

Animal, plant

(Continued from Page 30) research funds so that more of these kinds of benefits can come about.

Anticipated benefits include lowered human health

risks by reducing the incidence of livestock disease transmissible to humans; improved quality and safety of meat and other animal

products; and knowledge and understanding developed from working on animal diseases which would be helpful in solving some human diseases. Research funds can also be used to educate and train young scientists so they may develop the expertise to solve animal health and disease problems of a changing agriculture.

One more thing — an Animal Health Science Research Advisory Board has been set up to advise USDA and state researchers on what the high priority disease problems are. The board is chaired by M. Rupert Cutler, USDA assistant secretary of agriculture for research, conservation and education. Anson R. Bertrand, director of USDA's Science and Education Administration (SEA) is vice chairman.



National FFA Week

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Grassland FFA, New Holland, will feature a TV interview of the National FFA president, which will be shown on their cable TV station. They also will distribute FFA napkins in the school cafeteria as well as make short radio and TV announcements.

In Chester County, Octoraro FFA was actively making radio broadcasts explaining the projects and functions of the chapter. They also have a variety of displays and posters ready to spread over the area, and will be serving breakfast at the school every morning of the week.

Ten members of the Oxford FFA Chapter produced six radio programs. The members spoke about their work experiences and the varied activities they have participated in.

From the York County area, the Northern York, Gifford Pinchot FFA is distributing placemats to different restaurants as well as bumper stickers to the general public. They're also sponsoring a billboard. As

well as several other FFA chapters, the Kennard Dale FFA stated that they were stressing the FFA program through bulletin boards and local newspaper coverage.

The Upper Dauphin Area FFA, Elizabethtown, along with its radio and newspaper coverage will be distributing 2000 church bulletin inserts. They also will have billboards in businesses throughout the area, as well as a large billboard display along the highway. And on February 22, they will have a coffee klatch for teachers.

The Lower Dauphin FFA, located in Hummelstown, will also have a billboard and faculty breakfast. They are also participating in a Food for America presentation which will be done for elementary students. One of their activities for the week that sounded a little bit different was a "pig weight guessing" contest, with the winner to be awarded a prize. They are also sponsoring an assembly for the entire high school body. Recently, to further explain their FFA program they went to a school board

meeting and presented a half hour program on what their FFA and vo-ag department is doing.

The Twin Valley FFA in Elverson, Berks County concentrated their efforts on making radio programs and news articles with some posters distributed as well. Kutztown FFA distributed FFA promotion materials and placemats, litter bags, pens, and notepads, as well as made several bulletin board displays.

The Northern Lebanon FFA, in Fredericksburg, will sponsor an assembly for junior high school students as well as create a window display. Cedar Crest FFA noted that their efforts concerned creating bulletin boards and radio spots.

FFA was founded nationally in 1928 after similar organizations had been started in several states. Today it has state associations in all states as well as Puerto Rico.

The vocational agriculture or agribusiness programs are funded in part by the National Vocational Education Acts through the U.S. Office of Education, state departments of education and local school systems. The FFA operates under a federal charter granted by an Act of Congress in 1950. The charter provides for a national board of directors and a board of student officers elected from the membership.

FFA activities are designed to be a part of the instructional program in vocational agriculture. Members are to learn through active participation how to conduct and take part in public meetings, how to speak in public, and how to take a leadership role in their school and their community.

Programs in FFA have grown over the years since its beginning in 1928. Today they include agriculture products, agricultural processing, forestry, horticulture, ag mechanics, and pre-professional agriculture

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