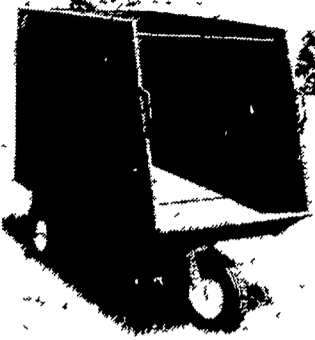


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## Sheep meeting set for Nov. 18

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Sheep production appears to be on the upswing in Maryland after a steady decline since 1970. But the national sheep count is still in the throes of a steady 35-year decline.

Two reasons for the optimism in Maryland and other Mid-Atlantic states are greatly improved prices for market animals and a big step forward in the endless battle against marauding dogs, which has plagued small-flock owners in the East since Colonial times.

The defensive war against dogs is being won with increased sophistication in electric-fencing techniques, reports Dr. Emory C. Leffel, professor of animal science and Extension sheep production specialist at the University of Maryland in College Park.

Because of the more optimistic outlook, Cooperative Extension Service specialists in Maryland and Delaware have decided to sponsor an all-day educational meeting on November 18 for sheep

producers — and prospective sheep producers — throughout the Delmarva area.

The Saturday event will be held at the Caroline county 4-H and Youth Park near Williston, at the midpoint of Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Activities will get under way with registration at 9 a.m. and end about 3:30 p.m. Noon lunch will feature roast leg of lamb at a cost of \$3.50 per person. Reservations should be made by November 14. One can contact his local county Extension agricultural

agent, or call one of the following persons: Robert J. Rouse, Extension agricultural agent at Denton; phone: (301) 479-0990 — or Dr. Emory C. Leffel, in the animal science department at the College Park campus; phone: (301) 454-4641.

## PSU forest area open for hunting

UNIVERSITY PARK — Hunters of small game are invited to use the 6,700 acre Stone Valley Experimental Forest of Penn State, in Huntingdon County, announces Dr. James S. Lindzey, leader of the Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at University Park.

Surveys of hunting in the Stone Valley Experimental Forest have been kept since 1962 by graduate students in the Wildlife Research Unit, Dr. Lindzey said. Highest records of game taken included 314 gray squirrels in 1968, 118 cottontail rabbits in 1962, and 220 deer in 1962. Small game harvest in-

formation represents only a three-day sample and not total kill, it was pointed out.

Located in Barree Township, the forest is reached from the east mainly on Route 305 by way of Belleville north to McAlevys Fort. Route 305 then takes one along the southern edge of the forest to Petersburg and Neffs Mills. The legislative route which leaves Neffs Mills and passes east through Masseyburg goes through the northern edge of the forest.

From the north at State College, Route 26 crosses the mountain above Pine Grove Mills. At the foot of the

mountain, one takes the legislative route to the right for Masseyburg, Neffs Mills and Petersburg. Several dirt roads enter the forest along Route 26.

The Experimental Forest is used for research, instruction, and demonstration activities by faculty and students of the School of Forest Resources in the College of Agriculture, together with the Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit. Forest management is a vital part of multiple-use studies. A lake is the center of a 565-acre recreational area operated by the Department of Recreation and Parks in the College of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation.

## Dairy banquet planned

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — A joint annual dinner meeting has been scheduled by the Central Jersey Holstein Association and the Central Jersey Dairy Herd Improvement Association for November 30, at Ringoes Firehouse. A baked ham dinner will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Amwell Valley Fire Dept. at 7 p.m.

Brief business meetings of both organizations will follow the dinner. William Teets, Clinton Township, is president of the Central Jersey Holstein Association; John Everett is president of the Central Jersey DHIA.

Round and square dancing will follow the brief business sessions.

Tickets are available from the directors of the Holstein Association and the DHIA supervisors in the area. Both organizations include dairymen from both Hunterdon and Somerset Counties and northern Mercer.

Deadline for ticket sales is November 22. Tickets are also available in the Hunterdon County Extension Service office, Route 31, north of Flemington, N.J. Telephone number is 201-788-1339.

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