

Farmers are taking a 'closer look'

Herr fares well with market lambs

By JOAN LIESAU
HARRISBURG - "In the next three to five years, the economy of the livestock sector is in for some pretty good years" stated Earl Ainsworth, Keynote speaker at the Pennsylvania Livestock Association's annual awards banquet, November 4, at the Crossgate Inn, Harrisburg. Ainsworth, associate editor of the *Livestock Farm Journal*, said we were in the most profitable stage right now. "June 1, 1978 showed a low total in beef numbers, and this trend will continue into 1980." He felt the mood of farmers was "extreme distrust throughout the livestock sector." Farmers have a fear of price control on foreign beef, he stated, nitrates and drugs are also decreasing hog expansion,

along with European's subsidizing dairy product imports. "At a first glance, fear may seem unfounded" he said, "but farmers are taking a closer look and seeing the real meaning behind it." Ainsworth felt that in 1980 "herd expansion would set in and calf crop would increase expansion." "This boomerang effect" he said, "will aggravate an already critical shortage. An increased jump in heifer calf feeding, and for longer periods of time will increase the total cattle number on feed" he said. "There will be fewer stocker operations and non-fed cattle slaughter will decrease for a few more years" he predicted. He said that "somewhere over 40 per cent of our beef is going into hamburger." It was part of a "cultural phenomenon" he said, with our fast food culture. Ainsworth felt that in a "few years we will see a severe hamburger shortage." He cited McDonalds in one example, saying they are looking for more uniform hamburger. The fast food business is finding a serious problem in flavor and texture uniformity with imported beef. "Uniformity is the name of the game" he said. "Farrowing will increase this fall with a moderate expansion until 1981" he predicted. "Prices will spur this low expansion. Returns will be in the mid to high 40's, well above cost" he said. Ainsworth said the "gran reserves seemed to be working. It doesn't seem to be affecting the market" he said. "The prospects for

cheap feeds are not there, but the prices look tolerable and favorable" he said. "Political turbulence from consumers and regulators is not a passing phenomenon of 'what is in what we eat.' He felt consumers were ill informed and needed better sources of information made available to them. He feels regulators are "only concerned with the length of our lives and not the quality. If we banned everything on the cancer list, we would not live more than one to one and a half years more." "Historically farming is less organized during the profitable years. I worry the next few good years the farmers will let up in taking up political problems they will encounter." With all things considered, Ainsworth said "we must enter the livestock industry with better than average certainty."

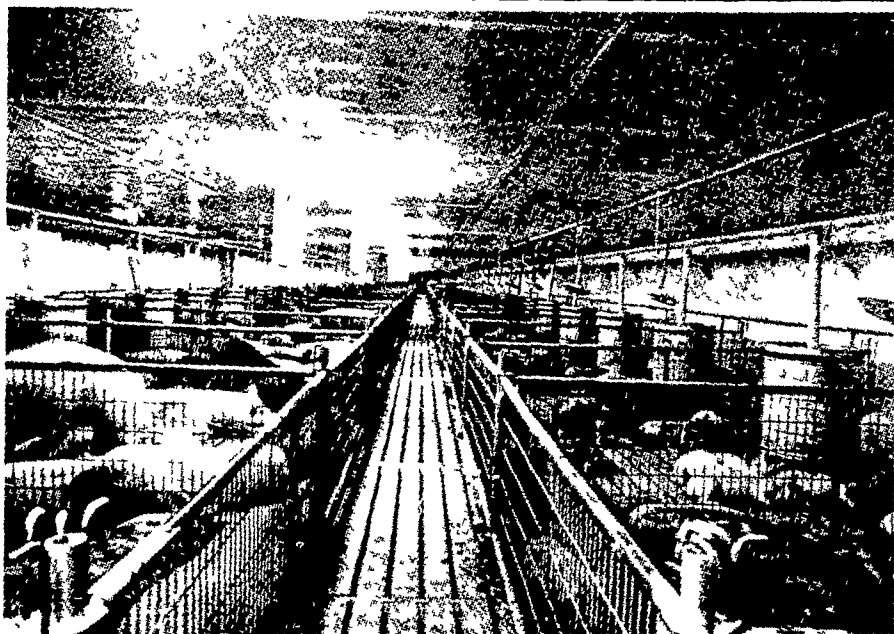
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HARRISBURG - Barbara Herr, Narvon, walked away with two more honors, the reserve grand champion market lamb and the grand champion pen of three market lambs of the open market lamb show at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, Harrisburg.

Banbury Livestock of Danville Ohio took the grand champion market lamb and reserve grand champion pen of three market lamb titles. The grand champion carcass lamb, on-foot, was exhibited by Williamson Hampshires of Xena, Ohio. The Hampshire entry then placed eighth on-rail.

remarked the carcass was uniformly covered and well muscled. The reserve grand champion on-rail was exhibited by the Kenneth Staver Family. Their Dorset entry had placed twelfth in the on-foot competition. Their entry weighed 103 pounds live and had a hot carcass weight of 54 pounds. It graded average prime and had three per cent kidney. In fat thickness the reserve carried .12 inches and had a loin eye area of 2.7 square inches. The carcass yielded 2.5 per cent. The largest loin eye in the class measured 3.4 square inches. It was a Hampshire entry owned by Clyde Brubaker, Lancaster. The following is a list of on-foot and on-rail carcass results.

The reserve champion carcass on-foot went to a Suffolk entry exhibited by Walt Johnson of Alliance, Ohio. Johnson's entry later placed second in the on-rail competition. The grand champion carcass on-rail went to a Dorset entry owned by Banbury Livestock, Danville, Ohio. The winning entry weighed 118 pounds live, dressed out at 63 pounds and graded average prime. It had two per cent kidney fat, .1 inch fat thickness, a loin eye area of 2.9 square inches and a carcass yield of 2.1 per cent. The judges

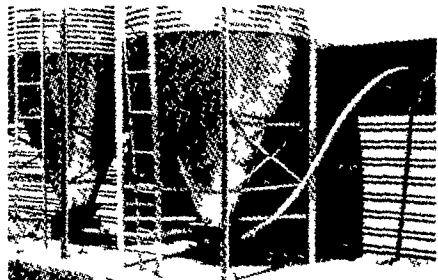
- ON-FOOT**
 Carcass Wether Lamb 80-100 pounds; 1. Walt Johnson, Alliance, Ohio; 2. Angela Banbury, Danville, Ohio; 3. Johnson Bros., Hillsboro, Ohio; 4. Banbury Livestock, Danville, Ohio; 5. H.J. Showalter, Akron.
 Carcass Wether Lamb 101-120 pounds; 1. Williamson Hampshires, Xena, Ohio; 2. Banbury Livestock; 3. Shannon Banbury, Danville, Ohio; 4. Angela Banbury; 5. Hans P. Groff, Ephrata.
 Champion Carcass Lamb, Williamson Hampshires.
 Reserve Champion Carcass Lamb, Walt Johnson.
ON-RAIL
 Lamb Carcass (80-100 lbs. live wt.); 1. H.J. Showalter, Akron; 2. Walt Johnson, Alliance, Ohio; 3. Johnson Bros. Hillsboro, Ohio; 4. W.G. Carpenter & Son, Jefferson, Md.; 5. Elvin Witt, Champion.
 Lamb Carcass (101-120 lbs. live wt.); 1. Banbury Livestock, Danville, Ohio; 2. Kenneth Staver Family, Palmyra; 3. H.J. Showalter; 4. Johnson Bros.; 5. Clyde Brubaker, Lancaster.
 Grand Champion Lamb Carcass, Banbury Livestock.
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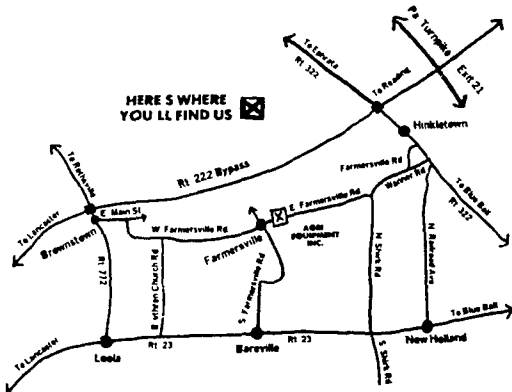
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