

# Franklin Guernsey breeders see hoof trimming

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MERCERSBURG — Some 40 people attended the Franklin County Guernsey Twilight Meeting of the Franklin County Guernsey Breeders Club held at the farm of Harold Hoffedtz, Mercersburg, last Friday. The evening event began with a hoof trimming

demonstration by Michael S. Stultz of Mercersburg. Stultz demonstrated hoof trimming with the use of a motor operated table and explained that he felt diet and the type of housing a farmer maintains has a definite effect on the condition of an animal's hoofs.

"Ground with a little gravel allows for a natural wearing away of the hoof," said Stultz.

Ginger Secrist, field representative of the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association gave a state report.

Secrist announced the Guernsey State Sale and the 55th Annual Renewal Sale will be a combined sale held on October 9 at the Pennsylvania Guernsey Sale Pavilion in Lancaster.

She also announced that the Annual 1981 Meeting of the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association will be held on March 20 and 21. This meeting was changed from a one day event to a two

day event due to the upcoming 50th anniversary of the Association.

In a special presentation, Secrist gave Rodney and Darlene Stuff of Mercersburg the Pennsylvania Field Area Outstanding Young Guernsey Farmer Award, which was given to Rodney at the National Guernsey Convention recently.

The award is presented to those outstanding farmers between the ages of 21 and 35.

Philip Wagner, county dairy agent gave a report on the poor corn situation in Franklin County due to the dry weather being experienced throughout the county.

Wagner stated that he has been working on feeding programs with those farmers that have been hit the hardest by the heat.

Harold Hoffedtz, host of the event, commented on his 48 milking cow operation and noted the changes in his

operation since the Guernsey Club last met at his farm 11 years ago.

A judging contest was held consisting of a two year old class and an aged cow class.

The winner of the adult division was Darlene Stuff of Mercersburg and the winner of the junior division was Nicholas Meyers, R4 Chambersburg. Ginger Secrist acted as the official judge.

Officers of the Franklin County Guernsey Breeders' Club are: Glenn Mummert, Chambersburg, president; Gerald Peckman, Chambersburg, vice-president; and Leigh Knepper, Chambersburg, secretary/treasurer.

Winners of the door prizes were Warren Peckman, Dan Peckman and Doug Mummert, all of Chambersburg.

Prizes were donated by B-Equipment, Waynesboro, Surge, Agway and Franklin Feed and Supply, all of Chambersburg.

## State egg output climbs

HARRISBURG — June 1980 egg production in Pennsylvania totaled 338 million eggs, eight percent above the 312 million eggs produced in June 1979, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.


The June average of 15.9 million Pennsylvania layers was eight percent higher than a year ago. Egg production per 100 layers was 2130 compared with

2,127 in June 1979.

The nation's laying flocks produced 5.57 billion eggs during June 1980, one percent less than the 5.64 billion produced a year ago.

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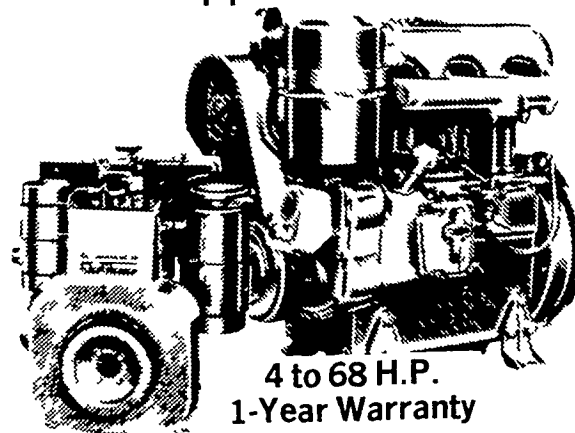
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