

Goats

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been any positive reactors in goats "in a long time," but goats were included in the regulations "because cattle and goats regulations have been together for a long time." The regulations were a result of a meeting by the Secretary's Advisory Board in December. The regulation only adds the stipulation of coming from whole herd test herds. He said the 30 day test rule has been in effect for some time. Dick said there has been a lot of illegal transportation of dairy goats.

On the necessity of adding further regulations to animals thought by experts in the field to be resistant to the diseases of TB and Brucellosis, Molaro said that "whenever anything comes down the pike for sheep or cattle, they throw goats in

for good measure, if they think of us (goat owners) at all."

Dr. Dick said that papers were pretty widely distributed prior to adoption of the regulations and they have received no comments at the Bureau on the regulations from goat owners.

Don Ace from Penn State's Dairy Science department who has worked with dairy goats said he had mixed emotions about further regulating goats. He said "If I were a goat owner I might wonder why in the world there was necessity for it (further regulation). But if you leave it up to individual goatowners...there's a potful of goats stuck out behind barns somewhere and those are the animals that worry me. The rule is not anywhere near as necessary in dairy goats as in dairy and beef cattle."

"Yet, he continued, it's a nice control measure to have. When a clean herd catches a strain and is not resistant, it goes through the herd like wildfire."

When Ace was questioned about the natural resistance of goats to these two diseases, he said that it is pretty generally thought that goats are somewhat resistant to them. Of 5000 goats in the state tested last year, there were no reactors, and there have been none for a long time, he said.

Ace said that Gill Brown has represented the goat industry of the state on the Secretary's Animal Health Advisory Board and that the chances are that with Brown's death there were no representatives from the state goat industry present when the regulations were adopted.

A secretary in the Bureau of Animal Industry office referred to notes of those attending the meeting in

Garden Spot 4-H Sewing Club selects queens

On July 7, members of the Garden Spot 4-H Sewing Club elected a junior and a senior queen. Junior queen is Lisa Fenstermacher and senior queen is Colleen

Hollinger.

Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fenstermacher, East Main Street, New Holland. She is 14 years old and is in her second year of 4-H sewing. Lisa represented the club at Leadership Congress at Penn State in June.

December, and her listing appears to confirm Ace's theory.

If this is true, the dairy goat industry should concentrate on being represented in future animal health issues, Ace said.

Colleen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hollinger, Crestview Drive, New Holland. Colleen is 17 and is in her seventh year of

4-H sewing. She is also in the Garden Spot 4-H Crafts Club. Colleen is the coordinator for the club's annual round-up which is to be held Wednesday, July 23 in the New Holland Fire Hall.

Lisa and Colleen will be going to the Lancaster Farm and Home Center on August 19 to compete in the Lancaster County Queen Contest preliminaries.

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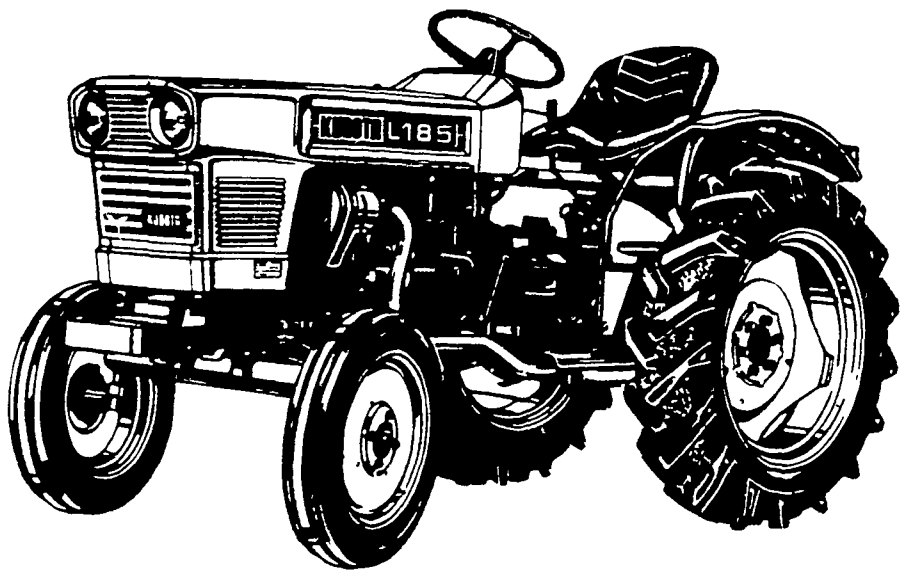
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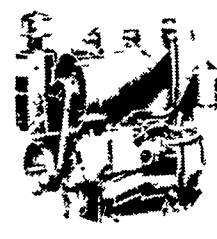
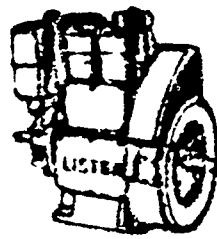
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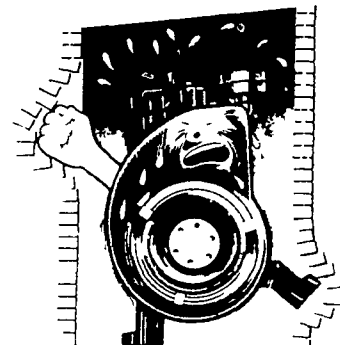


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