

Action-packed contests to boost Show's pulse

FARM SHOW — Intense competition, the culmination of a year's hard work, will be a focal point at the 65th Pennsylvania Farm, January 11-16.

A wide variety of both youth, amateur and

professional competition offers Farm Show visitors an educational and entertaining experience.

Competition ranges from the junior sheep blocking and grooming contest, junior swine, cattle and sheep

showmanship contests, the Northeast Regional Sheep to Shawl Contest, the Young Auctioneers Bid Calling Contest, and Safe Tractor Driving Contest.

Wednesday's (Jan. 14) events feature the sheep

industry, beginning at 1 p.m. with The State Junior Lamb Showmanship Contest in the small arena of the Farm Show Building.

Junior sheep exhibits show their Farm Show lambs to their best advantage, hoping the win the favor of the judge's eye.

The Junior Sheep Blocking and Grooming Contest follows at 3 p.m. in the small arena. Fifteen 4-H and FFA members, selected as the best groomers in their counties and regions, are given a sheep "fresh from the field" in this contest.

The youngsters then have one hour to wash, card and trim their animal to its best advantage. Judging is based on the improved appearance of the sheep.

The popular Northeast Regional Sheep to Shawl Contest begins in the small arena beginning at 5:30 p.m. Eleven teams of five members each represent Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia. During the contest, each team shears a sheep, spins

the wool into yarn and weaves a shawl.

Judging is based on team identification, skill and workmanship, design of the shawl and speed. The top six shawls are auctioned to the crowd following the contest.

Action on Thursday, Jan. 15 switches to the large arena where the Junior Beef Showmanship contest begins at 3:30 p.m., the last class of the 1981 Junior Beef Show. The contest is open to those youth who have participated in the Junior Steer Show and Junior Breeding Show. Competition is broken down into three classes, eleven years and younger, 12-14 year old and 15 and over. The champion showman is selected from the top individual showman in each class.

The Young Auctioneers Bid Calling Contest is an advertisement for itself, as young auctioneers start

chanting at 3 p.m., Jan. 15 in the small arena. Young auctioneers from across the commonwealth are judged on their style and performance.

Another people oriented contest, the Safe Tractor Driving Contest, begins at noon on Friday, Jan. 16 in the large arena. Earlier in the day, young tractor drivers are given a written examination, testing their knowledge of tractors, equipment and handling.

At noon, the participants take to the tractor driving and handling course. Contestants demonstrate safe and skillful practice of operating farm tractors and farm equipment.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show is sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Farm Products Show Commission in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.



Canning and clothing entries fill the home economics wings of the complex.



Getting an animal ready for competition takes time, skill, and a lot of elbow grease. It's a hectic, harried week for most exhibitors.

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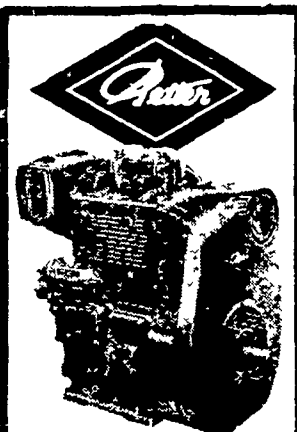
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