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Eastern Mountain Goat

Every barnyard has its four-footed cutup. It could be a comedic calf or kitten or a prank-playing porker. Farm animals, particularly young ones, can get themselves into some pretty crazy situations.

This week's nomination for barnyard buffoon is this goat photographed along Wallop's Hill Road in Northern Lancaster County.

This courageous kid must have some mountain goat blood. His favorite precarious perch is the barnyard wall. He jumps to and from the perch as agilely as any Rocky Mountain Goat or Bighorn Sheep out West.

But this Eastern cousin takes great pleasure in performing his aerial antics for passersby. And, he'll gladly pose for the camera, too.

NEMA annual talks review the future

BY LAURA ENGLAND
HERSHEY — A positive outlook on fowl marketing exists and producers can expect to see a stronger price for fowl, members of the Northeast Egg Marketing Association (NEMA) were told at a meeting Thursday.

In the report compiled by the

Farmers Agricultural Cooperative Trading Society (FACTS), Joseph Buck said the demand for fowl is up and a stronger price will be realized. The demand stems from an increase in products such as chicken nuggets and chicken patties, Buck said.

"Chicken patties are here," he said, "but people don't realize what's in them. We've got to let people know what's in those patties," he added in reference to promoting fowl meat.

Buck said processing of fowl meat continues to get stronger, and processors are willing to pay three to five cents higher for live fowl as opposed to frozen.

An increase in utilization, giving the processors what they want in the way of fowl meat, will also help the market, Buck added. Reaching out to the markets in this way, he said, is a uniform flow that offers a good, positive American way of marketing birds.

Buck also reported on recycling of fowl; a practice widely used in the northeast. Through recycling, a controlled method of forced molting, a strong reduction of bird numbers has been seen.

Recycling, Buck explained, became an economic necessity and in most cases was economically feasible. Producers were able to reduce the purchase of fowl numbers and were better able to utilize the original investment, he added.

Birds in recycling are reconditioned and forced into molting to have more than one laying season, thus getting more from the initial investment. Buck added that poultry houses are occupied but may not be full to capacity because of recycling.

One concern of fowl marketing is

Leb. Holstein Club honors top youth

BY TRISH WILLIAMS

MT. ZION — Slow milk demand might be limiting dairy cattle prices domestically, but Lebanon County Holstein breeders were told demand for their top quality cattle is strong abroad.

Bill Nichol, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, said PHA has been successful in securing two rather large export orders for Pennsylvania bred Holsteins. Nichol made that statement at the Annual Lebanon County Holstein Club Banquet, Tuesday evening. The Korean Animal Improvement Association recently signed an agreement with the Holstein Association to purchase 1000 registered Holsteins in the United States. Many of the animals will become from Pennsylvania, reported Nichol.

"We have decided to pay Pennsylvania breeders \$1300 for bred heifers that meet the specifications of the order. That is \$100 dollars more than any other state association is paying. PHA will be

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Weekly Livestock Latest section begins in this issue

LANCASTER — Beginning with this issue, a weekly "Livestock Latest" section is featured in Lancaster Farming.

Edited by staffer Laura England, the initial Livestock Latest is found on Page D2 and succeeding pages.

The new section is designed to provide a weekly consolidated report on what is of latest interest to livestock operators and others in the industry.

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For the purposes of this section, livestock will be defined in its broadest sense to include all non-dairy operations, particularly beef, hog, sheep, poultry and horse.

Livestock breeders and operators, as well as others in the overall industry, are invited to participate in this new section.

Operators, breeders, trade and breed associations may submit items for consideration.

Also, an expanded effort will be made to keep operators abreast of

the latest livestock research efforts underway at colleges and universities, particularly Delaware, Maryland, Penn State and the New Bolton Center of the University of Pennsylvania.

Among the regular features of Livestock Latest will be a biweekly column by Chet Hughes, Lancaster County livestock extension specialist. An Angus breeder and former member of that breed's association staff, Chet will cover livestock operation tips of interest to both commercial operators and youth project exhibitors.

The inauguration of this special section is to provide an opportunity for the consolidation of information for this important segment of area agriculture and to recognize the vital contribution it makes to the overall ag economy.

Ms. England is developing a network of correspondents in

major livestock areas to supplement staff written reports for the section. Among the correspondents will be Ted Teaford, a herdsman at the Devereaux Soleil Farms in Downingtown.

In addition to the Livestock Latest section, Lancaster Farming will continue its policy of publishing features about out-

standing livestock operations and major shows.

For the initial offering of Livestock Latest, turn to Page D2.

Farm Business News, normally found on Page D2 has been moved to Page D6. Lancaster Farming's complete weekly roundup of agribusiness news will continue to be carried in this new location in the D Section.

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