

Growing dairy goat association holds convention

Editor's Note: The following story was submitted by Mrs. Barbara Watson, West Chester, who attended the American Dairy Goat Association's annual convention in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The American Dairy Goat Association annual convention was held Oct. 8-14 in Scottsdale. This 74th of the annual conventions was hosted by the dairy goat clubs of Arizona and the trade magazine Dairy Goat Journal.

There were members in attendance from Mexico, Canada, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, as far away as Carterton, New Zealand.

ADGA arbitrarily divides the U.S., Canada, and Mexico and Puerto Rico into eight districts, each represented by directors elected by the membership in the district. The number of directors from each district is determined by the

member-population in each. New York, New Jersey and Penna. comprise District Two, and are represented by three directors; H. Gill Brown and R.H. Stoneback from Pa., and Mrs. Julien Green, from N.J.

Election of officers and executive committee for the year was the first order of business. Re-elected president was D. Lyman Stubblefield, Amarillo, Tx., first vice-president, Wes Nordfelt, Pison, Ca., and second vice-President Helen C. Hunt, Washington, Ct. Executive Committee members at large were Audrey Evans, Norco, Calif. and Mrs. Julien Green, Flemington, N.J.

Six hundred and fifty-three officially sanctioned ADGA goat shows were held during 1978, an increase of 113. Seventy-three official milking competitions were held in '78. Two hundred and forty new goat herds went on official test in 1978, making a

total of 1611 goat herds participating in the DHR and official group testing programs.

Dr. Jess Ayers, Univ. of Az., spoke on the future of dairy goats and the problem of lymphadenitis. Dr. W. Darrell Foote, Univ. of Nev. Reno, spoke on the continuing and needed research in goat reproduction. Dr. George Trumberger, well known professor emeritus, department of Animal science at Cornell Univ., Ithaca, N.Y., author of definitive texts on both cattle and goat judging techniques; addressed the subject of Showing Dairy Goats - its value to you.

A 'wet lab', featuring Dr. Don Bailey, Dr. Jess Ayers, Dr. Sam Guss, and Dr. Christine Williams, was shown to the audience on closed TV monitors, courtesy of Carnation-Albers Milling Co. This consisted of live operations, autopsies and demonstrations of dehorning and devocalizing techniques, in vivid color.

Among the host of speakers was Dr. Sam B. Guss, Extension veterinarian emeritus, Penn. State, author of "Management and Diseases of Dairy Goats".

Outstanding also, especially for a practical,

down-to-earth approach to disease and management; was Dr. Christine Williams, of Michigan State Univ., Ann Arbor. Her remarks were prolifically illustrated with color slides.

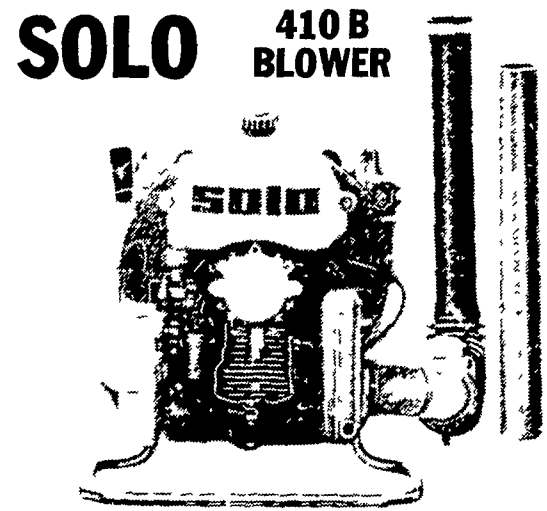
Economics was addressed by Roy Ferguson of Southern Agriculture Corp. Dick Newton, of Winrock International Livestock Research and Training Center, Ark.; attempted to answer the question, "Why Dairy Goats?"

Competition for and selection of the ADGA youth representatives was held. A young man and young lady are selected each year to represent the young 4-Hers, FFA'ers and junior ADGA members. This year's representatives are Douglas Bradley of Arizona; and Miss K. Josephine Watson, of Chester Co., Pa. Miss Watson is a graduate of Bishop Shannahan High School, West Chester, and Chester Co. Vo-Tech., Coatesville. She is currently employed by Vosters Plant Nurseries of Secane, Pa., and is one-third owner of Talisman Dairy Goats of West Chester.

On October 14, ADGAs annual Spotlight sale was conducted by auctioneer Bill Frerichs of Phoenix, Az. The highest selling animal was

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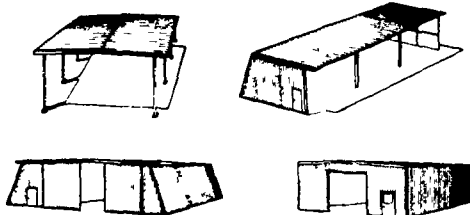
Meat for the meal is cooked over a two-foot bed of wood coals in a large pit for about 12 hours. At serving time pieces are removed from the pit and brought into the hall for slicing.

Tickets may be purchased for \$4.50 from AZ members or at Ag Hall any time prior to the 11th. They may be purchased at the door for \$5. Children under six will be admitted free.

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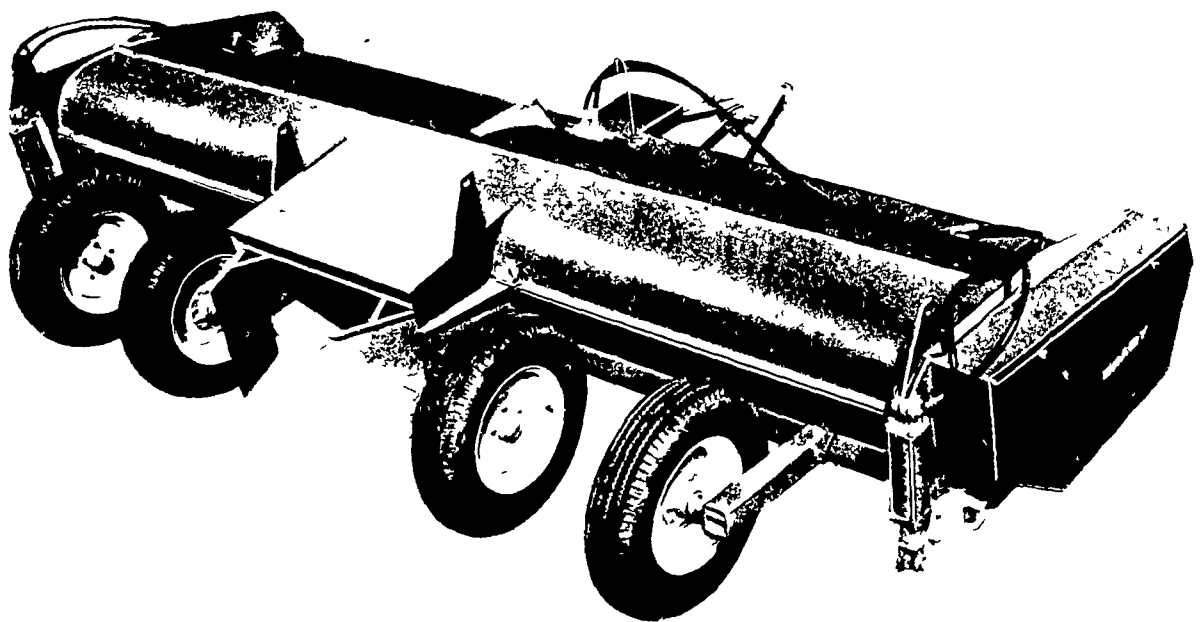
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