

Pa. young Angus breeder wins highest honor

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Dale Rains, a young Angus breeder from Mercer, has earned the Silver Award in the National Junior Recognition Program, sponsored by the American Angus Association, reports Dr. Jerry Lipsey, director of junior activities for the Association.

Dale received the Silver Award, the highest honor presently given in the program, in recognition of his outstanding achievements in Angus-related activities.

Owner of 45 head of registered Angus cattle, Dale has served as president

and first vice president and secretary of the West Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association.

Dale, representing Pennsylvania in national showmanship competition last year, placed as a finalist in the contest. He has topped many showmanship contests

and exhibited numerous Angus heifers at regional and local shows.

He recently received the American Angus Auxiliary Certificate of Achievement.

A sophomore at Pennsylvania State University, Dale is majoring in animal production.

To qualify for the awards, points must be earned in four categories: association activities, competition activities, performance testing activities and production and merchandising of Angus.

Award winners may apply for a Gold Award when they reach 18 years of age.

Criteria for the Gold Award will be established by the National Junior Angus Association in July.

The program was established in 1972 by the Association, and recently expanded to encourage more junior members to strive for excellence and to report their achievements to the Association.

Any life or junior member of the American Angus Association, who is 20 years old or younger is eligible for Bronze or Silver Award recognition, and Silver

New 4-H rifle club to organize

HARLEYSVILLE — A new 4-H Rifle Club will be starting in the Salford-Harleysville area. Any interested boy or girl between the ages of 13-19 (as of January 1, 1980), is welcome to attend an orientation and organizational meeting on Friday, February 22nd; 7:30 p.m. at the Souderton-Harleysville, Game, Fish and Forestry Association, Inc., located on Whites Mill Road in Salford Township.

Lee Vogel of Green Lane, a certified National Rifle Assoc. instructor, will be the

4-H Club leader. All rifles and equipment will be provided.

There will be a nominal fee to cover the cost of ammunition and the N.R.A safety course. All 4-H project books and instruction are free of charge.

As 4-H members, youth will be entitled to win ribbons, certificates, patches and year pins for completed project work.

Members who are eligible can try out for a rifle team to represent Montgomery

County at the Annual 4-H State Achievement Days to be held in August at Penn State.

For more information on the program call County Agent, Nancy Kadwill at 215/277-0574.

To sign up for the course call the same number or write "4-H Rifle Club, c/o 400 Markley Street, Norristown, PA 19401." Send your name, address, age and phone number. Prior experience in 4-H or riflery is not required.

Egg production boom

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done in such a manner that it results in lower prices, Birth says.

The possibility of increasing per capita consumption sufficiently to absorb the expansion taking place in Pennsylvania is very slim. Some gains will likely be made through advertising promotion, and marketing eggs with a uniformly high quality and no damaged shells.

Marketing agencies cannot maximize their marketing effort without the help of the producer. They must be able to obtain eggs of uniformly high quality

and free of shell damage. They must cooperate in plans to level out production throughout the year. They must cooperate in dates of housing pullets so there will not be too many eggs at one time of the year and too few at other times.

The Pennsylvania poultry industry is facing a challenge. The future depends on many factors. Greater cooperation among producers and marketing agencies will be necessary to capitalize on marketing expertise available. Let's hope the future will be OK. Birth concludes.

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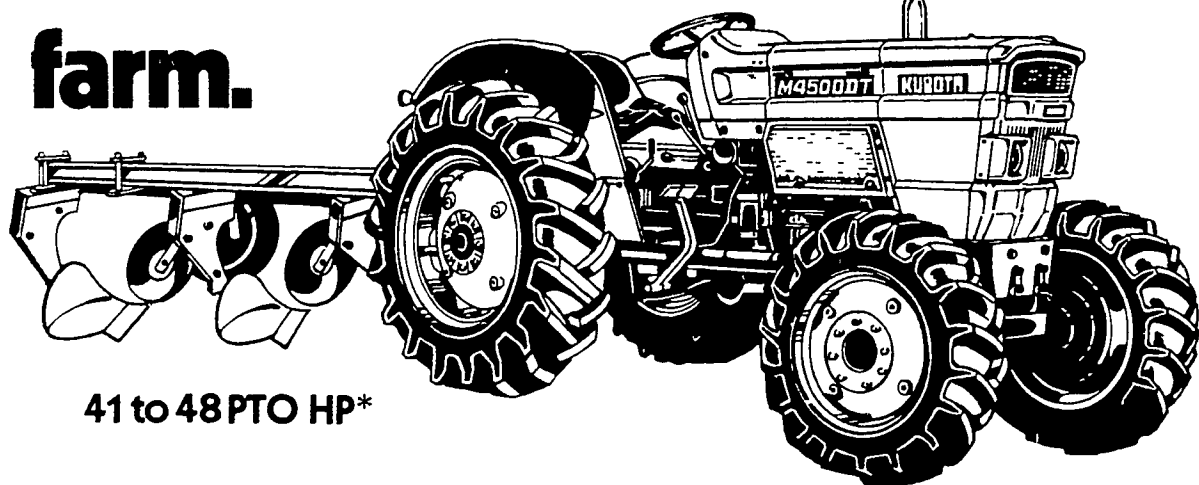
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