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Delaware names pork all-American

SEAFORD, Del. — This year, Delaware's All-American Pork Producer is Dennard R. Hill.

Dennard is partner with his parents and brother on the family farm near Seaford, Delaware. The farm, which once produced mostly soybeans, wheat, and a few hogs, is now a top producing hog operation.

The expansion into a hog farm came about in 1966 when new buildings were added. The new buildings included a remodeled chicken house for farrowing, a nursery, and two finishing houses. A new farrowing house and nursery was built in 1977, and a boar barn and feeding house was added in 1978.

At present, the operation consists of 200 sows, and is farrowing 14 sows every two weeks with 9.5 pigs weaned per sow at five weeks of age. The pigs are sold at the graded sale in Felton, Delaware at 45 to 55 pound weights. Yorkshires, Spots, and Landrace are raised and sold to commercial breeders.

Dennard and Elaine Hill live with their children, Chris and Steve, on a farm adjoining the parent farm. Here they raise 288,000 Cornish hens per year.

Dennard has been a member of the Delaware Pork Producers for 10 years and currently serves as treasurer. He is a member of the State 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee and the Delaware Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

He is also a leader of a local 4-H club and of a county 4-H livestock club, and a member of the Sussex County 4-H Leaders Association.

Elaine is president of the Delaware Porkettes, a member of the Farm-Home advisory board of the local coop, a local and county 4-H leader and secretary of the

County Leaders Association.

Their daughter Chris raises seven goats, four ponies, and a donkey as 4-H projects. Son Steve raises hogs and was recently recognized as a National 4-H winner for this project.

Local presentation of Dennard's award was made Tuesday at the annual banquet of the Delaware Pork Producers Association. He will receive a special plaque from the National Pork Producers Council when the American Pork Congress meets in St. Louis in March.

According to University of Delaware extension livestock specialist Dick Fowler, about 40 states now participate in the All-American pork producer program.

Winners are selected on the basis of production efficiency, leadership in their local swine industry, participation in civic activities and general overall excellence in farming.

Nominees must be under 40 and must have made an outstanding contribution to the pork industry in their state.

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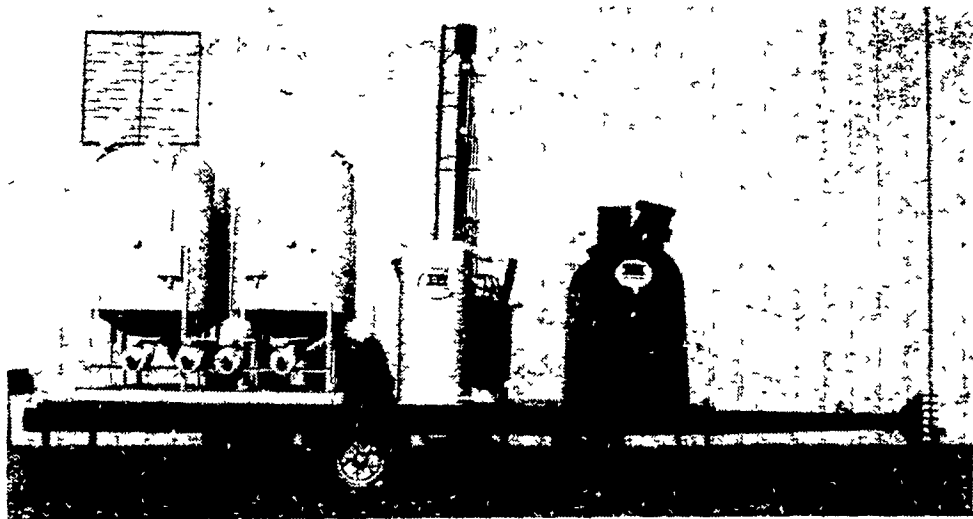
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York County to run corn clinic

YORK — A commodity trading specialist will be one of the featured speakers at the annual York County Corn Clinic, set for Wednesday, January 28, at the 4-H Center at Bair.

Keith Moens, a representative of the Chicago Board of Trade, is scheduled to speak to the county's corn growers during both the morning and afternoon sessions of the day-long program. "Principles of Hedging," will be a highlight of the pre-lunch program, while Moens will brief grain growers on "Futures in Corn Marketing" during the afternoon session.

Corn growers will also hear about a new type of lime test from Penn State soil fertility specialist Doug Beagle.

Willis McClellan, weed specialist, will tackle the problems of weed infestations in corn ground and

farm management specialist, Roland Freund, has tips on how to reduce some production costs.

A problem of increasing concern to all farmers who use pesticides will be the subject of Don Lott, inspector for the state Department of Agriculture. Lott will speak on approved methods of pesticide container disposal.

Presentations to winners in the county's five-acre corn contest will be awarded during the afternoon program.

Approximately 25 agribusiness representatives have signed up for the clinic's commercial exhibit area, which will open to visitors at 9:30 a.m. The morning program is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Luncheon is available by reservation through the exhibiting agribusinesses and the York County extension service.

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