

USDA raises meat, poultry inspection rates

York Co. holds Annual Dairy Day

(Continued from Page A24)

haylage veteran of the panel trio, having put up the grass feed for 15 years, using steel silo units. He aims at swathing first-cutting alfalfa at the bud stage, mowing it in the morning and chopping after a two-day drydown in good-sized

windrows.

While various methods of starting alfalfa stands were debated, Stump holds out for nurturing his alfalfa plantings along in barley, saying it's the best way he knows of getting a good stand. Stump is so pleased with herd production and butter fat

results on his haylage program of a decade and a half that he rarely puts away a bale of dry grass at the family's juggling setup.

Dairyman Ralph McGregor stores his chopped haylage in the most unconventional method of the panel trio, packing it away in a trench. About 500 tons are piled annually into a concrete-bottomed, block-wall storage.

"The only way to make good haylage is not to haul too many loads," quips McGregor, making his point that the storage crop absolutely must come off when it's young and tender. Chopping is done at as close to 60 percent moisture as possible with chopper knives honed razor sharp, but no screens installed in the harvesting unit.

Keep harvesting haylage once started, McGregor insists. Practicing his own advice, on days when he's not adding new layers, McGregor has run over the stack several times continuing the package to eliminate air pockets and spoilage. A final cover of protective black plastic sheeting, held down with a "tire to tire" topping, holds the haylage until needed.

Washington, D.C.—The U.S. Department of Agriculture has made permanent the increased rates it charges for inspecting meat and poultry to reflect the increased cost of providing these services.

Donald L. Houston, administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service, said the higher rates were implemented on an interim basis last October because of the immediate need to bring inspection costs in line with

expenses starting with the fiscal year.

At that time, the public was invited to submit comments before Dec. 1 on permanent rate increases. The one comment received indicated concern that the increases would be passed onto consumers.

Houston said the increase in fees will not have a major economic impact on consumer prices for meat and poultry, and as a result all of the interim rate increases are being adopted as originally announced.

The hourly rate for inspection for the basic workweek is \$14.64, up from \$13.46. The overtime rate paid to USDA inspectors is \$18.12 per hour instead of \$16.76 per hour, and the hourly costs for laboratory services is \$27.28 instead of \$26.24.

Under the Federal Meat and Poultry Inspection Acts, USDA must assume inspection costs during routine working hours in all plants producing meat and poultry products for interstate or foreign commerce. USDA charges the plant for all inspection services required after an 8-hour day or 40-hour week.



As part of their Dairy Day participation, Atlantic Breeders Cooperative distributed handy, pocket-sized herd management booklets. Dairyman John Krone, right, picks up his copy from manager Dave Yoder.

Consistent Winners!

For Yield



For Quality



(From left) Dr. Joseph Graham, Plant Pathologist with W-L Research, Inc.; Alfred Dugan, Director of Research with Milton Hershey School Farms, and Kenneth Beachley, President of Beachley-Hardy Seed Co. with the award for the 1981 Forage Silage winner, captured by WL 311 at the Hay Crop Silage Show.

A Consistent Winner

In 1980 and 1981, The Milton Hershey School Farms won the grand champion hay silage award; they also won the reserve grand champion alfalfa growing contest. In 1979, Daniel Schrack broke the 9 ton barrier for the first time in Pennsylvania by producing 9.1 tons of dry hay per acre.

WL311 Resistant to Anthracnose. One of the highest yielding varieties — a consistent winner!
WL313 New in 1981. Resistant to Phytophthora root rot and anthracnose.

NEW WL316 Resistant to Verticillium Wilt, which is the new threat to alfalfa yields and stands.
WL221 A new winter hardy superior in yield and disease resistance.
WL315 Well adapted to the northeastern U.S., dark green in color with superior disease resistance. **NEW**

WL318 Phytophthora root rot resistance, designed for wetter soils.
WL220 Excellent winter hardiness and resistance to Anthracnose.

All W-L varieties have multiple pest resistance

BEACHLEY-HARDY

Field and Grass Seeds
 Camp Hill, PA 17011
 (717) 737-4529

Beachley-Hardy Seed Co.
 Camp Hill, PA 17011

Please send more information on these alfalfa varieties

Please send name of nearest dealer

Name _____
 Address _____
 Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

FARM INSURANCE

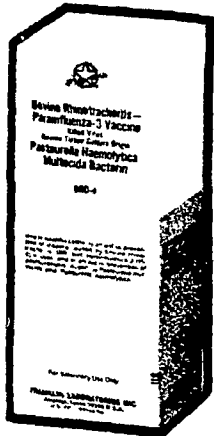
- * Farm Liability & Fire
- * Fleet, Auto and Truck
- * Long Haul Truck
- * Filings and Fuel Oil Bonds

Free Survey
GOOD'S AGENCY
 236 E. Main Street
 New Holland, PA 17557
 717-354-9641

PROTECT AGAINST

"RED NOSE" & "PNEUMONIA"

...without worry about causing infection or abortion.



**FRANKLIN'S
 BRD-4
 ON SPECIAL
 NOW!**

**SEE YOU
 AT THE
 DAIRY
 DAYS!**

- * Guard against both IBR and PI3 virus and pneumonia caused by Pasteurella multocida and Pasteurella haemolytica.
- * Can be used on cows at any state of gestation.
- * When used on pregnant cows, their newborn calves will benefit from those same protective antibodies thru the colostrum.

ZIMMERMAN'S ANIMAL HEALTH SUPPLY

3 miles West of Ephrata along Wood Corner Rd.
 RD4, Box 140, Lititz, PA. 17543
 717-738-4241