



Three-year-old Callaways Little Jewel, a Hackney filly, took first place in the Zone 2 Harness Division and was named All-American Three-Year-Old



The Mt View brood mares sport shaggy winter coats. The Sweigarts have 23 Hackney ponies in their breeding program and show barn

Mt. View ponies honored

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decent, we hitch them and drive them either in the ring or on the road

Along with their show ponies, the Sweigarts also keep Hackney breeding stock on the farm. In all, 24 ponies call Mt View home.

The herd stallion is one-time World Champion Highway Patrol. He's about 20 years old," Marlene said as she patted his muzzle.

The Sweigarts and equines hit the show road in May and continue showing until November. They show in Louisville, Kentucky, Syracuse, New York, Devon, Springfield, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Quentin, and Harrisburg.

"Finding the time to get everything done is the

hardest part about training and showing, Marlene said. She told how it takes at least a year to take a green pony and get it ready to show.

There are no 30 days miracles, she said. And we're constantly trying to make each of the ponies perform better.

What Marlene likes best about the pony business is the Hackney personality.

These ponies have the best personalities. They're harder to break because they're always trying you. But, these ponies aren't quitters. That's what makes it fun. Whenever you think you've got them perfectly trained, they come up with something else for you to work on."

She added the Hackney is 'tough.' By toughness, she said she meant good legs and

wind. They don't break down like some horses do.

Marlene added the important plus about training the Hackney pony is they'll generally work with you — they're not stubborn, she said.

They're like little kids — you just learn to teach them what's right and work around their problems.

The Sweigarts daughter, Brook, has been raised around the ponies and shares her parents' enthusiasm for her high-stepping friends. Just this past year, she too showed a champion in the

USDA boosts inspection fees for fresh fruits, vegetables

LANCASTER — On December 28, USDA's Food Safety and Quality Service increased the fees it charges industry to inspect and grade fresh fruits and vegetables at destination markets, said Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carol Tucker Foreman.

The former fee schedule had been in effect since October 1977 and our grading and inspection service costs have risen significantly since then," said Foreman.

We took this action under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, which requires that the fees we charge meet the costs of rendering the services.

The new fee schedule will among other things increase fees for examining both the quality and condition of a product or its condition only.

FSQS will charge \$38 to inspect more than half a carlot of a product for quality and condition, \$32 for each half carlot equivalent or less of an individual product and \$76 maximum for each carlot equivalent when more than one kind of product is involved.

A carlot of potatoes, for example, weighs between 40,000 and 45,000 pounds, depending on how it is packed.

For condition inspection only, new charges are \$32 each for volume of product in excess of one-half carlot, \$30 for each half-carlot equivalent of an individual product or less and \$64 for each carlot equivalent when more than one kind of product is involved.

Mt View line-up. The young horsewoman showed Countryside Showboat, the Sweigarts' Hackney that measures less than 46 inches, to the championship in this Roadster Pony Division at both Syracuse and Quentin.

After fifteen years of hard work and training, the Sweigarts have realized national recognition for their efforts and stable of champions.

Rates for inspection conducted on a per hour basis, small package inspection fees and the inspection charges for peanuts, pecans and other tree nuts will also be raised.

FSQS sets grade standards and provides official grading and inspection for many food products under authority of the 1946 act. Use of the standards and grading services is voluntary and is paid for by the industry.

FSQS makes quality inspections to determine grade levels. Condition inspections only attest to how the product has fared in trans-

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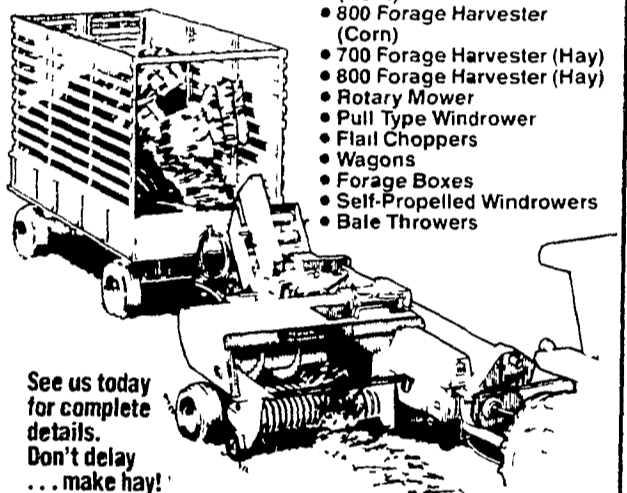
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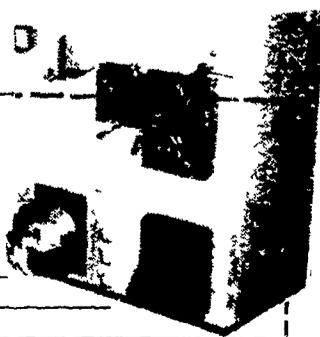
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