

Pork Congress

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10:20 a.m. - Defend Your Product - by Gail McPherson of New Park, a "professional farm wife."

11:45 a.m. - Lunch
1:20 p.m. - Pig-Suede Fashion Show by Tammy Moerer.

2:45 p.m. - A presentation by Drs. Balsara and Pierce on The Porcine Heart Valve.

4 p.m. - Craft demonstrations.

5:15 p.m. - adjourn.



Tammy Moerer

As was noted earlier, the Keystone Pork Congress has split sessions and a general session. Program details follow:

GENERAL SESSION

1:30 p.m. - Housing the growing and finishing pig, by Robert Fritschen.

2:30 p.m. - Discussions.

2:45 p.m. - Porcine heart valve presentation by Drs. R.K. Balsara and William Pierce.

3:30 - break

SESSION A

10 a.m. - Breeding herd housing by Robert Fritschen.

10:45 a.m. - Breeding herd management by Dan Hagen.

11:30 a.m. - Discussion.

4 p.m. - Flat decks and other weaned pig facilities, by Robert Fritschen.

4:45 p.m. - Discussion.

5:15 p.m. - adjourn.

SESSION B

10 a.m. - Feeding, growing, and finishing pigs, by Grant Sherritt.

10:45 a.m. - Controlling health problems in newly purchased feeder pigs, by Larry Hutchinson.

11:30 - Discussion.

4 p.m. - The outlook for feeder pigs, by H. L. Moore.

4:45 p.m. - Discussion.

5:15 p.m. - Adjourn.

In addition to the above speeches and discussions, a room will be set up where special computer and calculator programs will be demonstrated.

Summarizing the activities of the upcoming event, one regular visitor to the American Pork Congress said joyfully:

"We're bringing the best to the East. The interest in hog production in this part of the country is the backbone of this event. Our growth has been tremendous, as is evident not only in the number of hogs produced, but also in the number of sales that have been made by allied agribusinesses."

A love of sheep

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She also travelled to what she termed a "big station", one with 50,000 sheep on it. And she was on the "biggest sheep station in the world, which covered 1/2 million acres."

She compared the life in Australia to that of the United States of about ten to 15 years ago. She called the people very friendly, and told of some of the slang they use.

For instance, in Australia, if you want to say hello, it would be "Good day, mate"; a "Yank" is an American; a "bloke" a boy; and a "sheila" a girl.

She observed that in Australia the farmers didn't feed the sheep grain, and found that "that they were in surprisingly good condition". She thought, the technology there was not as vast in her native USA, and told that the roads are made of what is known as "bull dust", and impassible when wet.

"One guy I heard about lost 400 sheep in mud," she commented on. "They just sank in."

She didn't see as much pollution in Australia, and noted that the beaches weren't as crowded. And she saw a lot of sharks.

One aspect of her trip that will help her in her business is that she learned to spin wool in Australia. She also made connections with dealers there, and is able to buy animalskins for her work.

Her family has their own flock of Hampshires, and along with her sister, Kathy,

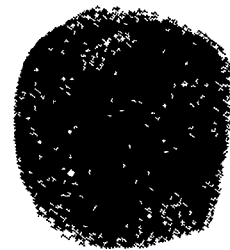
16, she cares for the ewes and lambs. She has sheared sheep since she was 12 or 13, she recalls, and now she mostly manages the flock.

A senior at the Souderton

High School, she was the state winner of the Junior Stockman Award in 1976, and had the champion sheep at the Montgomery County Fair in 1977. She has also competed in the Pa. Farm Show in Harrisburg, where she has placed sixth in showmanship for the state.

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Berks baby beef club elects officers

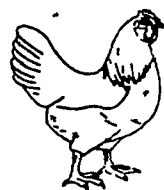
LEESPORT - The Berks County 4-H Baby Beef Club held its first meeting on January 31 at the Agricultural Center in Leesport.

The members elected

officers for the new year. They are: President, Darlene Dietrich; Vice President, Ronald Sutlif; Secretary, Cheryl Adam; News Reporter, Liane Haas; Game and Song Leaders,

Mary Anne Yanos and Kemanne Rarick.

The future meeting dates will be discussed at the parent's committee meeting.



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