

Keystone Pork Congress starts Wednesday

LANCASTER — The Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council will hold their second Keystone Pork Congress next Wednesday and Thursday.

The scene of this event will be the Host Farm, located on Route 30 East, Lancaster.

Kicking off the event will be a morning trade show, along with a discussion on what commercial pork producers need from the boar producers. Other management discussions will follow on topics like replacement gilt management, feeder pig handling, breeding centers and hog outlook.

There will also be a program geared for the home. A lard recipe contest will be judged, and the National Pork Queen will be on hand to talk to the participants.

And, for those hog producers who find the marketing subject too hard to take, there will be a course in C.P.R., cardio-pulmonary resuscitation on

both days.

Wed., February 13

8:00-10:00 a.m. - Registration - Doors open to Trade Show. Chairman Dr. Grant W. Sherritt

10:00-10:45 a.m. - What do the commercial producers need from the boar producers that they are not now getting? Panel - Ronald Harrison, Bill Sammons, Dr. Gene Isler

10:45-11:00 a.m. - Discussion
11:00-11:45 a.m. - Managing Replacement Gilts - Dr. Hurtgen

11:45-12:00 p.m. - Discussion
12:00-1:00 p.m. - Lunch on your own. Chairman Dr. Richard Fowler

1:00-1:45 p.m. - Handling Newly Purchased Feeder Pigs and Other Growing and Finishing Health Problems - Dr. Wally Brandt

1:45-2:00 p.m. - Discussion
2:00-2:20 p.m. - The National Pork Council and You - Mr. Bill Buller, President

2:20-2:45 p.m. - Break
2:45-3:30 p.m. - Breeding

Centers That Work. Panel - Abe Fisher, Melvin Huber, Dr. Gene Isler

3:30-3:45 p.m. - Discussion
3:45-4:30 p.m. - The Outlook for Hogs and Feed - Prof. H. Louis Moore
5:00 p.m. - Annual Meeting
6:00 p.m. - Trade Show Closes

Home Program

10:00 a.m. - Welcome - Beth Cooper, Chairman, Pa. Porkettes; Lard Recipe Contest, Chairman, Ann Arnold

10:30 a.m. - Ann Starr - National Pork Queen

11:15 a.m. - Crafts - Mrs. Eugene (Betty) Wingert
12:00-1:30 p.m. - Lunch

1:30-2:15 p.m. - "Taste Tempting Pork" - Mrs. Mark (Hazel) Nestleroth, Mrs. Barry (Colleen) Haldeman, Mrs. John (Claudette) Chapman

2:30 p.m. - C.P.R. Program - Dr. Rohinton Balsara - St. Christopher's Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

4:00 p.m. - Lard Recipe Contest Results
CONGRESS BANQUET
6:30 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies - Mr. E. Chester Heim, Pa. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture

Recognition and Awards - Clyde Strock, President P.P.P.C.

*President - N.P.P.C. - Mr. William Buller, South Dakota



Speaker - Mrs. Pat Leimbach; Author, Journalist, Humorist, and Farm Wife, Vermilion, Ohio

Thurs., February 14

8:00 a.m. - Registration - Doors open to Trade Show. Chairman Max Smith

10:00-10:45 a.m. - Sow Selection, Culling and Indexing Programs - Dr. Gene Isler

10:45-11:00 a.m. - Discussion
11:00-11:45 a.m. - Methane Gas Generation From

Manure - Prof. A. C. Dale, Roger Grout

11:45-12:00 p.m. - Discussion
12:00-1:30 p.m. - Lunch on your own. Chairman Dwight Younkun

1:30-2:15 p.m. - Use of Solar Energy in Swine Housing - Prof. A. C. Dale

2:15-3:00 p.m. - Discussion
3:00-3:45 p.m. - Update on the Nebraska Type Growing and Finishing Houses - Panel: Gene Wingert, Mrs. Sterling Raber, Harold Kurtz

4:00 - Trade Show Closes

Home Program

10:00 a.m. - Business Meeting

11:00 a.m. - "Marketing Our Products" - Mrs. Betty Rode, Home Economist, Commodity Promotion Supervisor, Pa. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Markets

11:30 a.m. - Crafts - Mrs. Eugene (Betty) Wingert

1:30 p.m. - C.P.R. Program - Dr. William Pierce - Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, Pa. SM

Now Is The Time

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forages is one of the most important things in the feeding program. Growers should now be planning what kind of forage crops they hope to produce this year.

Both hay, silage, and pastures crops respond to good management. Growers who make a special effort to get maximum yields of quality forages usually do get more than the average.

As an example, some of the top growers in the 1979 Alfalfa Growing Contest got 7 tons of alfalfa per acre. This did not just happen. They planned and made do the same with hay crops, corn for silage, and for grazing land. Doing all of the practices that you know and doing them on time, will often get encouraging results.

To Market Those Fat Cattle
The beef cattle market is a bit discouraging to many local feeders. Prices have not responded to increased costs.

This is especially true of heavy over-finished cattle.

I realize it is difficult to sell a string of finished cattle when the market is not suitable. However, to keep them on feed means higher cost of grain and less price per pound when marketed, in most instances. It might be good planning to be cutting out the heavier cattle each week and sell them rather than to hold the entire string, hoping for a price advance.

The continued feeding of finished cattle is just "poor business" at this time.

Farm Calendar

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Fruit Research Lab, Biglerville; continues on Feb. 14, 19, and 21.

Lancaster Co. Extension Assoc. Annual Dinner Meeting; 6:45 p.m.; Farm and Home Center.

Garden Spot Young Farmers Meeting; 7:30 p.m.; Union Grove School; topic, Grain Storage Alternatives.

Ephrata Young Farmers Dinner Meeting; 7 p.m.; Cloister Restaurant; topic, Weed Control.

Wednesday, February 13
Keystone Pork Congress; 8 a.m.; Host Farm Motel, Lancaster; continues through Thursday.

York Co. Extension Energy Meeting; 7 p.m.; Lewisberry Grange; topic, Wood Stoves and Insulating.

Atlantic Breeders Delaware District Meeting; Felton Thursday, February 14

York Co. Fruitgrowers Meeting, 10 a.m.

York Co. Home Vegetable Gardening; 7-30 p.m.; Dover High School.

Mid-Atlantic Soybean Assoc. Meeting, Convention Center; Ocean City Md.

Lancaster Co. Poultry Education Meeting, 7-30 p.m.; Farm and Home Center.

Montgomery Co. Dairy Breeders Meeting; ABC Friday, February 15

York Co. DHIA Workshop; 10 a.m.; Avalongs

Dover Young Farmers Banquet; 7 p.m.; Dover Fire Hall.

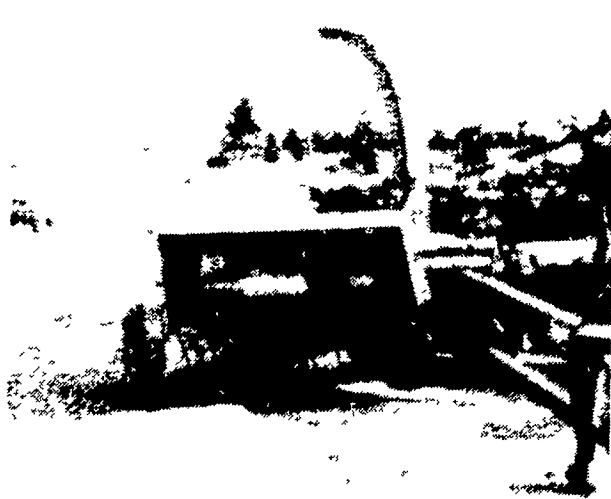
Garden Spot Young Farmers Banquet; 6:45 p.m.; Blue Ball Fire Hall.

Montgomery Co. Farm Estate Planning Meeting; 10 a.m. Holiday Inn, Kulpsville.

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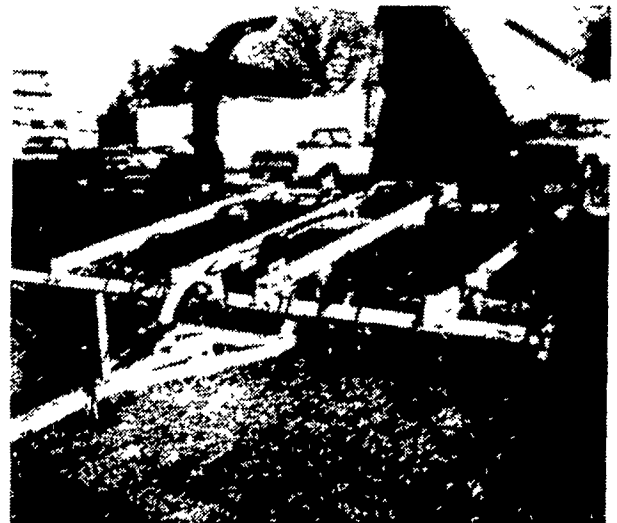
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