

Crop service lists state livestock numbers

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania farmers had 1,920,000 cattle and calves on hand July 1, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. This is an increase of four percent from the July 1, 1979 level of 1,850,000 head.

Parents to compete in Montgomery 4-H Fair

NORRISTOWN — Alumni 4-H'ers and 4-H parents will have a chance to show off their abilities at the fair and see if they can still win that blue ribbon just like they used to by competing in the ten classes at the Montgomery 4-H Fair August 20-23.

This year there are open alumni and parent classes in handi-man, vegetable growing, exotic plants, flower arranging, terrariums, baked goods and arts and crafts. Requirements are as follows:

Handi-man — one object demonstrating skills in creative woodwork

Vegetable growing — Each vegetable entered should be on separate plate. Enough samples should be displayed to fill an 8-inch paper plate (ex 5 tomatoes or peppers, 2 or 3 zucchini squash, 1 watermelon, numerous beans or peas, etc.)

Exotic Plants — a maximum of 2 potted plants that you have grown from a seed, cutting or small plant

Flower Arranging & Terrariums — 1 neatly displayed arrangement

Arts & Crafts — 1 article displaying your creativity in one of these areas: leathercraft, hooked rugs, quilting, macrame, and weaving. All items must be original. No kit crafts accepted.

Baked Goods — 1 Breads, rolls or muffins; 1 loaf or 6 muffins; 2 Cookies or brownies; 6 brownies or cookies, include recipe; 3 Cakes, sheet or layer cake, frosted or unfrosted, include recipe or 6 cupcakes; 4 Pies, one pie or 4 tarts. No cream pies due to lack of refrigeration; 5 Jams, jellies and preserves; 3 jars processed according to Penn State/USDA recommendations include your recipe.

Non-perishable goods should be brought to the 4-H Center Tuesday evening, August 19, 7:30-9:30 p.m. for display. Those goods that are perishable must be brought between 9:00-10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 20.

at 193,000 head, were seven percent above a year earlier. The 289,000 milk cow replacement heifers 500 pounds and over increased four percent. Beef cow replacement heifers, at 42,000, were up two percent. Other heifers 500 pounds and over at 44,000 were down 12 percent. Steers and bulls in this same weight category were up eight and two percent respectively from last year. All calves under 500 pounds numbered 423,000, six percent above July 1, 1979.

Nationally, all cattle and calves on July 1 totaled 123 million head, four percent above July 1 a year ago and one percent above July 1, 1978. This shows a herd increase for July 1, after four consecutive years of reduction, and signals an upward trend in the cattle cycle.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 501 million head, are up five percent from a year ago and three percent above July 1, 1978. Beef cows at 393 million head are up six percent from last year and milk cows at 108 million head are up one percent from 1979.

Other inventories on July 1 and their changes from last year are as follows: all heifers 500 pounds and over, 17.9 million, up one percent; milk cow replacement heifers, 4.39 million, up seven percent; beef replacement heifers, 5.87 million, up two percent; other heifers, 7.63 million, down two percent; steers 500

pounds and over, 16.6 million, down one percent; bulls 500 pounds and over, 2.62 million, up seven percent; heifer, steer and bull calves under 500 pounds, 36.0 million, up six percent.

The 1980 calf crop is expected to be 45.5 million head, about six percent above the 42.8 million born in 1979. This would be the first increase in the calf crop after five consecutive years of decline.

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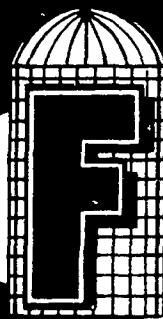
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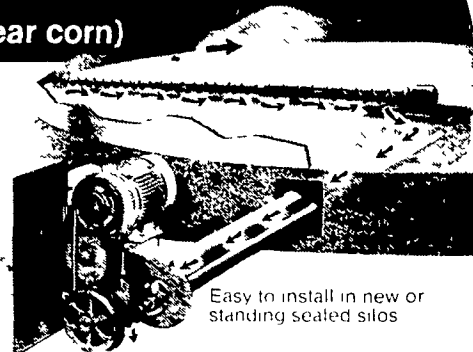
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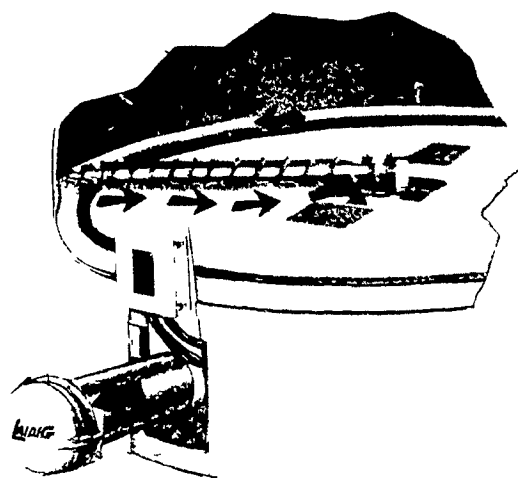
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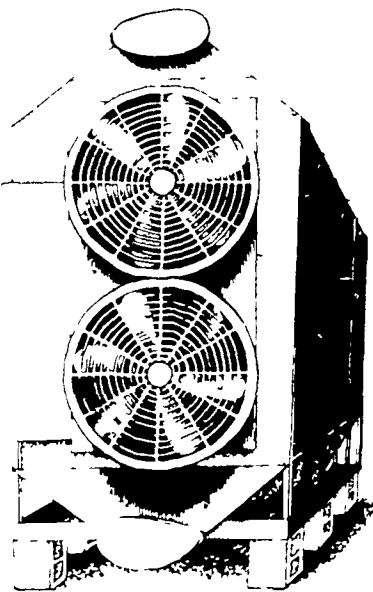
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