

York shepherds ready for field day, sale

YORK — Sheep and wool producers of York County are wrapping up final preparations for their annual field day and sale, set for Saturday May 22, at the York Inter-State Fairgrounds.

"There have already been a lot

of inquiries about the sale by out-of-state sheep breeders," says sale chairman Steve Ebersole.

Sales activity gets underway at noon, with the auctioning of fleeces for home spinning hobbyists. At 12:30 p.m., market lambs for youth

projects go in the sales ring, followed by purebred ewe and ram offerings. Special crossbred ewe consignments wrap up the sales activity, including crosses of Finn-Dorset, Rambouillet-Dorset and Rambouillet-Suffolk



Steve Ebersole, chairman of the sheep producers sale, puts final fitting touches on a consignment animal headed to the May 22 auction at the York Fairgrounds. The sale is scheduled as part of the shepherd's annual field day.

The sheep sale caps a morning of educational programs and demonstrations, opening with judging of sheep classes at 9:30 a.m.

A special field day feature planned is a large sheep-related craft show, opening at 10 a.m. with a spinning demonstration. Included in the craft displays are numerous wool-related skills such as weaving and rug making.

Henry Kuykendall and his four-legged shepherd will present a sheep dog demonstration at 10:30, followed at 11 a.m. with a carcass cutting program by Rick Harbaugh of the American Sheep Producers Association

Two "ewe chain" lambs will be awarded during the field day to youth winners in an essay competition. Sponsors of the lamb awards are the Rotary Club and Shelley Bankert, R3 Red Lion.

York County 4-H lamb club is in charge of a lunch stand, and the craft show is scheduled to remain open through the day-long event.

Arrangements for the field day are being coordinated by Greg Lau, Loganville, and Tony Dobrosky, York Extension office livestock agent -J.B.



During last year's workshop and picnic, Don Molaro of Dornside, explains correct hoof structure before demonstrating proper hoof trimming. Assisting him is wife, Roberta at the halter of their doe, Someday Hill Mark's Bellenda 7M.

Heart of Penn Goat club plans workshop

DORNSIFE — The Heart of Penn Dairy Goat Breeders will hold their third annual dairy goat management workshop and picnic on Sunday, May 23 beginning at 11 a.m. at the Wolf's crossroads Picnic Pavilion near Sunbury

The demonstrations, geared to help breeders with just one goat or an entire herd, include tattooing, disbudding, hoof trimming, milking, milk handling, clipping, selection, injections, mastitis detection and more.

The Club opens its workshop and picnic to all those interested in dairy goats. There will be a small

admission charge to help cover rental of the facilities and other workshop-related expenses. For more information and directions, contact Roberta Molaro at 717-758-8359.

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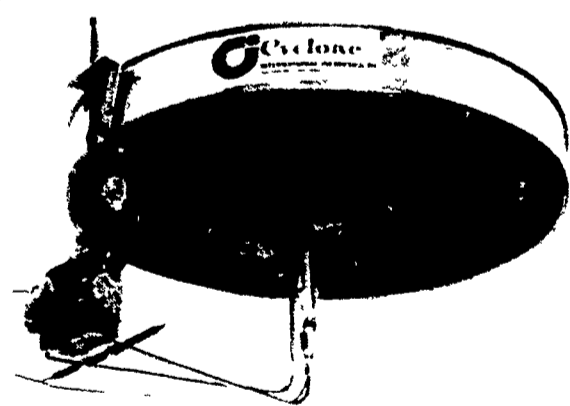
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