

Conodoguinet Sheep

Club meets

NEWBURG — The fourth meeting of the Conodoguinet 4-H Sheep Club was held at the home of Clark Capozzi of Carlise with president Rick Cleland in charge.

Before the business

meeting, Ray Holtry and Mindy Brandt gave a sheep demonstration.

Next meeting of the club is Wednesday May 21 at Paul Wynn's home, R1 Newburg.



Brief answers to short questions

Sheila's Shorts

By Sheila Miller

Pass the brown corn, please.

Whenever I think about summer time, I think about making hay on smoldering, hot summer days. Memories of cold, messy watermelon, lemonade in the shade, and yellow, delicious sweet corn come quickly to mind.

Corn on the cob—the hot weather delicacy that is torture for any youngster missing two front teeth and any older person blessed with failing denture cream.

Did you know the first references to sweet corn were made way back in 1779? That's a fact, according to the USDA. They say that sweet corn is believed to have originated here in North America—a

mutation of regular field corn.

Actually, USDA says, an 8-rowed, red-cob type called Susquehanna, or Papoon, was introduced that year in Plymouth, Mass.

It wasn't long until the new corn was showing up in seed catalogs and gardening books.

We all know why we like sweet corn. Simply because it tastes good. Like its name implies, our taste buds notice that sweet taste of sugar that this type of corn uniquely manufactures.

Most of us are familiar with the traditional yellow corn. And many of us have tried, and some prefer, the

white varieties or a mixture of white and yellow.

But did you ever hear of brown sweet corn? That's what one of our readers asked me to find out.

Do you know of anyone in your area that raises old time brown corn? What I mean to say is do you know of anyone that sells the brown corn seed?

Leonard V. Rahilly
285 Rahilly Road
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Since you didn't specify whether you meant sweet or field corn, Mr. Rahilly, I decided to assume you were looking for the sweet stuff.

Unfortunately, no one I spoke to in the area had any idea of where the brown seed

corn could be purchased or what it was.

The closest I could come to anything in any other hue than yellow or white was a hybrid sweet corn sold by Gurney Seed and Nursery Co., Yankton, South Dakota 57079.

Gurney has a 62 day variety they call Black Mexican. They boast this bluish-black corn to be the hardest they have ever grown. Black Mexican is creamy white in its edible stage and turns to its dark color as it matures.

I hope you were looking for the black variety, Mr. Rahilly, rather than brown. Good luck in your quest.

Northeastern 4-H entertained

by 4-H king and queen

MT. WOLF — The Northeastern 4-H Club held its April meeting at the Starview United Church of Christ.

The club participated in the Keep America Beautiful Day in April. Reports were given on that day by Lisa

Hoover and Greta Gross.

The program was presented by Linda Brown and Brian Palmer, the 4-H King and Queen. They presented slides and gave the club information on upcoming 4-H events. Reported by Lisa Hoover.

Grain holdings

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million bushels were 46 percent above last April. Off-farm stocks totaled 580 million bushels, up 24 percent. Both farm stocks and off-farm stocks are at record high levels for April 1.

Rye stored in all positions

totalled 16.2 million bushels, 29 percent more than last year's 12.6 million bushels. On-farm rye stocks at 10.2 million bushels were 18 percent more than a year ago and accounted for 63 percent of the total April 1

Sorghum grain in all positions on April 1 amounted to 394 million bushels, six percent less than a year earlier and five percent less than April 1, bushels, six percent less than a year earlier and five percent less than April 1, 1978.

Farm stocks of 142 million bushels were one percent below a year ago and off-farm stocks, at 253 million bushels, were down nine percent from last year.

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