

Simmental show is new for 1980 KILE

HARRISBURG — The 24th Keystone International Livestock Exposition, the largest international livestock show on the East Coast, will feature seven beef cattle breeds along with junior and open steer shows and a junior breeding show, from October 2-6, 1980.

A new beef cattle show added to the 1980 KILE, which will be held at the Farm Show Complex, features the Simmental breeding cattle division. The October 3 show will be co-sponsored by KILE and the Pennsylvania Simmental Association.

A Chianina cattle sale will be another new Expo addition. It follows the steer show on October 4.

"We expect a record number of cattle exhibitors at this year's show," KILE manager Charles Itle said. "We are looking forward to exceptional beef cattle shows with some of the top farms in the country attending both shows and sales."

Over \$84,900 will be offered in premiums at this year's Keystone International with more than \$45,500 in the beef show sweepstakes. Exhibitor deadline for entries is August 31.

The following are dates and events for beef cattle shows and sales:

October 2	3 p m	Weigh Feeder Calves
October 3	9 a m	Weigh Junior Steers
	10 a m	Feeder Calf Show
	12 30 p m	Charolais Show
	1 p m	Weigh Open Steers
	3 30 p m	Simmental Show
	6 30 p m	Feeder Calf Sale
October 4	8 30 a m	Chianina Show
	9 a m	Junior Breeding Show
	11 a m	Junior Steer Show
	3 p m	Open Steer Show
	4 30 p m	Chianina Sale
	7 p m	Pennsylvania Livestock Association Banquet
October 5	12 noon	Angus Show
	2 p m	Shorthorn Show
October 6	8 30 a m	Hereford Show
	11 a m	Polled Hereford Show
	5 p m	release all livestock

Rain, warmth boost state crops

HARRISBURG — Rain mixed with warm weather to provide a good growing week for Pennsylvania farm crops during the week ending August 4, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Statewide, five days were reported as suitable for fieldwork, which included harvesting of peaches and cabbage, digging potatoes, combining small grains and making hay. Some farmers were topping tobacco and beginning fall plowing, and traces of barley and wheat planting were reported.

Early cabbage harvest is reported as good, as is the cherry harvest. Tomato harvest is beginning, but the crop will be hurt by dry rot.

Soil moisture throughout the Commonwealth is still rated as short to adequate. While northern farmers rated soil moisture as 44 percent adequate to 31 percent short, central and southern farmers rated their soils as 75 and 72 percent short in moisture, respectively.

Small grain harvest is nearing completion, with barley virtually complete. Wheat harvest was 89 percent complete throughout the state compared to 69 percent a year ago. Harvest stood at 60 percent complete in the northern region while central and southern regions reported wheat harvest as virtually complete.

Oats harvest was at 57

percent completed, well ahead of the 27 percent mark of a year earlier. Northern operators reported 74 percent of the oats crop harvested.

Corn was 79 percent silked statewide, with less than five percent in the dough stage. This is slightly ahead of 1979 when 50 percent was silked, and the average of 54 percent silked and less than five percent in dough at this time, historically.

Northern areas reported 44 percent silked and traces in dough, central areas reported 53 percent silked and traces in dough, and the south reported 51 percent in silk and eight percent in dough.

Potato harvest is now eight percent complete statewide, below last year's 12 percent. Traces of potato digging were reported in the north, less than five percent in the central counties and nine percent in the south.

Traces of fall plowing were reported across the state, on a par with last year. Southern Pennsylvania farmers reported ten percent of fall plowing complete, while central and northern areas were reported to have traces complete.

Second cutting of alfalfa was 75 percent complete, compared to 56 percent a year ago. Second cutting was at 60 percent in the north and 84 percent in the central and southern areas. Third cutting of alfalfa is 19 percent

complete, 18 percent in the north and 19 percent in central and southern areas. Quantities of hay in third cutting are reported as low due to dry weather.

Second cutting of clover-timothy hay is 33 percent complete, the same as last year. Harvest is reported as 38, 30 and 15 percent complete in northern, central and southern areas, respectively.

Hay quality is once again being rated as good to fair. In the north, hay was rated as 34 percent fair and 33 percent good. Central farmers rated hay at 47 percent fair to 46 percent good, and southern farmers rated their

hay at 54 percent good to 46 percent fair.

Feed from pastures continued to decline with 55 percent rated below average and 43 percent average. Central Pennsylvania, hardest hit by lack of rain, rated pastures as 62 percent below average and only 38 percent average. Northern pastures were rated as 50 percent average and 43 percent below average.

Pennsylvania farm fuel supplies were rated as adequate to surplus. Gasoline and diesel fuel were rated 86 percent adequate and 14 percent surplus, while L.P. gas was rated 83 percent adequate to 17 percent surplus.

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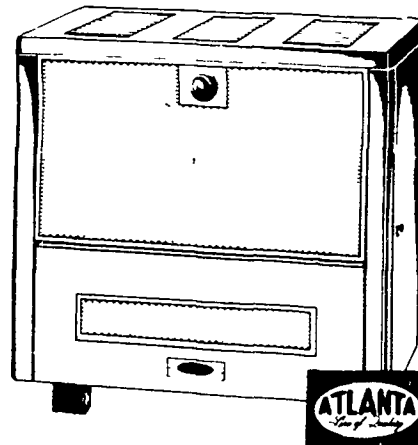
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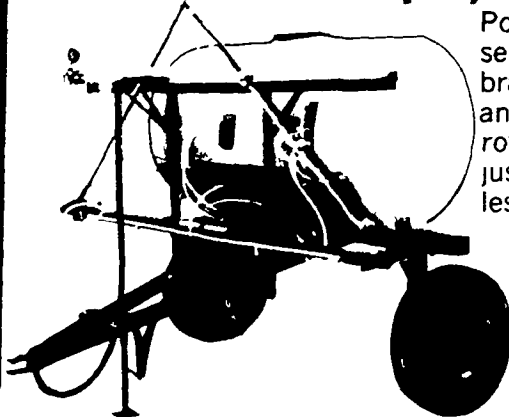
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