

## Beef research hearing slated

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Pittsburgh, Pa. has been selected by the United States Department of Agriculture as one of the sites for public hearings on beef research and information. The hearings will be held in June. Other sites are Dallas, Texas; Atlanta, Ga.; Reno, Nev.; and Des Moines, Iowa. USDA has ordered the hearing as a result of a proposal from a group representing a number of national beef and farm organizations under the authority of the Beef Research and Information Act.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture P.R. Smith said such an order would establish a Beef Board, composed of up to 68 producers, which could conduct a cattle and beef research and information program funded by assessments on sales of cattle. The program would be monitored by the Department's Agricultural Marketing Service.

The maximum assessment

allowed by the act is one-half of 1 per cent of the live animal value of cattle sold. Funds would be collected according to a value-added concept which would assess all sellers in the marketing chain, with the buyer at the point of slaughter deducting the total assessment due and paying it to the board. Any producer not wishing to support the program could receive a refund.

Smith said the purpose of the hearing is to receive evidence of the need for a national beef research and information program, the provisions the order should contain and the impact such a program would have on the industry and the public.

If approved, the program would be similar to programs already in operation for potatoes, cotton, and eggs.

The hearing session, to begin at 9 a.m. in Pittsburgh, will take place on June 19, Room 1112 of the Federal Bldg., 1000 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh.

## Simmentals have top average

UNIVERSITY PARK - At the Pennsylvania Sixth Performance Tested Bull Sale, The Simmental bulls, making up 18 per cent of the sale, sold for an average price of \$1,786, which was the

top average for all the breeds sold in the sale.

The Simmental bulls also had the top average daily gain on test, at 3.73 pounds per day and the top adjusted 365 day weight of 1,230 pounds.

## Lehigh FFA elects new officers



The Lehigh County FFA recently elected new officers which include the following: standing, from left to right, Donald Haas, Orefield R2, student advisor; Tim Wessner, New Tripoli, sentinel; Jim Tretter, Whitehall, president; Roy Hottenstein,

New Tripoli, reporter; and Ronald Haas, Orefield R2, vice president. Seen sitting are Robyn Mattern, Allentown, treasurer; Eloise Serrano, Allentown, secretary; and Wendy Longenderfer, Orefield, chaplain.

## Conservation board meets

LANCASTER - The April meeting of the board of the Lancaster County Conservation District was held recently, with Tom Johnson

reporting that a total of 43,345 trees had been sold by the district.

After a discussion on the priority areas for the Rural

Clean Water program, it was decided to include both the Cocalico Creek watershed north of Ephrata and the Conestoga Creek east of

Hunkletown in the study. This will include approximately 150,000 acres.

The next board meeting will be May 2, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Farm and Home Center.

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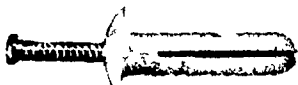
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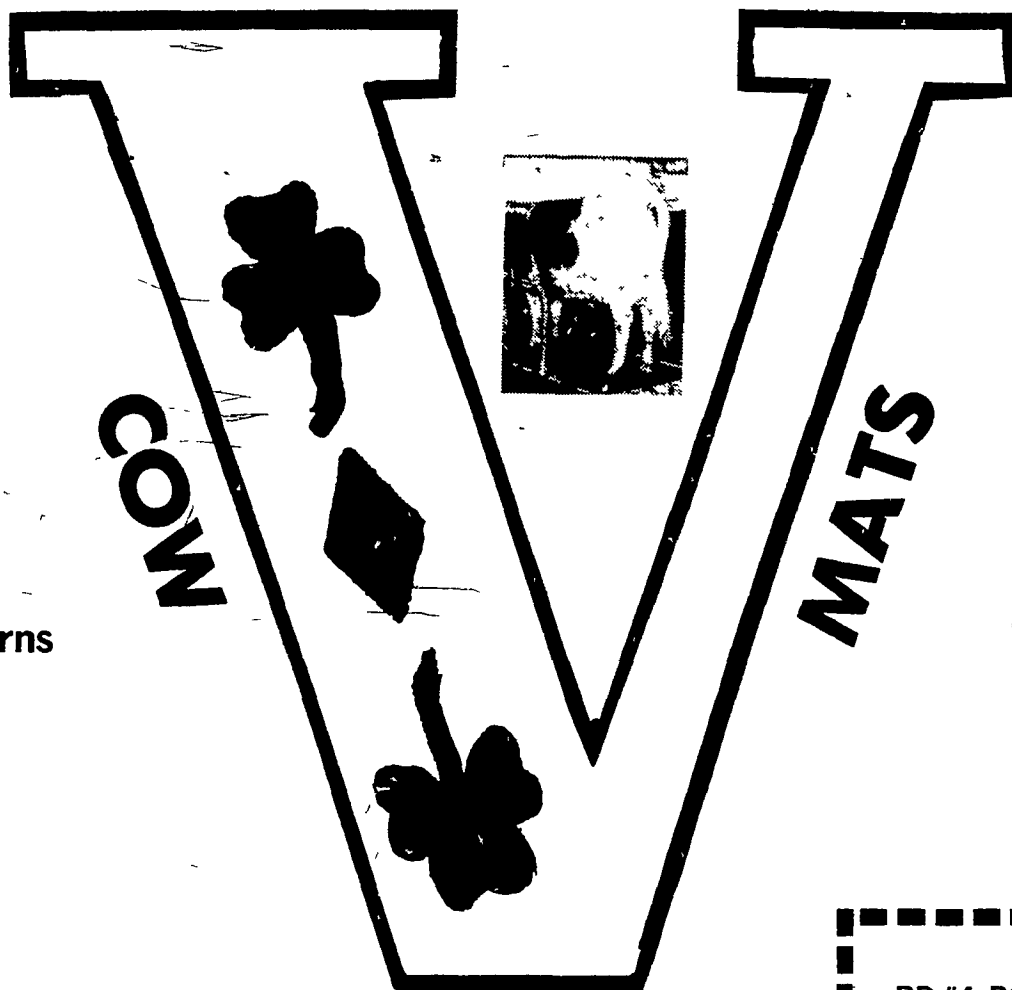
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