

FFA announces sheep award sponsor

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The National Future Farmers of America Foundation Inc., has recently announced that Y-Text Corporation, Cody, Wyoming, will co-sponsor the Sheep Production Proficiency Award.

Y-Text joins the American Sheep Producers Council, Inc., Denver, Colorado, and Carnation Company-Milling Division, Los Angeles, California, that both began sponsorship in February 1979.

The Sheep Production Proficiency Award is one of 22 FFA award programs which recognize achievement in activities leading to careers in agriculture, according to Robert A. Seefeldt, FFA program specialist.

The Sheep Production Award is presented at local, state, and national levels to FFA members who have demonstrated significant accomplishment in educational and work experience activities leading to a career in the sheep industry.

Factors, such as application of modern management practices, levels of efficiency, earnings and personal development are the basis for selection of winners in the award program.

According to Seefeldt, the FFA sheep production proficiency award program is "designed to encourage vocational agriculture students to explore career opportunities in the sheep industry through classroom

study and practical application of classroom knowledge in a working enterprise. Many applicants for the award will be involved with their own sheep-raising enterprise, while others learn through on-the-job experience with established sheep producers."

To earn the award, applicants must maintain complete records which include earnings, inventory of animals and equipment at the beginning and end of each year, and production efficiency. In addition the student must be knowledgeable in management and marketing practices related to the sheep industry.

As co-sponsors of the award, Y-Text will help

provide funds for the 1980 award program of medals, certificates, plaques, and cash awards.

All FFA members who complete supervised experience programs in sheep production as part of their vocational agriculture training are eligible to apply for the award. Awards in the sheep production proficiency program are presented at the local level in the form of a medal and certificate.

At the state level, the first place winner receives a plaque and a check for \$100. State winners then compete for recognition in each of the four FFA administrative regions where the national finalists earn a check for \$250, a plaque, and travel money to attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas

City, Missouri.

At the convention, his or her sheep production program is judged against winners from each of the three other regions During the National FFA Con-

vention, a plaque and check for an additional \$250 is presented to one of the four regional winners judged to have made the most progress toward a career in the sheep industry.

KILE sheep shows, sales kicked off with 8-Hampshire hitch

HARRISBURG — High quality and increased entries in the breeding sheep, market lamb and bred ewe sales is a tradition expected to be carried out here at this year's 24th Keystone International Livestock Exposition to be held October 2-6 at the Farm Show Complex.

New additions at this year's KILE, will include a National Merino Sheep Show on Monday, October 6, and a Dorset Bred Ewe Sale on Saturday, October 4. The Dorset addition brings the total number of bred ewe sales at KILE to five.

The Eitzler Sheep Driving Team from Van Wert, Ohio, will kick off the Keystone International with their maneuvering eight hitch team.

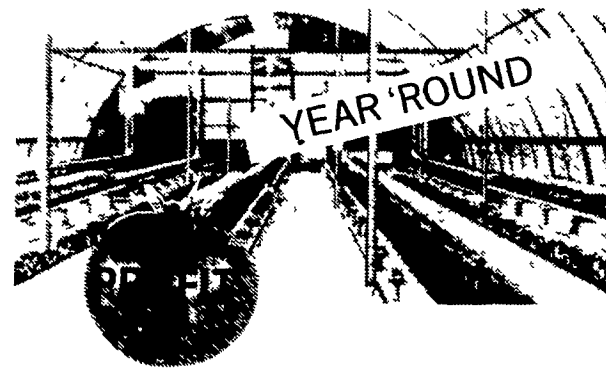
Over \$18,700 in premiums will be offered to KILE's winning sheep exhibitors from a total jack-pot of \$84,900. Deadline for entries is August 31.

KILE is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Livestock Association in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, the Pennsylvania Farm Products Show Commission and various breed associations.

The following is a listing of dates and events for the KILE sheep classes:

Sheep Breeding Classes	
October 3	12 noon
October 4	8 30 a m
October 6	12 noon
	8 30 a m
	5 p m
October 4	6 p m
Bred Ewe Sales	
	Suffolk, Hampshire, Shropshire, Southdown & Dorset
Market & Junior Show Schedules	
October 5	12 noon
	12 noon
October 3-4	
October 5	5 p m
	5 30 p m
	7 p m
	7 30 p m

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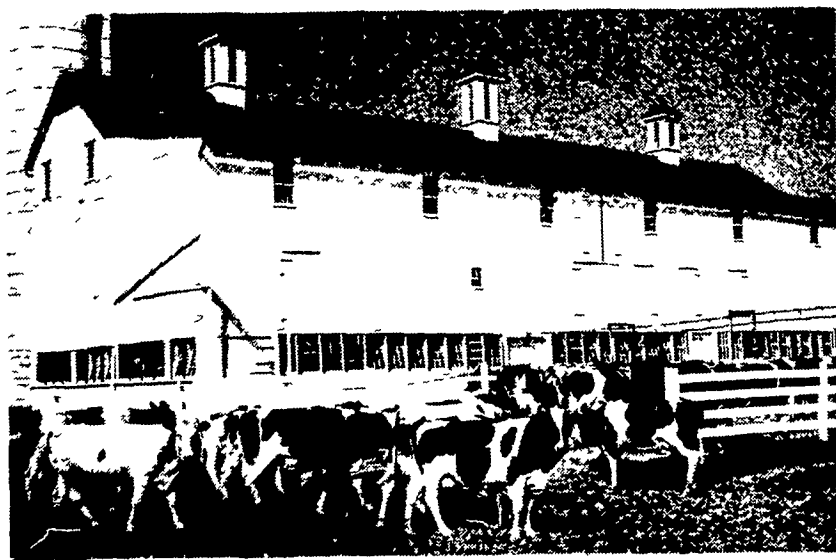
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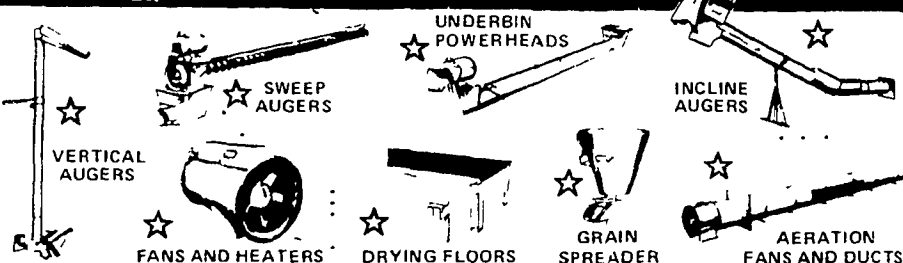
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