

Bollingers score in hay competition

FARM SHOW — Top winners in the various classes of hay competition include:

Alfalfa - First Cutting
1 Jeff Kauffman, R1, Millintown, 2 Elam Bollinger, R7, Manheim, 3 Robert A McWilliams, Pen Argyl

Alfalfa - Later Cutting
1 Jay McCarrroll, Forty Four, 2 Albert Bentz, R2 Thomasville, 3 Douglas A. Layman, Waynesboro

Alfalfa - Grass mixed - First Cutting
1 Donald Bollinger, N Locust St., Myerstown, 2 William Peoples, R1 Millintown, 3 Rockview State Correctional Institute, R3, Bellefonte

Alfalfa - Grass mixed - Later Cutting
1 Paul Bollinger, R2 Myerstown, 2 John Jurista, R5, Tunkhannock, 3 Balmer Brothers, R2, Manheim

Clover
1 Scott Fairman, R3, DuBois, 2 David Glass, R1, Birdsboro, 3 Donald Bollinger

Clover - Timothy Mixed
1 Marshall Wolfe, St Marys, 2 Donald Bollinger, 3 Eugene Marshall, Jersey Shore

Birdfoot Trefoil
2 William C Mearns, Jr., Gettysburg

Birdfoot Trefoil - Mixed
2 William C Mearns, Jr.

Grass - First Cutting
1 Donald Bollinger, 2 Carl J Pearce, Painted Hills Farm, Kylertown, 3 I. F. Altomose & Sons, Effort

Later Cutting
1 David J Peachey, Belleville, 2 Donald Bollinger, 3 Nevin G Rice, R1, Blain

Mixed - More than 50% of legumes
1 David K Longenbach, R4, Northampton, 2 David R Harrop, R1, Milroy, 3 I F Altomose & Sons

Mixed - More than 50% of grasses
1 John R Sankey, R2, Clearfield, 2 Klein Farms, R1 Easton, 3 David R Harrop

Summer annual grasses - Sudangrasses
1 Donald Bollinger, 2 I F Altomose & Sons, 3 Paul Bollinger

Alfalfa - First Cutting
2 Paul Bollinger

Alfalfa - Later Cutting
1 Jay McCarrroll, Forty Four, 2 DuMar Farm, 537 Upper Mainland Rd.; 3 Paul Bollinger

Alfalfa - Grass mixed - First Cutting
2 Paul Bollinger

Alfalfa - Grass Mixed - Later Cutting
2 Paul Bollinger

Clover
1 Paul Bollinger

Clover - Timothy - Mixed
1 Paul Bollinger

Grass - First Cutting
1 Ervin D Miller, Easton, 2 Paul Bollinger

Grass - Later Cutting
1 Sherman Grove, R2, Dittsburg, 2 Paul Bollinger

Mixed - More than 50% of legumes
1 Paul Bollinger, 2 Tom Boyer, 110 Brescher Rd, York.

Mixed - over 50% of Grasses
1 Sherman Grove, 2 Paul Bollinger

Summer Annual Grasses - Sudangrass
1 Paul Bollinger

Alfalfa - First Cutting
1 Lester & Jan Paulhamus, R2, Cogan Station, 2 Herman Espy, Spruce Creek, 3 Daniel Brubaker, R1, Ephrata

Alfalfa - Later Cutting
1 Linden Hill Farms, R2 Linden; 2 Daniel Brubaker, 3 A.L. Orner Sons, R1, Rockton

Alfalfa - Grass - Mixed - First Cutting
1 Herman Espy

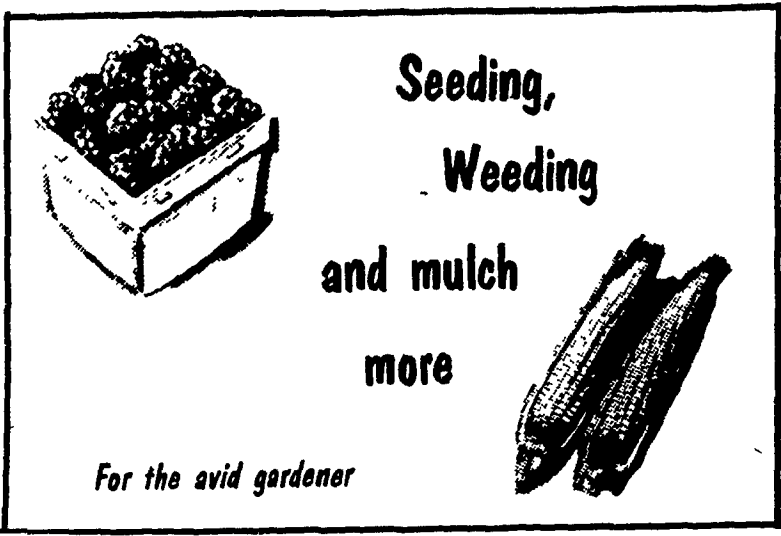
Alfalfa Grass Mixed - Later Cuttings
2 Daniel Brubaker

Mixed Hay - over 50% legumes
1 Linden Hills Farm; 2 Daniel Brubaker.

Mixed Hay over 50% Grasses
1 Herman Espy; 2 Sherman Grove; 3 Linden Hill Farm

GRAND CHAMPION
Jay McCarrroll, Forty Four

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Jay McCarrroll



Paper-white narcissus

There's nothing like indoor blooms to brighten up the winter. You can have flowers in 3 to 5 weeks with very little effort by

planting some paper-white narcissus now.

Unlike tulips, hyacinths or hardy daffodils, paperwhite narcissus are tender bulbs which do not need to be stored for several months at low temperatures before forcing.

Place them in bowls or low pots containing sand, gravel, pebbles or soil and set them in a well-lighted location at 60 degrees. Temperatures of 75 or more will produce weak growth and loss of lower buds. Discard the bulbs after flowering since they are not hardy outdoors.

Amaryllis is another good bulb for indoor flowering. Place each bulb in a pot that allows about an inch of space around the bulb. Leave the upper third of the bulb showing above the soil. Give the plants good light and a temperature above 60 degrees. Water lightly until the plant flowers in about 6 to 8 weeks. Continue to water the amaryllis plants after flowering.

Airville 4-H Club holds awards banquet

AIRVILLE — The Airville 4-H club met recently to hold their annual awards banquet, here, at

the Airville Fire Hall. Project awards were given to: Mandy Mitchell, crocheting; Gus Parlett, bike; Ray Snyder, sheep; Laurie Miller, quilting; and Michelle Miller, ceramics; Kelly Kilgore, dairy; Trudy Grove, clothing; Bob Muller, forestry; Jim Caudill, sheep; Amy Douglas, leather; Joe Caudill, handyman; David King, leadership; Joey Mitchell, rookie boy; Mary Beth Muller, rookie girl; and Lealey King, achievement. Junior leaders recognized for their efforts were David King, dairy; Lealey King, clothing; Mark Ebaugh, bicycle, and Ann Hutschenreuter, foods.

USDA proposes water control in cured pork

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has proposed regulating the amount of added water in cured pork products by requiring specified levels of protein.

"Our present controls to limit added water were developed many years ago," said Donald L. Houston, administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service. "As a result, they do not take into account new types of pork products made possible by recent advances in food technology."

Water is added to pork products as a curing solution or pickle, Houston said. They generally consists of a mixture of salt and nitrite dissolved in water. Curing serves to preserve the meat and inhibits the growth of food poisoning organisms and imparts the traditional flavor and color.

"The proposal would establish minimum protein requirements for the full range of cured pork products now being marketed," Houston said. "These protein requirements would be tied to the amount of added water remaining in a product at the time the consumer buys it."

Under existing regulations a product labeled "Ham" may contain no added water, whereas a product labeled "Ham - Water Added" may contain up to 10 percent added water. Products labeled in this manner will still be marketed, provided they meet minimum protein criteria.

Under the proposal, processors would be permitted to market products with higher amounts of water, provided those products were accurately labeled. USDA is proposing that such products be labeled as "Ham and Water Product - Contains X% Added Water."

Each class of pork product would have a different minimum protein requirement. Because the relative protein levels decrease as more water is added, a minimum protein requirement would establish an approximate maximum permissible added water level, Houston said.

A comprehensive sampling program conducted by USDA inspectors would ensure enforcement of the minimum protein requirements. About 7,200 plants currently operate under federal meat and poultry inspection and approximately 1,100 of these produce cured pork products.

The sampling program would rely primarily on statistical analysis of laboratory data. This would permit USDA to take corrective action more quickly than is currently possible.

"This program would provide greater protection for consumers against inaccurate product labeling," Houston said. "It also would protect the pork processing industry from unfair or deceptive practices."

A background paper is available from FSIS

Information, USDA, Room 1160-S, Washington, D.C. 20250. Public comments on the proposal should be sent by March 10 to

FSIS Hearing Clerk, USDA, Room 2637S, Washington, D.C., 20250. The proposal was published in the Nov. 10 Federal Register.

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