

# Eastern National opens today

TIMONIUM, Md. — More than 2,000 of the nation's prize livestock and several dozen professional rodeo stars will compete for trophies and prize money in separate showings at the 35th Eastern National Livestock Show and Rodeo here, this week.

More than 100 livestock judging events will bring together adult and young breeders of beef cattle, hogs and sheep, as well as horses, in a competition for more than \$50,000 in premiums.

There will be judging classes for eight breeds of cattle, two more than last year, according to John Wildesen, show manager. The new beef breed classes will be Limousin and Chianina. Other beef judging shows will be Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Charolais, Shorthorn and Simmental.

Young livestock breeders will compete with market steers, hogs and sheep in the 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America classes.

One of the highlights of the show will be the annual "Sale of Champions" on October 11 at 12:30 p.m. The top ten percent of the market steers, hogs, and lambs judged in the competition will be sold at auction to the highest bidder.

Another feature is the "Kiddie Barn," in which young children can pet live beef and dairy cattle, baby pigs, lambs, goats, ponies and other farm animals.

Invitational championship rodeo performances, featuring cowboys and cowgirls in bronc and bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling and other events, will be held on October 9 at 7:30 p.m., October 10 at 3:00 p.m. and October 11 at 3:00 p.m.

Visitors to the livestock show will be able, for a modest fee, to try their luck at riding a mechanical bucking bull and will be treated to country western music concerts by Danny Garland and the County

Express following the two evening rodeo performances.

Tickets for the rodeo performances may be ordered in advance at a cost of \$5 each before October 8 and will be \$7 each at the gate on the performance days. The Saturday, October 10, rodeo at 3 p.m. will have a special rate of \$3.00 for children 12 years of age and under. There will be a \$1 per car parking fee during the livestock show from October 7 through 11.

**Today, October 3**  
Maryland Arabian Futurity;  
Maryland Arabian Gelding Sale  
for 4-H & FFA Members.

**Sunday, October 4**  
All Arabian Show.

**Monday, October 5**  
8 a.m. Kiddie Barn - School Program.

**Tuesday, October 6**  
8 a.m. Kiddie Barn - School Program.

**Wednesday, October 7**  
8 a.m. - Kiddie Barn - School Program.

9 a.m. - Junior Dairyman of Year Judging Contest.

12 Noon - Open Hereford Show.

2 p.m. - Open Shorthorn Show.

**Thursday, October 8**

8 a.m. - Appaloosa Horse Show.

8 a.m. - Kiddie Barn - School Program.

9 a.m. - Junior Stockman Contest.

9 a.m. - Open Polled Hereford Show.

1 p.m. - Open Charolais Show.

7 p.m. - Open Chianina Show.

**Friday, October 9**

8 a.m. - Appaloosa Horse Show.

8 a.m. - Kiddie Barn.

8 a.m. - 4-H, FFA & Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest.

10 a.m. - 4-H & FFA Market Lamb Show.

12 Noon - Open Limousin Show.

2:30 p.m. - 4-H & FFA Carcass Steer Live Evaluation.

3 p.m. - Feeder Calves & Heifers Show.

7:30 p.m. - Feeder Calf Sale.

7:30 p.m. - RODEO.

**Saturday, October 10**

8 a.m. - Cutting Horse Show.

8 a.m. - Kiddie Barn.

8 a.m. - 4-H & FFA Collegiate Judging Contest Awards Breakfast.

8 a.m. - Open Breeding Sheep Show.

8 a.m. - 4-H & FFA Steer Show

11 a.m. - Barrow Futurity Show (Feeder Pigs).

1 p.m. - Open Angus Show.

3 p.m. - RODEO.

4 p.m. - 4-H & FFA Market Hog Show.

7 p.m. - Simmental Show.

7:30 p.m. - RODEO.

**Sunday, October 11**

8 a.m. - Cutting Horse Show.

8 a.m. - Kiddie Barn.

8 a.m. - Open Breeding Sheep Show.

8 a.m. - 4-H, FFA & Junior Association Heifer Show.

12:30 p.m. - Sale of Champions.

3 p.m. - RODEO.

3 p.m. - Simmental Show.

## U.S. red meat production up

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Commercial red meat production for the United States during August 1981 totaled 3.04 billion pounds up 1 percent from August 1980, according to the USDA Crop Reporting Board. January-August red meat production, at 25.4 billion pounds, was virtually the same as the corresponding period in 1980.

The 1981 accumulated production changes from the 1980 period, by individual components, were: beef, up 4 percent; veal, up 9 percent; pork, down 5 percent; lamb and mutton, up 4 percent. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Comparing August 1981 with August 1980.

Beef production at 1.83 billion pounds was up 3 percent. Head kill at 2.93 million was up 3 percent and average live weight increased 1

pound to 1052.

Veal production at 33 million pounds was up 6 percent. Calf slaughter at 225 thousand head was up 8 percent, while average live weight was unchanged at 250 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.16 billion pounds, down 3 percent. The 6.85 million head killed was down 2

percent, while average live weight was unchanged at 239 pounds. Preliminary lard production was 86 million pounds, down 1 percent.

Lamb and mutton production at 25 million pounds, was up 9 percent. Head kill at 490 thousand was up 9 percent, while average live weight declined 1 pound to 105.

## Pa. red meat production down

HARRISBURG — Commercial red meat production in Pennsylvania during August totaled 64.6 million pounds, down 20 percent from a year ago, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

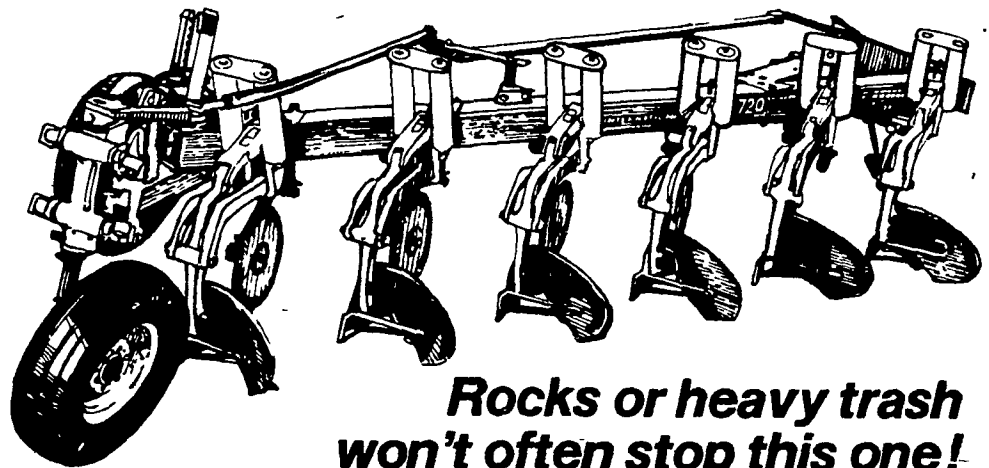
Cattle slaughter at 61,700 head increased one percent from cattle

slaughter during last August, while calf slaughter decreased four percent to 21,800 head.

Hog slaughter at 154,700 head decreased 42 percent from a year ago at this time. The number of sheep and lambs slaughtered totaled 14,400 head, up nine percent from last year.

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