

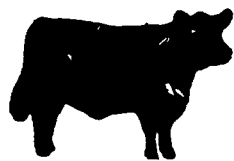
## Record number of Angus heifers enter national show

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — A record number of Angus heifers have been entered in the 12th National Junior Angus Heifer Show, reports Jerry Lipsey, director of Junior activities for the American Angus Association.

A total of 399 youths from 27 states have entered 730 heifers in the show set for July 21-22 in Wichita, Kansas.

The national heifer show is

part of a four-day event jam-packed with national Junior activities, including the 14th National Showmanship Contest, organization of the National Junior Angus Association, and election of the first national Junior directors.



State groups also will team up for national Angus Bowl competition, and will be in the spotlight for a talent show contest. Activities will take place at the Kansas Coliseum and Livestock Facility in Wichita.

This year the Kansas Junior Angus Association also will sponsor cow-calf classes for cows that are bred-and-owned, enrolled in the AHIR program, halter-broken and exhibited with their most recent calf. Four

classes will be offered in this division, with premium money of \$100, \$50, \$40, \$30

and \$20 awarded to the first five in each class.

Show judge will be Jim Gillooly, Washington, Indiana.

## Snyder to show at Nat'l

### Jr. P.H. Heifer Show

COLUMBUS, Oh. — Gail K. Snyder, New Tripoli, will be among the over 400 exhibitors from 31 states and Canada showing Polled Hereford heifers at the 7th National Junior Polled Hereford Heifer Show in Columbus, Ohio, July 14-18.

Nearly 700 registered beef heifers have been entered in this event that has come to be recognized as the largest

show of its kind in the world.

Nationally known cattle authorities judging the show will be Lloyd Clarkson, Winfield, Kan., Russ Danielson, North Dakota State University, and J.W. Brune, Ottawa, Kan.

A former Polled Hereford "Herdsman of the Year", Robert Botkin of Lexington, Ky., will serve as showmanship judge,

choosing winners in both junior and senior competition.

Conducted annually with a family vacation atmosphere, the National Junior Polled Hereford Heifer Show is the culmination of months of work at home as young cattle enthusiasts converge on Columbus, representing the tops of rural youth.

## Livestock market and auction news

### Belleville Auction

Wednesday, June 11

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 128: Standard slaughter steers 55.75-57.25, Utility 52.75-54.60. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 50.25-52.85, one at 53.10, Cutters 48.75-50.50, Canner and Low Cutters 44.00-48.50 Shells down to 43.10 Yield Grade #1, slaughter bulls

54.50-57.25, #2, 51.75-53.75. Medium Frame #1&2, 300-800 lbs. feeder steers 54.50-81.50.

CALVES 111: Good vealers 83.00-93.00, Standard and Good 90-110 lbs. 74.50-82.00. Farm Calves: Holstein bulls 95-115 lbs. 95.00-113.00, few 120.00.

HOGS 259: US No. 1-2 200-250 lbs. barrows and gilts 34.25-36.00, few 36.25, No. 2-3 210-265 lbs. 33.35-34.00, few No. 2-3 250-285 lbs. at 31.75

US No. 1-3 300-585 lbs. sows 25.00-29.50, No. 2-3 300-600 lbs. 20.50-23.00. Boars 21.75-29.50.

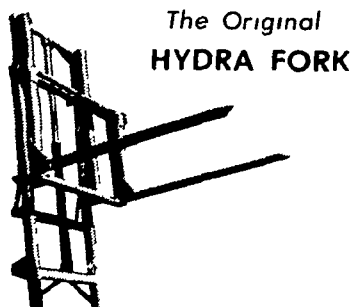
FEEDER PIGS 621: US No. 1-3 15-25 lbs. feeder pigs 8.50-14.50 per head, No. 1-3 20-40 lbs. 14.00-22.00 per head.

SHEEP 82: Choice 70-95 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 71.00-80.50; Good 50-80 lbs. woolled lambs 55.00-65.00. Slaughter ewes 22.00-33.50.

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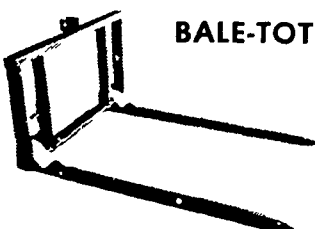
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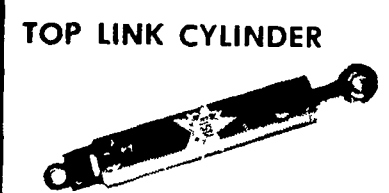
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## New insect discovered to combat grain fungus

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A new insect that might help farmers fight a poisonous fungus in grain has been discovered in a Michigan wheat field.

Bisham P. Singh of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service said he found the new insect—a tiny, dark beetle—during a routine survey in St. Clare county for plant diseases of economic importance in Michigan crops.

James O. Lee, APHIS deputy administrator, said the new insect is one of an obscure specie of beetles never before detected or described in scientific literature anywhere in the world.

He said the insect was found feeding on ergot, a common fungus of grain often fed to livestock.

Scientists of the USDA's Science and Education

Administration now are taking steps to identify, describe and name the insects.

Ergot is a poison to warm-blooded animals, including people. Some of its components are said to be related to LSD, Lee said.

Ingestion of the fungus in great quantities, Lee said, can kill humans or livestock, frequently posing a problem for farmers. However, the newly-discovered insect, in both immature and adult stages, appears to consume

large quantities of the ergot components without any side effects.

Researchers will evaluate whether the insect helps spread the poisonous fungus as it moves from field to field whether it could be developed as a parasite to control ergot.

They also will look at the enzymes in the insect's digestive tract to learn what substances break down the poisonous compounds, a determination which could lead to a possible cure for ergot poisoning, Lee said.

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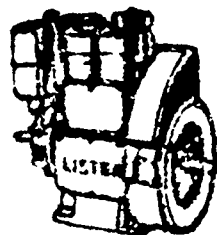
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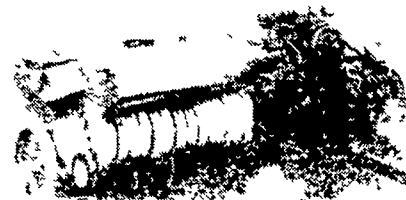
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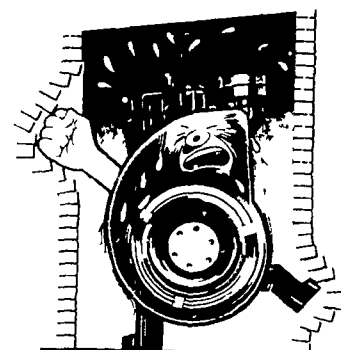


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