

Farm Calendar

Saturday, June 19
 Third annual York Farmers Assn. Tour, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 American Scotch Highland Breeders Assn. annual meeting, Sheraton Motor Inn, Sturbridge, Mass., continues through Monday.
 Pa. Dairy Goat Assn. annual meeting, Youth and Open Show, 8:30 a.m., Huntingdon County Fairgrounds, continues tomorrow.
 Hunterdon County, N.J. Dairy Farm Open House, Terry Hoffman's Farm, Rt. 512, Califon, Fairmount Rd., 1-5 p.m.
 Lancaster Dairy Princess Pageant, Host Farm, 7 p.m.
 Adams Dairy Princess Pageant, 8 p.m., Biglerville High School.
 Pa. Vo-Ag Teachers Assn. annual meeting, Penn State, continues through Wednesday.

Tuesday, June 22
 State Horticultural Assn. Summer Tour, York & Lancaster Counties, continues tomorrow.
 Fayette Holstein directors meeting, 8 p.m., Fayette Fairgrounds.
 Berks-Schuylkill Christmas tree growers meeting, 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Evergreen Farms, Rt. 61.

Wednesday, June 23
 Cumberland Wool Pool, 7 p.m., Carlisle Fairgrounds.

Outstanding Young Cooperator Contest, Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, continues tomorrow.
 Md. Wool Pool, Timonium Fairgrounds, 2:30 p.m., continues tomorrow from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Berks Agri Dairy Day, Walt Pearson Field, Leesport, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 24
 12th annual PennMarva Young Cooperator Luncheon, Hershey Convention Center, 12:30 p.m.

Friday, June 25
 York Farmers Forum, 7 p.m., Rutters Restaurant, Red Lion.
 1982 Agronomy Field Day, 9:30 a.m., Penn State's Rock Springs Ag Research Center, Rt. 45, west of State College.
 Pa Forestry Assn. annual meeting, Best Western Motor Inn, Williamsport.
 Hunterdon County, N.J. Wool Pool, 1-6 p.m., continues tomorrow and Sunday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., College Farm, New Brunswick, N.J.
 Fayette Dairy Princess Contest, 7:30 p.m., Uniontown Mall.

Saturday, June 26
 Berwick Vegetable Cooperative's 29th annual meeting, 6 p.m., the Maria Assunta Hall, Berwick.
 Pa. Red Cherry Growers annual meeting, Stonehenge Restaurant, Gettysburg, 6:30 p.m.

Poultry science professor addresses leg weakness problem

LANCASTER — Addressing the continuing problem of broiler leg weakness, Roland Leach, professor of poultry science from Penn State, told the audiences at the PA Poultry Conference, Thursday, that there are actually "several different types of problems and they're working differently."

The most common misbelief according to Leach, is that twisted leg and tibial dyschondroplasia are one and the same problem.

Another belief that Leach felt compelled to correct is that leg weakness is due to nutrient deficiency. Not so, says the Penn State professor. According to Leach, weakness may be due in part to nutrient balance, but not deficiency.

Other factors he attributed to the growth in leg weakness are: 1. genetics 2. nutrition 3. en-

vironment, and 4. unknown factor(s).

He told the poultry producers that the Dutch found more incidence of twisted leg on wire than litter (wood shavings); and that Penn State, who has done most of their research with T.D. has found that the more space given to birds, the higher incidence of tibial dyschondroplasia. —DK

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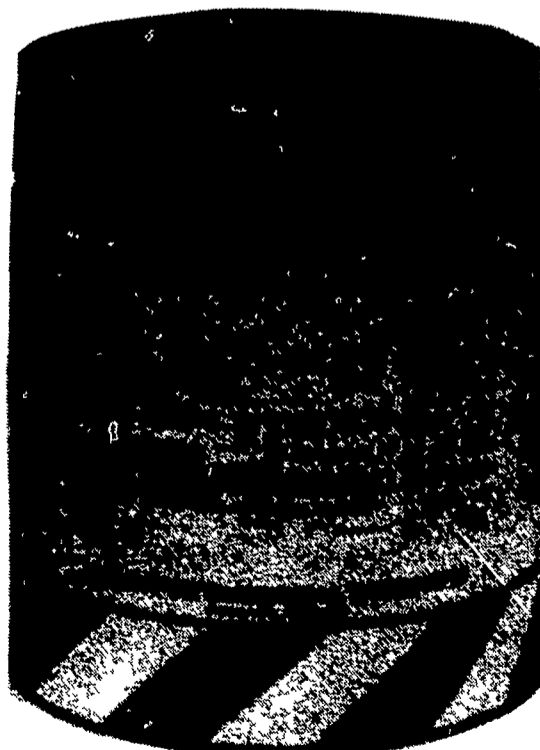
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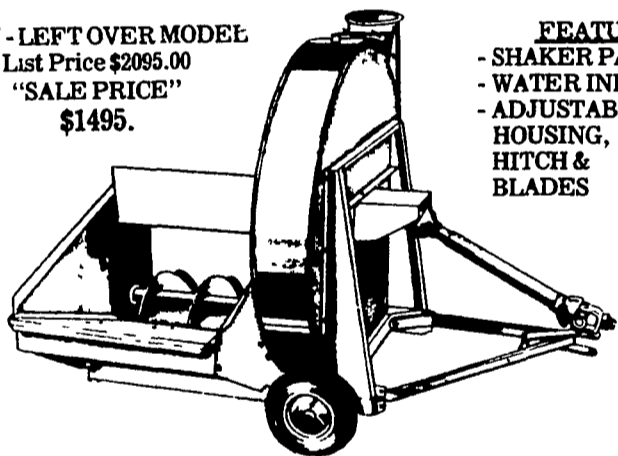
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