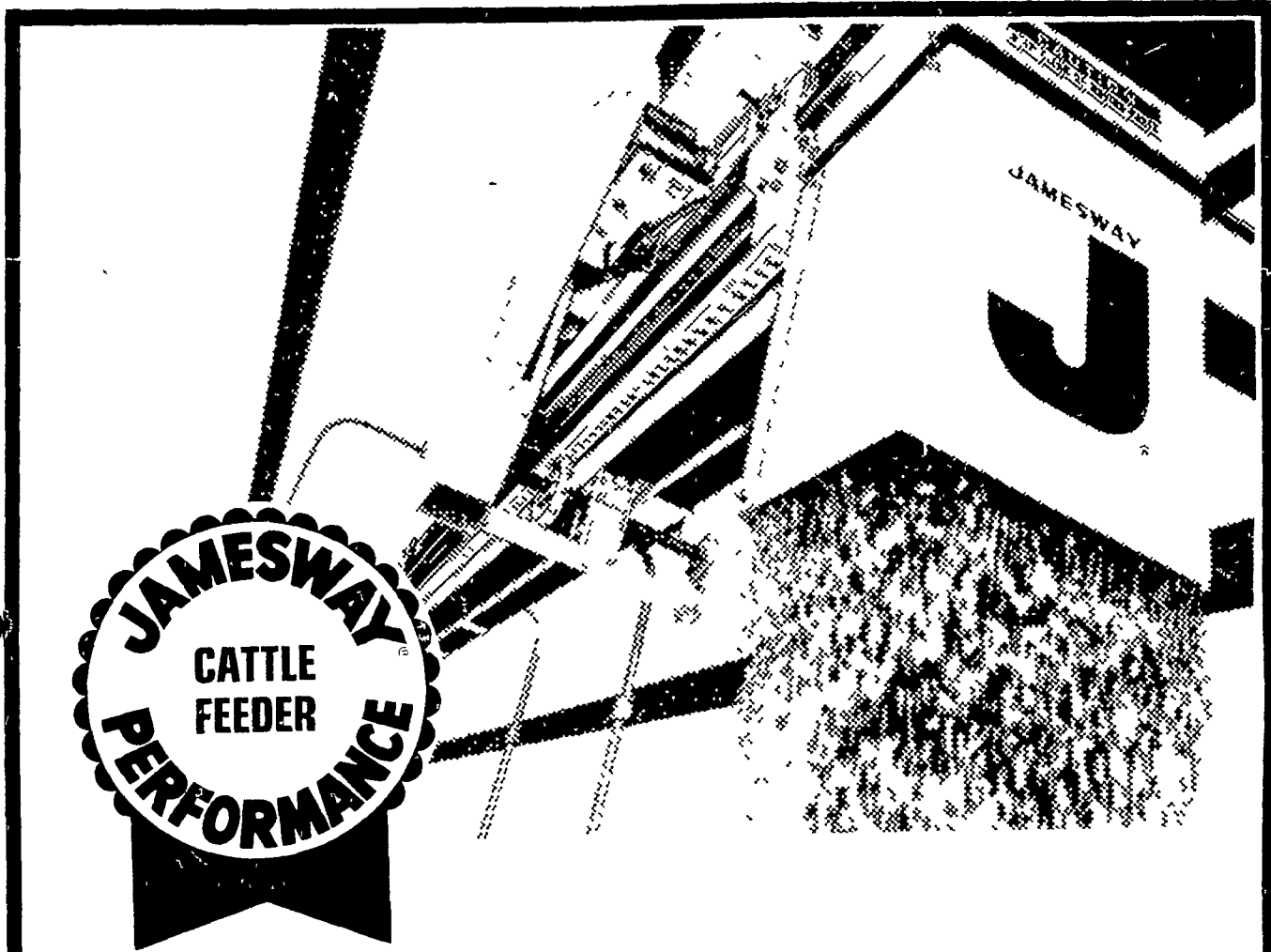
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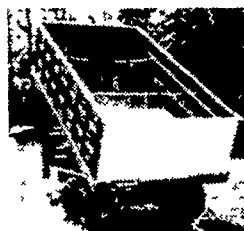


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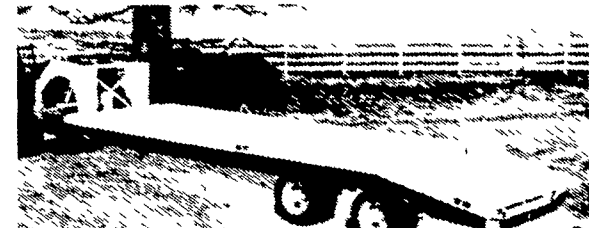
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