

Ram sale slated on June 7

WELLSBORO -- A total of 37 rams are listed for Pennsylvania's 4th Performance Tested Yearling Ram Sale to be held on Saturday, June 7, at 2 p.m. at the Whitneyville Fairgrounds, Tioga County.

The 84-day ram tests, which were concluded on April 30, are sponsored by the Pa. Dept. of Agriculture, Penn State and the Pa. Sheep and Wool Growers Association.

The fairgrounds site of the sale is located just off Rt. 6 between Wellsboro and Mansfield.

The top listed rams for the various breeds participating in the performance tests conducted at the Meat Animal Evaluation Center include:

Among five Dorsets, the ram, B. Zerby-33, owned by Brian Zerby, R1, Knoxville, had an average daily gain of .89 lb. and a weight per day of age of .51 lb.

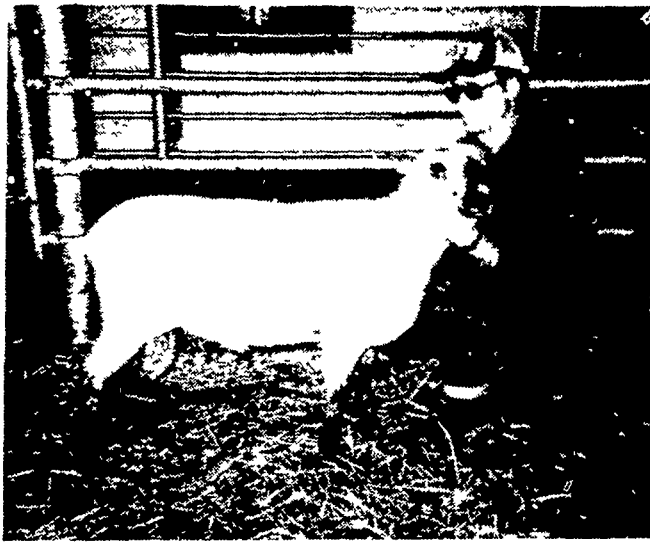
In a field of 16 Suffolks, the top ram, Morgan 26, owned by Elizabeth Morgan, 1916 New Holland Pike, Lan-

caster, finished the test with an average daily gain of 1.31 lb. and a weight per day of age of .72 lb.

Of three Corriedales in the test program, the top finishing ram, Bow 40, owned by Ben and Mary Bow, R1 Annville, had an average daily weight gain of .73 lb. and a weight per day of age of .51.

Among six Hampshires, the top ram, Carolair 142, owned by Carolair Farm, R1 Knoxville, had an average daily weight gain of 1.06 lb. and a weight per day of age of 64 lb.

For the second time since the beginning of the Ram Performance Tests, a Cochranville breeder had the highest indexing Shropshire ram. Warn Menhennett's ram 662 topped the Shrops with an average daily gain of .99 lb. and a weight per day of age of .59 lb. Ram 662 is a triplet. According to Menhennett, of R1 Cochranville, the dam is the highest indexing ewe in his flock of purebred



Top Shropshire in performance testing program is ram owned by Warn Menhennett, of R1 Cochranville.

Shropshires. The sire was the 1977 winner of the performance test.

In the Southdown breed, Nittany Ram 79-65, owned by W. L. Henning, 718 W. Nittany Ave., State College, finished with an average daily gain of .67 lb. and a weight per day of age of .43 lb.—DA

Del. students form agronomy club

NEWARK, Del. — Thirty University of Delaware students with a special interest in agronomy have joined together to form a new student organization. The Delaware Agronomy Club will affiliate with the Student Section of the American Society of Agronomy.

The club was officially chartered on March 26, 1980, after 14 Delaware students attended a Regional Agronomy Club Conference at Purdue University, March 21-23.

David Bartenfelder represented the Delaware students in a speech contest held at that conference. His topic was "A Seed So Small, Yet So Large."

The purpose of the Agronomy Club is to offer its members practical knowledge and experience relating to agriculture. The group is research and service oriented.

As its first service project, the club took part in Ag Day, the annual open

house sponsored by the various student groups within the University of Delaware's College of Agricultural Sciences.

Agronomy Club students prepared a plant identification exhibit, served samples of roasted soybeans and soybean dip, and answered visitors' questions about crop culture.

Officers of the club are: Don Messick, Wilmington, president; Kenneth Wicks, Middletown, vice president; Judith Wright, Wilmington, secretary; Al Krupski, Peconic, New York, treasurer; and Harris

Martin, Berwyn, Pa., recorder.

Two members of the University of Delaware department of plant science faculty serve as advisors to the newly chartered organization. Merle R. Teel serves as Senior Advisor, and Donald L. Sparks as Junior Advisor. Advisors serve two-year terms, with the Junior Advisor becoming the Senior Advisor during the second year.

Next year Professor Leo J. Cotnor plans to organize a soil-judging team within the Agronomy Club. The team will compete in regional and national soil-judging events.

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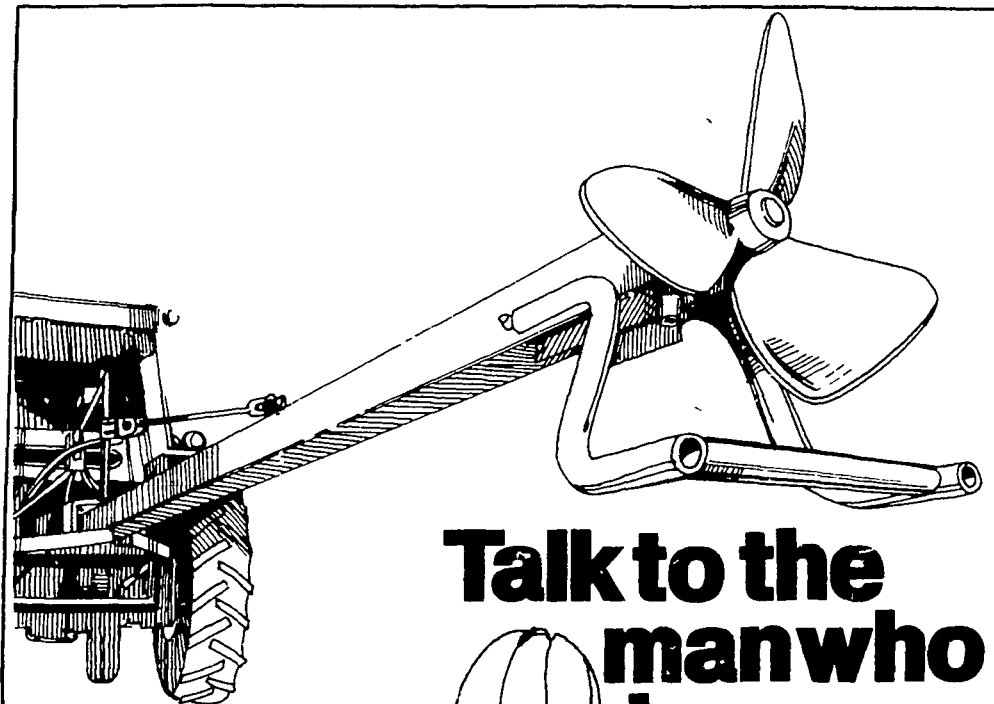
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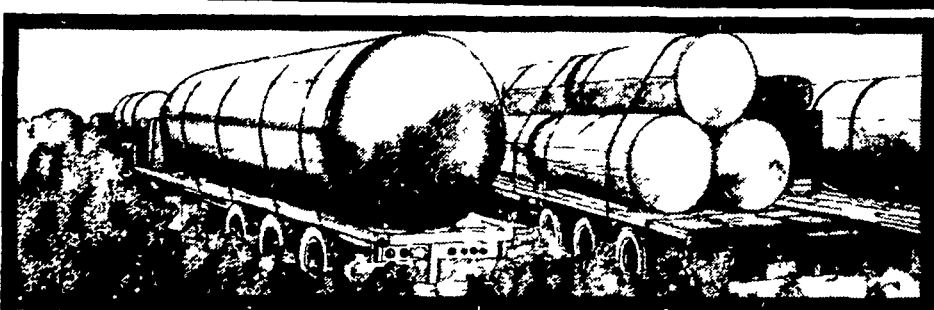
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