

KILE opens Friday with 3,400 quality livestock

HARRISBURG — The Keystone International Livestock Exposition will open its doors Oct. 2 through 6 here at the Farm Show Building.

The Keystone International Livestock Exposition is one of the top livestock shows in the country featuring quality beef cattle, sheep, swine and horse competition. More than 3,400 head of livestock have been entered in this year's show and will be competing for over \$75,000 in premiums.

Judging will begin Friday, Oct. 2 at 9 a.m. in the sheep arena with Southdown and Cheviot sheep. At 10 a.m. feeder calf judging will begin. A feeder pig show will be held in the swine barn at 10 a.m. Friday, and Appaloosa halter and performance classes begin at 8 a.m. in the large arena. Judging will continue throughout the day.

A feeder pig auction will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2 in the small arena. At 6:30 p.m., feeder calves will be sold on the main floor.

Saturday, Oct. 3 competition starts at 7:30 a.m. in the large arena with the National 4-H Horse Judging Contest. The National Horse Bowl will be held at the Holiday Inn at 9 a.m. The beef arena will feature the Polled Hereford Shows beginning at 8:30 a.m., while Shropshire and Suffolk breeding sheep classes start at 9 a.m. At 2 p.m. in the sheep arena, the Dorset, Hampshire, Shropshire, Southdown and Suffolk bred ewes will be sold. A Paint Horse Sale will be held Saturday at 9 p.m. in the small arena.

At 7 p.m. Saturday evening, the Pennsylvania Livestock

Association will hold its annual meeting and awards banquet at the Holiday Inn. This year's guest speaker is animal welfarist Dr. Michael Fox. Ticket reservations should be made by calling the KILE Office 717/787-1296.

Sunday's activities begin at 11 a.m. with open class steer judging in the beef arena, Duroc barrows on foot in the small arena, and open market lamb competition in the sheep arena. A Live Hog Evaluation Contest open free to exhibitors and visitors begins at 12:30 p.m. Sunday in the small arena. Quarter Horse halter judging begins in the large arena at noon on Sunday.

The Pennsylvania Lamb and Wool Queen will be selected at 5 p.m. Sunday in the sheep arena

followed by the KILE Ladies Lead Class at 5:30 p.m. During the lead class, young women dressed in the latest wool fashions will lead trained sheep at halter. At 7 p.m. the Pennsylvania Junior Sheep Shearing Contest will be held in the beef arena. A banquet and meeting of the Eastern Seaboard Sheep Council will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Jolly Fisherman Restaurant in Harrisburg. Tickets are \$7.50 and anyone with an interest in sheep is welcome to attend. Reservations should be made by Sept. 29 by calling 717/787-5086.

An Agriculture Craft Show will be held Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the complex. The show features crafts made from agricultural by-products or with an agriculture theme.

Open barrows on foot will be judged Monday beginning at 8 a.m. in the small arena. At 8:30 a.m. wool sheep breeds will be judged in the sheep arena. Angus breeding cattle will be shown Monday at 9 a.m. and Arabian halter and performance classes begin at 9:30 a.m. in the large arena.

The Keystone Livestock and Meats Judging Contest starts at 9:30 a.m. Monday on the main floor.

The Intercollegiate and Junior Livestock Judging begins at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Swine breeding classes will start at 10 a.m. in the small arena.

Livestock shows will continue throughout all five days. However, beef cattle, sheep and horses do not compete on Tuesday. All livestock

and horses are released at noon on Tuesday.

The KILE Trade Show will be held throughout five days. Commercial exhibitors will have on display and for sale many different items from leather goods to livestock show equipment. A barnyard babies exhibit can be found on the main floor Saturday and Sunday.

The Keystone International Livestock Exposition kicks-off October as Pennsylvania Livestock Month. KILE is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Livestock Association in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission. For more information contact the Expo Office at 717/787-2905.

Showers limit Pa. fieldwork

HARRISBURG — Overcast skies and intermittent showers during the week ending September 21 limited farm fieldwork activities across Pennsylvania to three days, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Field activities during the week included plowing; repairing machinery; planting wheat and barley; and harvesting tobacco, potatoes, ensilage corn and hay crops. Harvesting of apples, tomatoes and cabbage continued across the state. Cabbage was reported as looking very good in most areas of the state.

Topsoil moisture in the state was rated 74 percent adequate, 13 percent surplus and 13 percent short. In the north reporters rated soil moisture 72 percent adequate, 17 percent surplus and 11 percent short. The central region reporters rated it 91 percent adequate and nine percent short, while in the southern region soil moisture was rated 60 percent adequate, 20 percent surplus and 20 percent short.

The tobacco crop in the Commonwealth is near completion with 90 percent harvested compared with 82 percent harvested at this time last year.

Statewide, the potato crop is 52 percent harvested compared with 61 percent last year. In the north 39 percent has harvested; in the central region 57 percent was harvested; and in the southern region 60 percent was harvested.

Corn to be harvested for grain in Pennsylvania is 53 percent dented and 35 percent mature. This compares with 60 percent dented and 26 percent mature last year and the five-year average of 59 percent dented and 19 percent mature. In the north 53 percent was reported dented and 30 percent mature. The central region reported 51 percent dented and 39 percent mature, while southern region reported 54 percent dented and 38 percent mature. Ensilage corn harvest is 33 percent complete compared with 45 percent last year.

Fall plowing in the Commonwealth is 56 percent complete compared with 61 percent last year. The north reported 48 percent complete, the central region 65 percent complete, and the south 53 percent complete.

The third cutting of alfalfa was 82 percent complete compared with 78 percent last year. The northern region reported 70 percent of the third cut harvested; the central region reported 80 percent harvested; and the southern region

reported 93 percent harvested. Fourth cutting alfalfa was reported as 28 percent complete statewide compared with 38 percent last year. The northern region reported 4 percent of the fourth cut harvested, the central region 29 percent, and the southern region 34 percent harvested.

The second cutting of clover-timothy stands was 94 percent complete while at this time last the harvest was virtually complete. The northern region reported 93 percent complete, the central region virtually complete, and the southern region 94 percent complete.

Barley planting in the state was reported as 31 percent complete compared with 36 percent last year, while wheat planting was reported as 24 percent complete compared with 43 percent last year.

Statewide, the quality of hay made during the week was rated fair to poor. In the north hay quality was rated 69 percent fair and 31 percent poor. In the central region it was rated 43 percent fair, 43 percent poor and 14 percent good, while in the southern region hay quality was rated 62 percent fair and 38 percent poor. The amount of feed obtained from pastures in Pennsylvania was rated mostly average.

Judging contest

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years they participated here, and having won the national contest twice in the last ten years. Part of the reason for their success, Osland says, is the "tremendous number of students" wanting to try out for the team. This year they had 20 interested students, so Osland says, "We left some very good judges at home." Cal Poly has 17,000 students, with 4,000 in agriculture and 115-120 in dairy science.

Roth recalls that the contest was initiated when several directors of the All-American Dairy Show felt there was a need for an activity for youth other than the state junior dairy show. "They conceived an idea of an invitational judging contest," he says.

Harry was asked to organize it and agreed, but adds, "Little did I realize I would become as involved as I did." To get started, Roth wrote to other contests to learn how they were run. He says, "The game plan we started with was good enough that we have not had to make many changes, other than management changes."

He recalls that in the early contests students were taken to the Penn Harris Hotel in downtown Harrisburg to give reasons. Since then space has been found to

conduct that portion of the contest at the Farm Show Building itself. "Little by little we improve it," he states.

Roth feels the contest experience is invaluable to students. "The experience in learning about the fundamentals of dairy cattle selection is an important point. But it is also an opportunity for the youth to have an experience which will help them in a competitive world. It's an opportunity for kids to learn to win and lose, and to be good sportsmen. It is a good experience for young people as they develop a lifestyle which will serve them well and help them take their place in the world."

He observed, "There are some who are disappointed, but some of those will go home and realize they must try a little harder at the next contest."

In Harrisburg, the winning collegiate teams were: 1. Cal Poly; 2. Virginia Tech; 3. University of Wisconsin, Madison; 4. Delaware Valley College; 5. University of Minnesota.

Top five 4-H teams were: 1. Virginia; 2. Illinois; 3. Michigan; 4. Minnesota; 5. New Jersey.

Top five FFA teams were: 1. Indiana; 2. Maryland; 3. New York; 4. Pennsylvania; 5. Phillipsburg, New Jersey.



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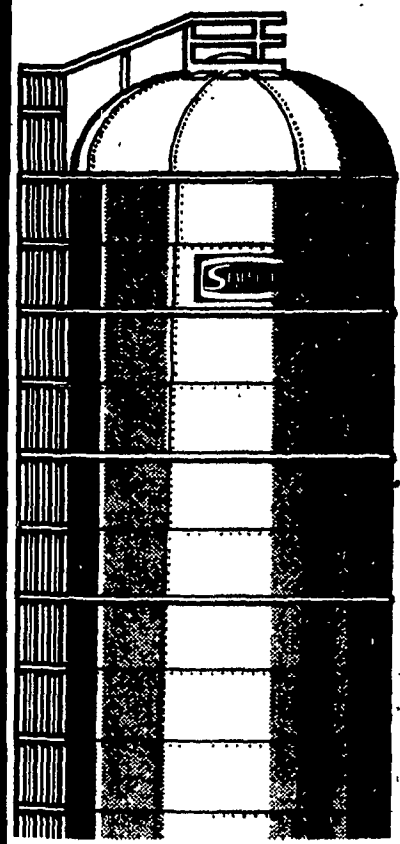
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