

Fancy Flock Flyers dominate Farm Show's sheep to shawl contest

FARM SHOW — Crowds swelled and spindles danced as weavers loomed at the second annual Pennsylvania Sheep to Shawl Contest, last Wednesday evening at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

First Lady Ginny Thornburgh started the shears humming to a packed house, after being presented an award by Pennsylvania Sheep and Wool Growers Association President Tom Calvert for her outstanding support for the contest and state wool industry.

The sheep to shawl contest is a team event. Each team shears a sheep, spins the wool into yarn and weaves the yarn into a 100 percent wool shawl.

Topping the contest were the Fancy Flock Flyers with a dusty rose and raspberry colored triangular shaped poncho styled "Quesquimet" shawl. The shawl was purchased by Rich Brandt Farm Real Estate of Reading, Bucks County, for \$220. Brandy, a veteran supporter of the industry, has purchased the top shawls in the past four contests held at the Farm Show.

The Fancy Flock Flyers also received a special team nominated award, sponsored by Pennsylvania Farmer Magazine. Presenting the award was Suzanne Halas, Associate Editor of Pennsylvania Farmer.

Team members, Carol Buskirk of Linglestown, Dauphin County; Dianne Dilger of Lebanon, Lebanon County; Jane Eggleston of Harrisburg, Dauphin County; Alice Winner of Grantville, Dauphin County and Ken Staver of Palmyra, Dauphin County; also received \$150 in premiums, a traveling trophy, sponsored by Harrisville Designs of Harrisville, New Hampshire, and a plaque sponsored by Mannings Studio, East Berlin, Adams County.

Reserve grand champion honors of the show went to the Niddy-Noddies who designed a mixed huck lace plain weave laced in lichen and cochineal dyed yarns. The team completed their 96 inch long shawl in 75 minutes — keeping their national record for speed.

The Niddy Noddies took home \$150 in premiums and a plaque sponsored by Lancaster Farming Newspaper of Lititz, Lancaster County. Deputy Agriculture Secretary E. Chester Heim was successful bidder at \$100 for the reserve champion shawl.

Team members representing the Lancaster County area included Dotty Lewis of Lancaster, Barbara Lynch of Pequea, Valerie Bechtold of Lancaster, Tina Wolf of Denver and Dave Echman of Pequea.

The Pennsylvania Wool Workers, who met for the first time in 1980, captured top honors in the N.E. Regional Sheep to Shawl Contest, used a Forrest Crook's Blanket Weave for their third place shawl. Using a black and white spotted sheep, the team utilized the pure black and white wool to create a uniquely colored indigo blue, cream, white and black shawl.

Purchasing the shawl was Leonard Twaddell of Wilmington, Delaware, at \$160. The team also won \$100 in premiums. Members of the Pennsylvania Wool Workers included Cumberland Countians Ruth B. Clark and Ginny Leber of Camp Hill, Sharon Workey of New Cumberland, and Scott Murdoch of Gettysburg, Adams County.

Good Hope Farm, first time state contenders from Southern Chester County, captured fourth place honors and \$75 in premiums at the contest. Their black Penedale lamb's wool fleece was blended with yarns dyed with black walnuts. Dennis Grumbine

of Lebanon, chairman of the Pennsylvania Ag Republicans, purchased the shawl for the association at \$160. Grumbine said the shawl would be given at a later date by the Ag Republicans to someone who has done a lot for Pennsylvania agriculture.

Team members included Judith Pfeiffer, Landenberg; Debbie Orlando, New London; Toni Ammons and Lynn Henderson of Lewisville and Dave Hollway of New Freedom.

State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Haliowell was successful bidder of the blue and white fifth place shawl made by the Ridley

Creek Craft Guild. The German Birds Eye Weave shawl sold for \$75.

Team members Debbie Sax, Media; Emily Nelson, Glenn Mills; Ann Bates, Gradyville; Karen Tyler, Wayne and David Lytle of New London won \$50 in premiums.

Judges Peggy Poff of Cantonville, Maryland; Jean Woodward of Mt. Airy, Maryland and Earl Weber of Millersville, Lancaster County scored each team on team identification, speed, shearing, spinning and weaving ability and design of the shawl.

Auctioneering the contest was Harry Bachman of Annville, Lebanon County. Bachman has been an outstanding supporter of the contest and wool industry.

The Pennsylvania Sheep to Shawl Contest is an annual event sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Sheep and Wool Growers Association. Applications may be obtained by writing to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Markets, LLPMP, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110.

Yemen gets blended export credit

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block announced blended credits of \$60 million have been approved for the sale of U.S. wheat and rice to the Yemen Arab Republic. At the same time, he said, approval was given for \$3.3 million in guarantees under the regular export credit guarantee program for the purchase of U.S. rice.

"The blended credit and the export credit guarantee program are expected to enable Yemen to increase its imports over the planned level and to give the United States 100 percent of the country's wheat and rice markets in 1983," Block said.

Under the blended credit program, announced Oct. 20, interest-free direct government export credits are blended with government-guaranteed bank credits. A total of \$100 million of direct credit and \$400 million in credit guarantees has been authorized for the first year of the 3-year, \$1.5-billion program. With the credits announced today, all

the blended credit funding announced Oct. 20 has been exhausted.

The Yemeni blended credit package of \$12 million in direct credit and \$48 million in credit guarantees allows for the sale of \$55 million in wheat (345,000 metric tons) and \$5 million in rice (15,000 metric tons). The \$3.3 million in export credit guarantees will allow the sale of an additional 10,000 tons of rice.

"These sales represent substantial additions to both U.S. exports to Yemen and total U.S. exports," Block said. Since average U.S. wheat exports to Yemen in the last two years were only 1,500 tons, this credit program represents an important gain in wheat sales, he said. For rice, the program will encourage larger imports and maintain the United States' role as leading supplier.

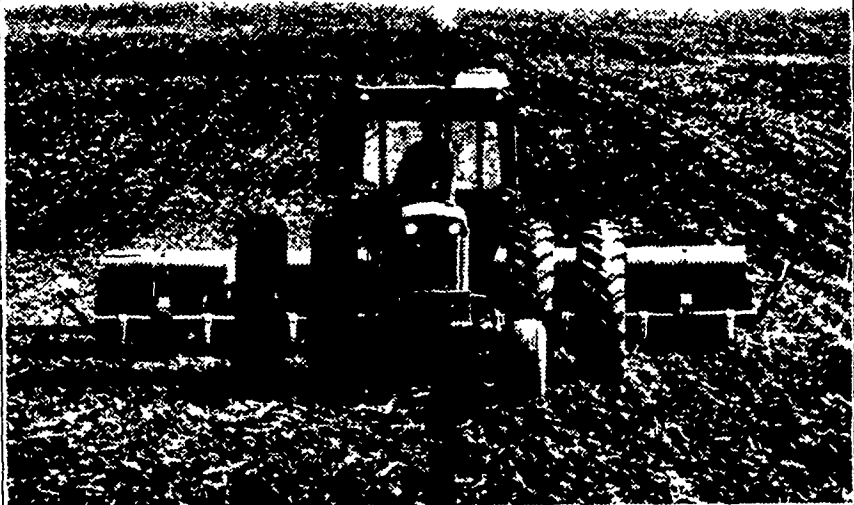
Both the blended credit and credit guarantees for sales to Yemen provide for credits up to three years. To be eligible for blended credit and/or credit

guarantees, U.S. exporters must submit a guarantee fee along with an application to CCC before export is completed. The guarantee rates include a fee to provide for yearly interest rate coverage of up to 8 percent on the guaranteed value, not to exceed 98 percent of the port value.

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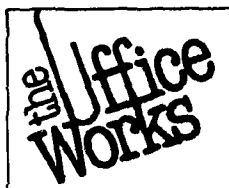
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