

Project book winners listed in Lancaster

LANCASTER — Top winners have been selected in the 1981 Lancaster County FFA Project Book Contest.

Among the leading finishers in the various categories of competition:

One Enterprise — Clifford Horning, New Holland, first, gold; J. Caldane Presnell, Solanco, second, gold; Brian Martin, Penn Manor, third, silver; Robert Litgow, Ephrata, fourth, silver; Shari Weidman, Solanco, fifth, bronze; and Mark Peters, Manheim, sixth, bronze. There were 16 participants in this category.

Two Enterprise — Doug Herberger, Solanco, first, gold;

Robert Kirk, Solanco, second, gold; Kervin Miller, Manheim, third, gold; David Kulp, Manheim, fourth, silver; Ed Sensenich, Manheim, fifth, silver; Dennis Saylor, Ephrata, sixth, bronze; and Brent Holzauer, Solanco, seventh, bronze. There were 21 category participants.

Three Enterprise — Jere Neff, Penn Manor, first, gold; Wayne Hess, Penn Manor, second, gold; Mike Hess, Manheim, third, gold; Mike Nissley, Penn Manor, fourth, silver; Bernie Houghton, Solanco, fifth, silver; Dan White, Penn Manor, sixth, bronze; M. John Heidebaugh, Solanco, seventh, bronze. Twenty-one participants took part

Four Enterprise — Barbara Herr, New Holland, first, gold; Barry Geib, Manheim, second, gold; Mark Trimble, Solanco, third, silver; Jim Harnish, Penn Manor, fourth, silver; Doug Pfautz, Warwick, fifth, bronze; Bob Musser, Penn Manor, sixth, bronze. A total of 17 competed.

Five Enterprise — Mike Pfautz, Ephrata, first, gold; Jeff Gerlach, Penn Manor, second, silver; Roy Weaver, Ephrata, third, bronze. There were four participants.

Six Enterprise — Kay Shertzer, Penn Manor, first, gold; Scott Smith, Ephrata, second, silver; Ken Miller, Solanco, third, bronze.

Seven Enterprise — Steven Smith, Ephrata, first, gold.

On-Farm — Vernon Heisey, Manheim, first, gold; Allen Anderson, Solanco, second, gold; Tim High, Ephrata, third, gold; Ernie Fry, Solanco, fourth, silver; Jeff Keller, Solanco, fifth, silver; David Myers, Solanco, sixth, silver; Brian Herr, Solanco, seventh, bronze; Harold Kaufman, Ephrata, eighth, bronze; and Jacob Frank, Solanco, ninth, bronze. There were 21 participants.

Scrapbook — New Holland, first, gold; Manheim, second, silver; and Penn Manor, third, bronze.

Off-Farm — Barry Geib, Manheim, first, gold; Ron Good, Ephrata, second, gold; Don Good, Ephrata, third, gold; Avery

Copenhaver, Ephrata, fourth, silver; Harry Witmer, Penn Manor, fifth, silver; Gil Stuber, Ephrata, sixth, silver; Aaron Ebersole, Penn Manor, seventh, bronze; Kim Miller, Penn Manor, eighth, bronze; Allen Ackley, Ephrata, ninth, bronze. There were 24 participants.

Miscellaneous — Cindy A. Good, New Holland, first, gold; Lowell D. Graybill, New Holland, second, silver; Pam Hoffman, New Holland, third, bronze. There were 5 participants.

Wildlife — Wanda Steffy, New Holland, first, gold; John Sweigart, New Holland, second, silver; Tim Brower, Ephrata, third, bronze.

Economists predict higher cattle prices

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Prices for fed cattle and feeder cattle will move higher through next July before tapering off in the second half of the year as the nation leads for an oversupply of beef as early as 1984 or 1985.

That's the consensus of four of the nation's top livestock economists published today in Farm Bureau News, official newsletter of the American Farm Bureau Federation, sponsors of a series of "cattle cycle forums," the second of which was held last week in Park Ridge, Illinois, AFBF headquarters.

Forum participants were Glenn Grimes, professor of agricultural economics at the University of Missouri; Wayne D. Purcell, professor of agricultural

economics at Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Robert J. Keerson, agricultural economics consultant and former corporate economist for Monfort of Colorado; and Edward Uvacek Jr., livestock marketing economist and associate professor at Texas A&M University.

The economists said the latest U.S. Department of Agriculture cattle inventory figures confirm that the buildup of the nation's beef herd is much more rapid than most observers had expected.

Unless consumer demand for beef is much stronger than anticipated, the annual growth rate of the cattle herd cannot be sustained for several years without the potential of a price bust, the economists warned. A growth rate

of two percent or less per year would tend to hold prices at a more favorable level from the cattlemen's standpoint, they added.

Depressed prices for fed cattle in recent months are the result of excessive supplies of overweight and overfinished cattle—a problem that will not be resolved until those excessive supplies of heavy beef are absorbed into the market stream, the economists predicted.

While the demand for beef is not increasing as rapidly as it did in the 1960's, the economists agreed that the long run demand for beef continues relatively strong.

The key to a successful and prosperous beef cattle industry remains in the hands of the producers themselves whose responsibility it is to keep the

supply of beef in balance with demand to ensure the long-range profitability of the industry, the economists concluded.

The third session in the series of "forums" will be scheduled for early August.

100 Sow Club seminar coming March 26

LANCASTER — The Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council is expanding its educational program for products and allied industry in Pork Production.

The first 100 Sow Club Seminar is being planned for March 26, 1981, at the Farm and Home Center, Arcadia Road from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (meal included). The topic will be the farrowing house with the guest speaker H. Neil Becker, D.V.M., Associate Professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Rural Animal Medicine Service, University of Florida.

Becker serves as a consultant to large swine operations in Florida and surrounding states. His program will cover pre-farrowing preparation, farrowing, post farrowing, piglet processing, and baby pig scours.

The Pennsylvania Pork Producers is providing this

program to the pork industry as part of its service to pork producers. The Council urges all producers to support their industry by becoming members of a local pork association and participating in the voluntary check-off program at the market place.

Who is eligible to attend such an event? Anyone interested in the sow. At this time, a fee is being requested to help to defray some of the expenses. Annual membership will be \$15 per farm and \$25 per allied industry. Interested people from Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, West Virginia, New York, and the New England States can join the club. Any number of people from a farm and allied industry can attend.

The idea was conceived by the late Dwight Younkun, swine extension specialist at Penn State, to provide more education for the specialized sow operation.

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Mail to Mark F. Nestleroth, Box 428, R D #5, Manheim, Pa. 17545. (Preferably pre-register before March 26, but also participants can register that day.)

Ephrata farmers talk soybeans

EPHRATA — The Ephrata Area Young Farmers will be holding a Soybean Production meeting on February 24 at 7:45 in the high school vo-ag room.

The featured speaker will be David Cote from the Ortho Division of the Chevron Corporation.

Cote's presentation will be based on the extensive double-crop soybean experimentation in which Ortho has been conducting in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Among the topics to be discussed are varietal selection, fertilization, seedbed preparation, planting, and weed control. Farmers who are growing soybeans in Northern Lancaster County should be sure to join us at this special soybean meeting, says Bruce G. Kreider, student teacher of agriculture.

Twin Valley FFA events

ELVERSON — Members of the Twin Valley Chapter join with nearly 485,000 other FFA members in the United States in celebrating National FFA week beginning today.

National FFA Week always includes George Washington's birthday in observance of his leadership in promoting scientific farming practices. Washington is considered the patron saint of the FFA and has come to symbolize the FFA Treasurer.

According to Twin Valley President Don Stoltzfus, of Morgantown, the chapter plans to hand out placemats in local restaurants, hold an Agri-Businessmen's Breakfast, distribute things to teachers, talk to underclassmen, and do several radio programs.

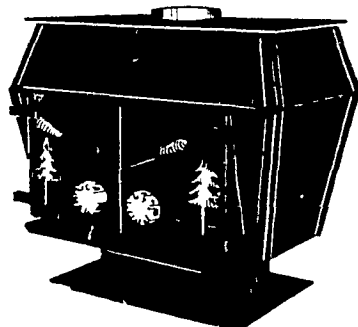
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