

Some Show entries were rejected

By JOAN LIESAU
HARRISBURG - Many people who entered the 1979 Farm Show this year had their entries rejected, even though they entered in plenty of time. Pen space is

at a premium at the state show and the livestock classes fill quickly.

There are always going to be problems with a big show. The Farm Show Commission, consisting of nine

voting members and three non-voting members make the rules and regulations of the Farm Show. They can change them too.

To enter the junior shows, each County or area must

conduct an elimination program to select "those market animals eligible to enter the State Show." This rule works well from the stand point that the best from a County is selected to

exhibit. And according to Charles Ityle, show manager, they "haven't really had to reject" any of the junior beef breeding cattle. If there is a space problem, the number per class is cut down to five. There are four beef breeds being show, with three classes in each breed. Each exhibitor is limited to two entries per class.

The junior breeding sheep show is not selected by elimination either. "Pen space is our big problem there," said Tom King, a member of the Farm Show Commission "this is the reason for establishing the 75 head limit." This year the Commission established a new rule allowing junior exhibitors who did not make the quota to be able to enter in the open show. Now we have the situation that junior breeders are accepted into the open show because pen space is filled for their junior show. They will be there anyway, so why not let them compete?

"I think we ought to take a look at this limit on 75 head... and maybe we need to make it more accessible for sheep to come into the show" King said.

After several major complaints from people across the state, a group of five men, representing state sheep organizations, as well as the Extension service, formed a committee for

recommendations to the Farm Show Commission. One of their 10 recommendations included the staggering of sheep shows, showing breeding sheep earlier, and releasing them earlier to let the market lambs and junior show have more pen space for their shows at the end of the week. The recommendations were discussed by the Commission. Their decision was not to start the judging before the Governors Preview which will be held on Sunday, "The Farm Show Commission chose to start the judging after the official opening" King said, although he admitted "some judging is done before Sunday, but it is not open to the public until the judging is over".

Charles Ityle said "if anybody at all asked the Commission to review a situation, they will review them."

Tentatively, the Commission will be meeting at the Pennsylvania room, second level of the large arena of the Harrisburg Farm Show Complex on Monday, January 8 through Thursday, January 11. The Monday morning meeting is to start at 11 a.m. and the Tuesday and Wednesday meetings will start at 9 a.m. This is a large meeting room, and "under the Sunshine Laws people could come in" says King.

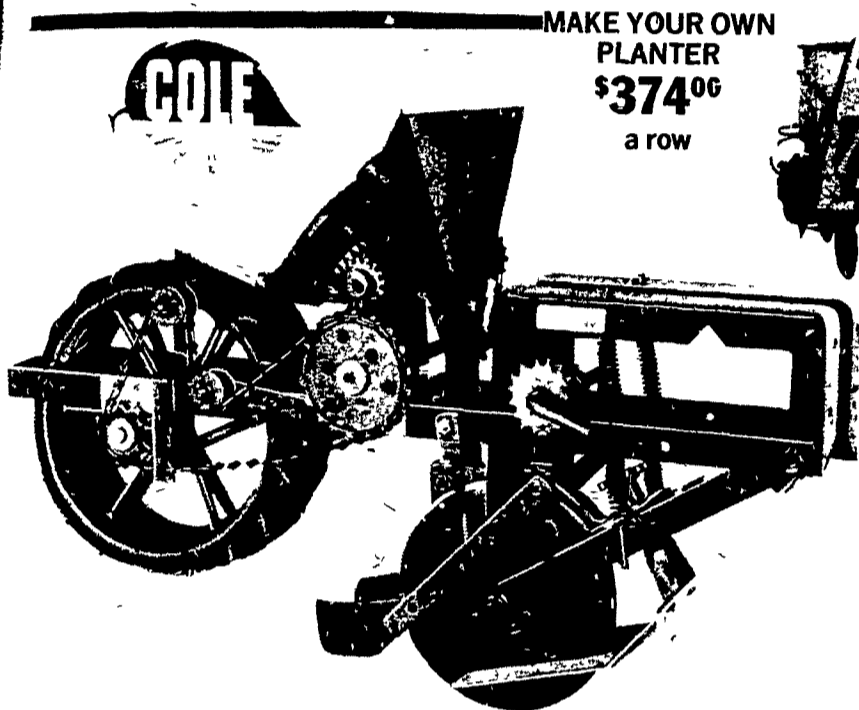
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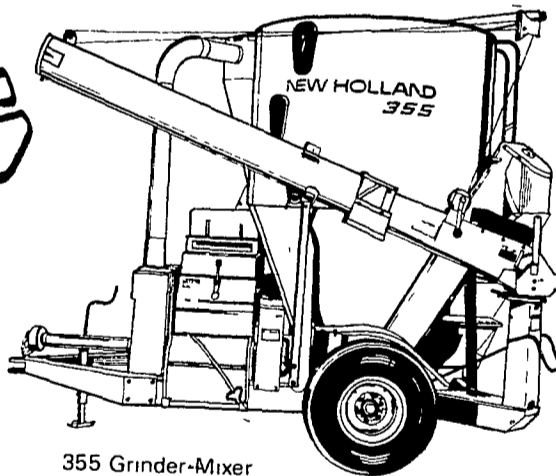
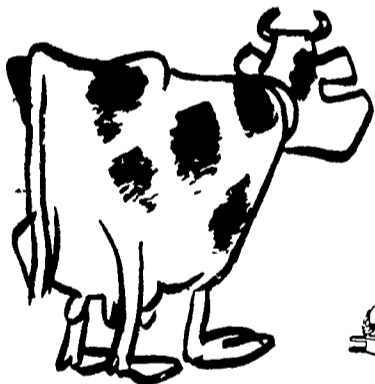


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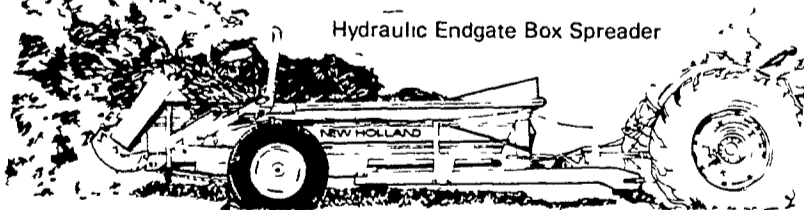


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time and has only shown steers for two years. This young lady is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reiger, Leesport R1. She is an eighth grade student in the Schuylkill Valley School District.

Beth will be showing a Charolais crossbred steer as her entry and is very excited about this new experience. She became involved with showing in 4-H through the interests of her brother and neighbors. The Reigers currently own 12 head of cattle and are trying to work towards a small brood cow herd.

This 4-H'er also enjoys horse back riding and is a member of the Bern Boosters 4-H Club where she participates in sewing

Show tax

HARRISBURG - In late November the Mayor of Harrisburg, Paul Doutrich proposed to City Council an amusement tax that would give Harrisburg a share of the profits from events and sales at the Harrisburg Farm Show Building Complex.

The State argues against the tax. Their reasons are based on the city of Harrisburg benefits by the people coming to the Farm Show Complex.

projects as well. Beth is also very involved with her school and presently serves as secretary of the middle school student council. She also plays in the school band and is a member of the swim team.

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