

Red meat production drops

HARRISBURG — Commercial red meat production in Pennsylvania during January totaled 873 million pounds, down one percent from January 1980.

Cattle slaughter at 65,200 head was up five percent, while calf slaughter at 22,000 head was down nine percent from last year.

Hog slaughter at 278,200 head was down eight percent from a year ago.

The number of sheep and lambs slaughtered totaled 13,400, up six percent from January 1980.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during January totaled 3.42 billion pounds, an increase of one percent from January 1980. Beef production at 1.94 million pounds was up three percent while veal production at 35 million pounds was up six percent.

Pork production totaled 1.43 billion pounds, down two percent from January 1980.

Lambs and mutton production increased 11 percent to 30 million pounds.



These four young Pennsylvania Angus exhibitors will represent their home state at the 1981 National Angus Showmanship Contest next July in Nashville, Tennessee. They are, left to right: Bill Wile of Nottingham and Kaye Sweigard of Halifax, alternates; and Tim Kinsley of York and Christine Shive of Seven Valleys, representatives.



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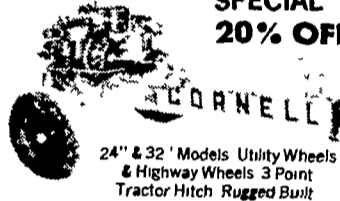
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Angus showmen

HARRISBURG — Competition to represent Pennsylvania at the 1981 National Angus Showmanship Contest highlighted the junior events January 15 here at Farm Show.

Timothy Kinsley of York and Christine Shive of Seven Valleys topped the showmanship contest to earn a trip to the national contest in Nashville, Tennessee, this July. Chosen as alternates were Kay Sweigard of Halifax and Bill Wile, Nottingham.

Berks beef feeders

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normal calves have been produced

Bowman discussed the use of poultry litter in feed rations on his operation of 2000 broilers and 400 steers per year. He and his partners roast the poultry manure, removing about 25 percent of the moisture, and making it more palatable and easier to handle. They have been using it as a protein supplement for three years and have been very pleased with their results, he stated. The

roasted manure contains between 27 and 37 percent crude protein, usually averaging 30 to 31 percent.

Burdette advised using poultry manure in feeding brood cows and grazing cattle but not heavyweight cattle, recommending the use of urea instead. Using urea in fattening cattle leaves more room in the rumen for other feed such as corn, Burdette said, and NPN sources of protein are cheap for fattening cattle. "You want higher energy feeds in heavyweight cattle," he concluded.

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