

State fruit, vegetable growers eligible for marketing grant

LANCASTER — Fruit and vegetable growers in the states of Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maine, and Washington will receive \$60,326 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help improve the marketing of their products.

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Additionally, \$17,100 will be provided to identify consumer cooperatives in South Carolina which buy fresh fruits and vegetables and to learn what services cooperatives may need from the state department of agriculture.

Bobby Smith, assistant secretary of agriculture for marketing and transportation, said the funds are being awarded under the

federal-state marketing improvement program, administered by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. Under the program, states request the funds and match approved grants with state money.

A \$5346 grant will be used to expand the reporting of prices and supplies of fruit and vegetables grown and sold in Pennsylvania. The information will be gathered from producers who sell directly to consumers and

will be available on a toll-free telephone line.

Connecticut will receive \$14,420 to complete a directory of farmers who are willing to sell their produce directly to consumers. The directory will provide consumers with "where-to-buy" information, and will also develop additional customers for farmers.

Maine will receive \$18,400 to develop a management program for a new small-farmer cooperative, most of

whose members are vegetable growers. The state department of agriculture hopes to extend the marketing season for the cooperative members.

Washington will receive \$22,160 to determine if there is a market for processing tomatoes and alfalfa grown on land formerly used for sugar beet crops, and if equipment and buildings used to process sugar beets can be used to process tomatoes and alfalfa.

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How to prepare mares for breeding

NEWARK, Del. — A successful equine breeding program depends upon a properly conditioned mare, says C M Reitnour, University of Delaware equine specialist.

Proper nutrition, a sound preventative medicine program and adequate exercise are of utmost importance in conditioning. A preventative medicine program should include immunization against diseases, and prevention and control of internal parasites.

Worm mares every six to eight weeks with recommended anthelmintics to prevent and control infestation by internal parasites such as strongyles, ascarids, bots, and pinworms.

In addition, it is advisable

to vaccinate mares against tetanus, eastern and western encephalomyelitis and, possibly, upper respiratory problems found in your particular area.

Feed mares a well balanced grain ration containing approximately 15 percent crude protein and about 75 percent TDN and a high quality alfalfa or alfalfa-grass hay to prepare them for the upcoming breeding season. A vitamin and mineral supplement may be fed if good quality roughage is not available.

All mares should be turned out, lunged, ridden or driven for adequate exercise. The highest conception rates occur when mares are in ex-

cellent physical condition, neither too fat nor too thin.

It is well established that mares in a weight gaining condition going into the breeding season will conceive more easily than

mares extremely over or underweight.

Start your mare now on a good sound management program so that the chances for fertilization are high.

Udder Joy Kids 4-H

to hold craft demonstration

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — A Program on the 4-H goat project was given by the Udder Joy Kids 4-H Goat Club to the Kingwood School.

The members plan to take part in the 4-H Day at the

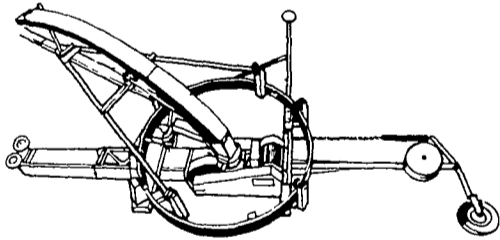
Mall Program, to be held in May.

A craft demonstration and movie will highlight the April 7 meeting to be held at the Jurkowski residence. Reported by Donna Compton.

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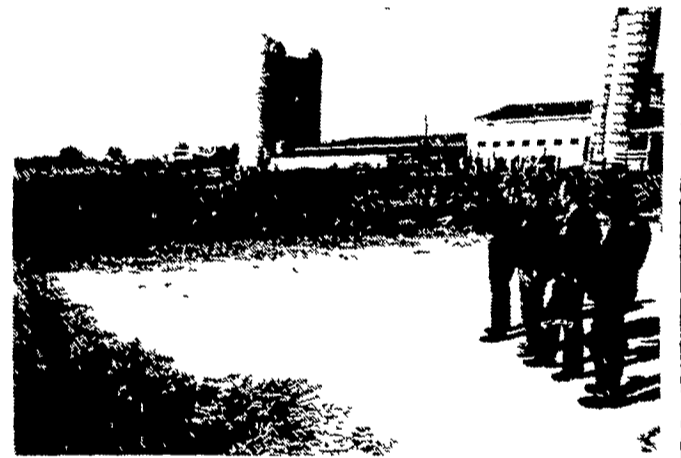
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