

Apple production increases

HERSHEY — Apple production is on the increase in Pennsylvania, stated Donald Rucks, Department of Ag Economics at Michigan State University. He was addressing a room filled with fruit producers during the 122nd Annual Meeting of the State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania, Inc here on Tuesday.

Rucks followed Anthony Rubino of Blue Goose Growers, Inc. of Hagerstown, Maryland on the program.

Rubino emphasized there is a new consumer generation today that doesn't like wax on apples, cucumbers, or color added to oranges. Vegetable and fruit producers need to consider their market and keep their commodities desirable for the consumer, he said, especially since

production and supply are increasing

Rick, using tree census data gathered at Michigan and in other states, predicted apple production to continue to expand despite acreage reductions.

He noted the growing numbers of younger trees, just beginning to reach bearing age. Of these trees, he stated 92 percent or greater are of the size-controlled varieties — growers are dozing out their old standard orchards.

The most popular apple with numbers on the rise, he stated, is the Red Delicious while older varieties, like Jonathan and York Imperial, are realizing a downward trend.

He pointed out dual purpose apples are increasing in number, whereas the the single-purpose

processing apple is on its way out

Rick concluded by questioning the producers, asking "can we expand demand fast enough to keep profitable prices for our apples in light of increased production?"—SM

Twin Valley FFA project book winners reported

ELVERSON — Twin Valley Future Farmers of America Historian, Wade Bernard compiled a first-place scrapbook in the Berks County FFA Contest.

The scrapbook contained a written and pictorial history of the chapter and included copies of

news articles, as well as pictures of members in activities or contests

The scrapbooks were judged on the basis of organization, artistic work and the ability to tell the FFA story. The Twin Valley scrapbook will now be entered in the Pennsylvania FFA contest.

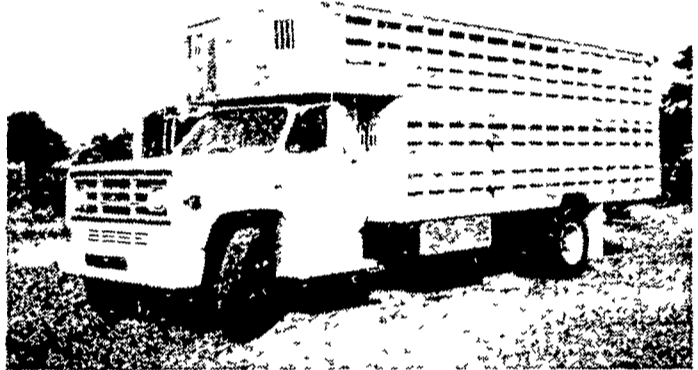
Sheep club elects officers

CARLISLE — The Conodogunet 4-H Sheep Club of Cumberland County met on January 20 at the Cumberland County Extension Office. This was a reorganizational meeting with the election of officers for 1981. The new officers are as follows: Duff George, Carlisle, president; Paul Wynn,

Newburg, vice president; Angie Fought, Carlisle, secretary; Mark Lebo, Carlisle, treasurer; Dwayne Haus, Carlisle, news reporter; Vickie Holtry, Mechanicsburg, social chairman; Eric Nace, Mechanicsburg, asst. social chairman; Dwayne Haus, Carlisle, county council rep.; Allen Bixler, Carlisle, county council rep.; Duff George, Carlisle, county council alt.

The next meeting of the sheep club is scheduled for February 18 at the Barnett Church Recreation Hall. Any persons interested in a sheep project may contact Marlin Rook 717-776-3376; Robert Holtry 717-243-1838; or the Extension Office 717-249-7220.

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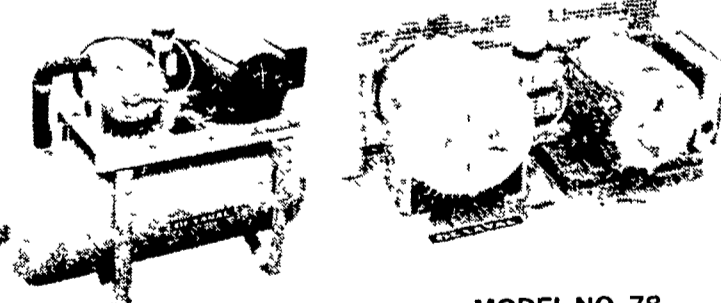


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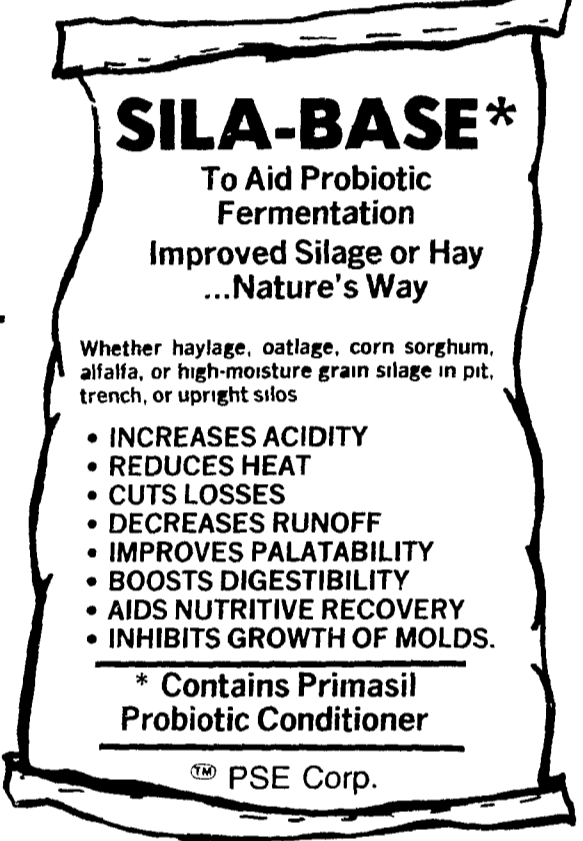
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