

Pa. 4-H horse judging team first in nation

CARLISLE - Months of training and competition paid off for the Cumberland County 4-H horse judging team members as they captured first place in the national 4-H horse judging contest held in Harrisburg, November 4 as part of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition.

The contest attracted 4-H Judging teams from 26 states. The team from North Carolina placed second; Virginia judges were third; the entry from New Jersey placed fourth and the fifth spot was won by the team from Indiana.

The Cumberland County 4-H team representing Pennsylvania which compiled 1729 points out of a possible 1950 consisted of Judy Long, Carlisle; Deb King, Mechanicsburg R2; Betty Nichols, Mechanicsburg; and Cindy Otto, Carlisle R8. Miss Barbara Rebert, Carlisle R8, was coach for the winning team and received the coach's trophy presented by The International Arabian Horse Association. The Pennsylvania Equine Council presented a Revere bowl to the team with replicas for each team member. The team also received the National Horse and Pony Youth Activities, Council Challenge rotating trophy.

Judy Long placed fourth high individual in the contest with 588 points, eight points out of first place. She also placed second high individual in the placing of conformation classes. Judy earned 411 points, one point behind a Minnesota 4-H'er who places first. Deb King placed sixth high individual in the placing of conformation classes with a score of 401.

The Pennsylvania team placed first in placing the conformation classes and received ribbons and silver trophy trays for each team member from the Pennsylvania National Horse Show.

Betsy Nichols placed ninth high individual in the placing of performance classes.

The event, for 10 years a regional contest was

designated the National 4-H Horse Judging Contest this year.


Judging included six halter classes of four horses each and three performance classes. Members were required to give oral reasons on three halter classes and one performance class.

Pennsylvania didn't do quite as well in the 4-H Horse Bowl contest, coming in fifth place. New York took first honors in the Horse Bowl, followed by Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Ohio. Individual high ranking winners were Sarah Hammond of New Hampshire with 33 points and Jennifer Scott of Massachusetts with 30 points. Jennifer Weber of Pennsylvania came in fifth place in individual scores with 21 points.


Connecticut was named winner of the Intercollegiate division, scoring a total of 2310 points. Penn State ranked fifth in Intercollegiate judging, with 2295 points, and Texas Tech (Turn to Page 128)



Members of the winning horse judging team included Cindy Otto, Deb King, Judy Long, Betsy Nichols, and Miss Barbara Rebert, coach.



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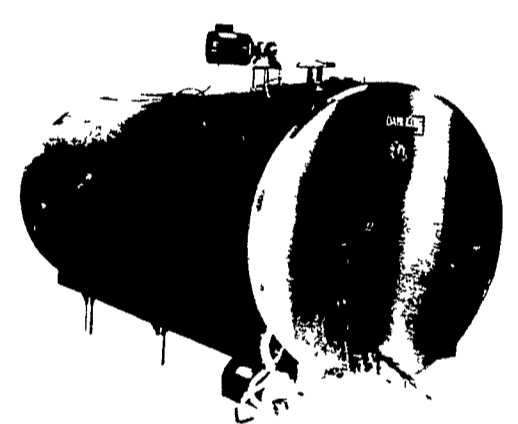
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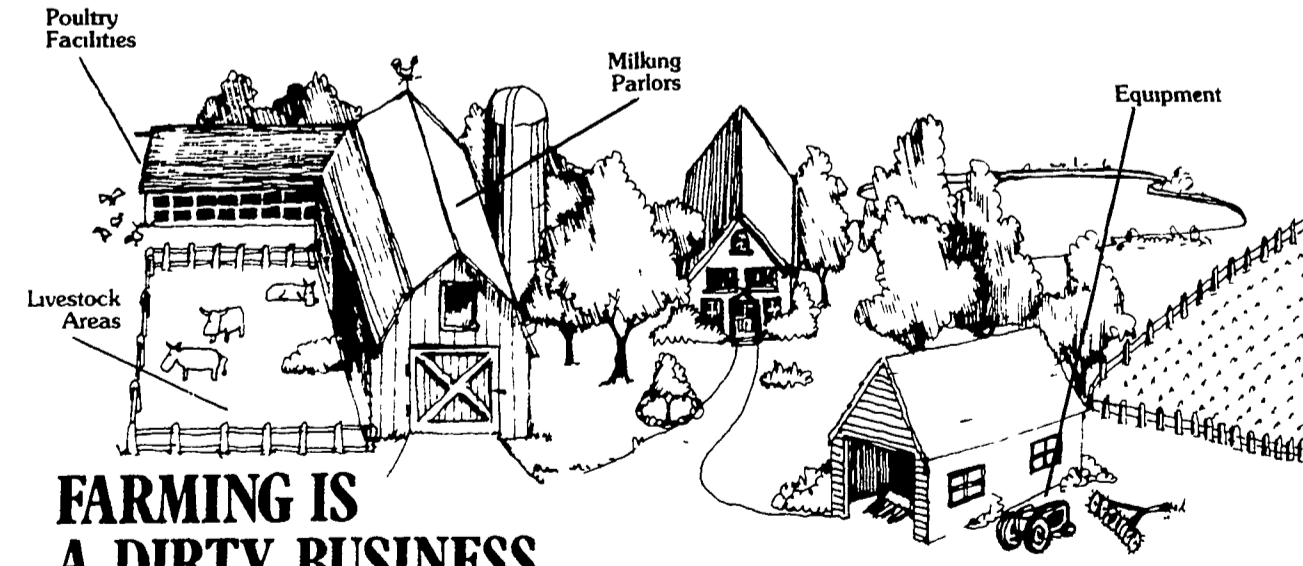
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