

Junior market steer projects starting

HONESDALE — The 1984 Wayne County Junior Market Steer Feeding Program will be starting soon.

This 4-H and FFA project is open to all young people in Wayne County with an interest in feeding, caring and managing a 4-H or FFA market beef steer.

To meet the 4-H membership requirement, the young person must be at least 8 years old by Jan. 1, 1983 and not have passed their 19th birthday as of the same date. The young person must also belong to any one of the 4-H agricultural or community clubs here in Wayne County. To meet the FFA membership requirement, the young person must be enrolled in or be active in a vocational agriculture program.

If you are selecting a beef steer for the first time, here are a few tips to keep in mind:

1. Select a feeder calf that currently weighs between 400 and 600 pounds. Keep in mind that a finished market steer should weigh around 100 pounds at fair time. The average beef steer will gain about 2 pounds of weight per day. The 1963 - 1964 feeding period will involve about 250 days. If the average steer can gain 2 pounds

per day over this 250 day feeding period, this will result in a gain of about 500 pounds and a 1000 pound beef steer. This is why we need to start with a feeder calf in the 400 to 600 pound weight range.

2. Try to select a well-bred beef animal. This can be either a purebred or a grade beef animal, or an animal which is a cross of two beef breeds. Do not select a steer which is the result of a dairy-breed-beef-breed cross.

3. Try to select a beef steer that is well-started showing growthiness and some muscling throughout its body.

It is recommended that all steer projects be started in October, November or early December.

All 4-H and FFA beef steers should be placed on full feed no later than Dec. 15, 1983. This date is also the absolute deadline for enrollment in this project.

Young, growing beef steers should be fed grain at a rate of 2 percent of their body weight. If a 500 pound steer was fed this rate, it would be consuming 10 pounds of feed per day. Growing steers also should have access to good hay, a salt and mineral box plus a good supply of clean, fresh drinking water.

All 4-H and FFA Market Steers

will be exhibited at the Junior Market Steer Show at the Wayne County Fair. The steers are then sold through the Junior Livestock Sale.

The 4-H and FFA member will acquire skills in showmanship, fitting, feeding and managing the beef steer. A record book of all expenses must be maintained

throughout the feeding period.

Young people interested in this 4-H or FFA project should contact the Wayne County Extension Service for enrollment forms and additional details. The phone

number to call is 253-5970, extension 114. The Extension Office will try to maintain a list of area beef producers that have 4-H or FFA beef steers for sale as project animals.

Pins and Needles Club

Officers were elected at the most recent meeting of the Pins & Needles 4-H Club. They are: president, Tanya Gronsky; Vice-President, Heidi Bundt; Recording Secretary, Elena Voorhees; Corresponding Secretary, Jennifer Valint; Treasurer, Lisa Mealing; and Club Reporter, Sheila Devaney. Darlene Blanchard and Julia Wargaski will represent the club at Arts & Crafts Council meetings. Clothing Council delegates are Sharon Smith and Heidi Bundt. The club meets Mondays at the home of their leader, Mrs. Ruth Gronsky on Van Syckles Road in Bethlehem Township.

Craft Corner

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2. Following you chart, make a double cross-stitch on each white square in your outline as follows:

a. Stitch from lower left corner to upper right corner.

b. Stitch from lower right corner to upper left corner.

c. Stitch from left to right.

d. Stitch from top to bottom.

LACE FILLING: 1. Thread needle with three strands of white floss. 2. Stitch a double cross-stitch on every dark square within the outlined shape. 3. Then, working across, sew a vertical stitch on each medium square between dark squares.

4. Sew a horizontal stitch on remaining medium squares. 5. Stitch circles on the white squares by passing the needle under vertical and horizontal stitches around each white square. If desired, repeat for a thicker circle.

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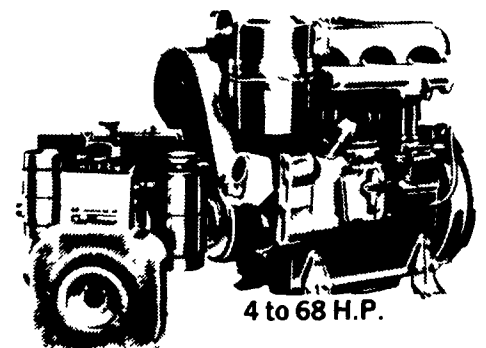
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