

Veterinary school student credits 4-H experience

NORRISTOWN — From the day she owned her very first kitten, 18-year-old Charla Janney knew she wanted to be a veterinarian. Today, she is pursuing that vocation, joining the increasing numbers of women studying veterinary science in schools around the county.

Charla, who was raised on a farm in Brodbeck, Pa., credits her involvement in the national 4-H veterinary science program, with sparking her interests in the profession. Subsequently, she enrolled last fall in a pre-veterinary science program at Pennsylvania State

University and plans to transfer later to the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Science.

The seven-year 4-H member participated in a number of local veterinary science projects to acquaint herself with her career

choice. She shared her knowledge with younger 4-H members and later, was rewarded for her efforts in veterinary science by receiving a \$1,000 scholarship at the 1979 National 4-H Congress.

"There wasn't much we didn't learn or try to learn,"

she says describing her 4-H projects. "Our lessons included discussions, research, lectures from outside specialists, field trips to veterinary clinics, observation of minor operations and practical experiences in doing the procedures ourselves."

Last year, she completed a study on haemonchus contortus, a common parasite found in sheep. Her theory for irradiating these harmful pests was proven correct, and may be used as a solution for controlling many types of internal parasites in the future.

Less than 15 percent of the veterinarians in this country today are women. They are found in almost all areas of the field, including private practices for large and small animals, teaching and research, regulatory medicine, public health, military service, private industry and other specialized activities.

However, the number of women enrolled in veterinary medicine programs is rapidly in-

creasing - approximately 32 percent at most universities. At a few colleges, more than half the enrolling freshmen this fall will be female.

"I know the road won't be easy," explains Charla, who says she'd like a large animal practice. "But with a 4-H background behind me, I'm sure to always be several steps ahead."

The national 4-H veterinary science program trains boys and girls, nine to 19, in the various career options available to veterinarians. There are 58,925 youth enrolled in programs in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Awards arranged by National 4-H Council, are available to 4-H'ers who excel in the program: medals of honor to four members from each county; a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond to one 4-H'er from each state; 24 expense-paid trips to the 59th National 4-H Congress, Nov. 30-Dec. 4, in Chicago, Ill., where six national winners each will receive \$1,000 scholarships.

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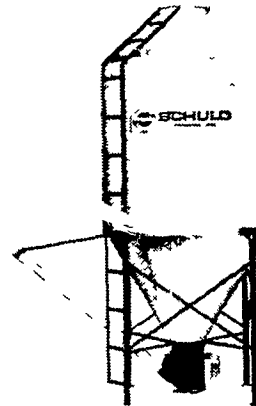
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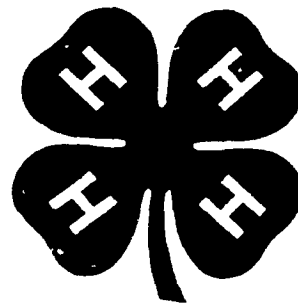
Ray Fitzgerald, administrator of the USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said the \$23.4 million in federal assistance has helped livestock producers buy 1.25 billion pounds of

feed (22.3 million bushels corn equivalent).

During the period October 1 through September 30, USDA approved more than 46,000 applications requesting program aid, Fitzgerald said.

Under the emergency feed program, financial aid to farmers may be authorized when a natural disaster has reduced the amount of feed normally produced on the applicant's farm and the applicant must make larger-than-normal purchases of feed.

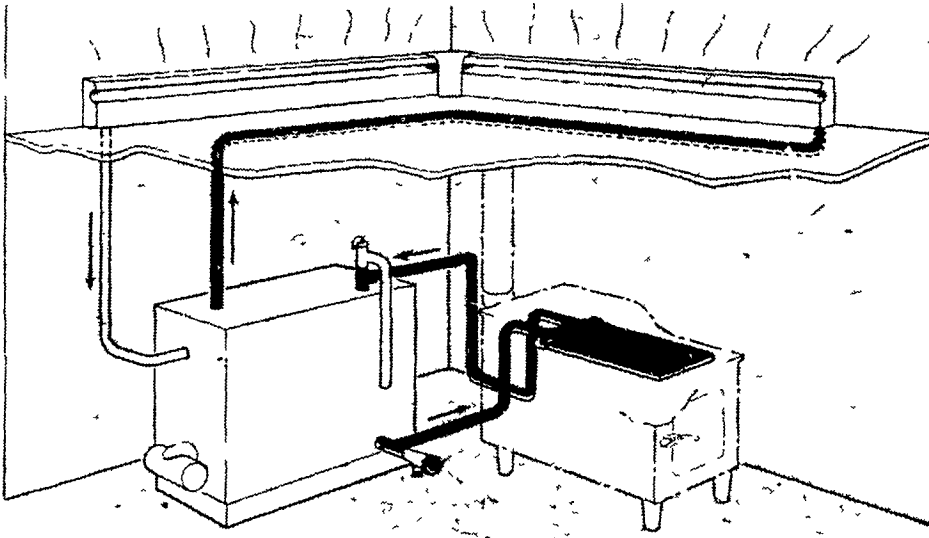
Participants may be reimbursed up to 50 percent of the cost for feed purchased. The maximum authorized amount of this aid was increased Aug. 11 from two cents to three cents per pound of grain equivalent for the current drought period. During fiscal 1979, \$63.6 million was approved to buy 3.3 billion pounds of feed.



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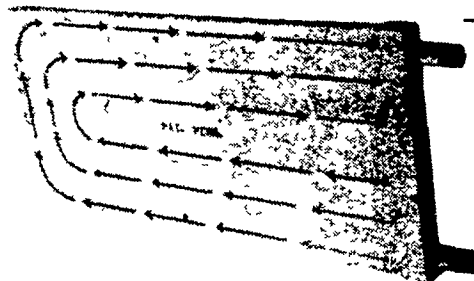
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