

## 2300 animal exhibits set at Farm Show

HARRISBURG — More than 2,300 animal exhibits and a record 300 commercial exhibitors will fill the 14-acre Farm Show Complex for the 68th Annual Pennsylvania Farm Show during the coming week in Harrisburg.

Sights and sounds of "Agriculture: The Pride of Pennsylvania" will abound, as exhibitors from across the nation arrive with their prize livestock and latest in farm technology.

"Farm Show animal entries represent the finest that the Pennsylvania livestock growers

have to offer," said State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell. "All are prize animals in their own right. During the show these animals compete for the prestige of being selected champion. This is one of the largest competitive agricultural exhibitions in the world, with over \$150,000 in premiums and trophies," he said.

A breakdown of the livestock exhibits includes: over 150 horse entries; 423 swine entries, with 200 in junior market swine com-

petition; 624 in sheep competition, with 125 in junior action; 472 entered in beef categories, with 101 in junior competition; dairy cattle, the largest, with 499 entries; and 125 in dairy goat classes.

The Secretary noted that the live poultry exhibit which traditionally claims a large share of Farm Show visitors' attention, has been cancelled this year because of the outbreak of avian influenza. However, egg show and dressed

poultry classes will be held as usual.

Additional space has been made available in the Farm Show East Hall for more commercial exhibitors. "We have 47 one-time exhibitors at this year's show, who with continuing exhibitors will display an estimated \$30-35 million in the most up-to-date farm machinery and other supplies," said Hallowell. The majority of exhibitors have display booths set

up in the large four-acre main exhibition hall, and will be grouped together by category for visitor convenience.

State commodity associations will sell some of the finest Pennsylvania farm products, ranging from milkshakes to baked potatoes — Farm Show traditions. These booths and several others sponsored by Harrisburg area churches, will be found along the East wall of the main building.

## Milking and mastitis schools

LANCASTER — A two-day Milking and Mastitis Prevention School will be held January 17 and 18, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Quarryville Fire Hall.

Mastitis is one of the costliest problems facing most dairymen. Experts estimate losses to be about \$200 per cow per year.

This two-day school will help farmers learn more about the nature of mastitis infections. Emphasis will be on prevention and treatment.

The development, support and repair of the cow's udder will be explained along with the phenomenon of milk secretion and milk let-down.

Milking systems and milking techniques will also be discussed. Classroom instruction will be combined with farm visits.

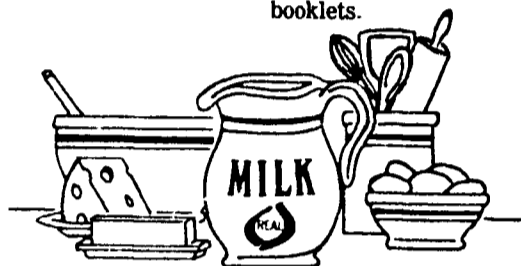
Instructors will be: Dr. Larry

Kennel of the Gap Veterinary Associates, Bruce Kreider of the Dauphin County Extension Service and Glenn Shirk of the Lancaster County Extension Service. The three-member team had been trained, along with other teams, to conduct these schools throughout the state.

A second school will be held February 8 and 9, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Farm Credit Building, near the Sales Stable in New Holland.

Attendance will be limited at both locations, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come basis. Reservations can be made by calling the Lancaster County Extension Service; telephone (717) 394-6851.

Registration cost is \$15. Lunch is not included. Farmers may bring their own lunch, or patronize local restaurants. Participants will receive a packet of helpful reference information and booklets.



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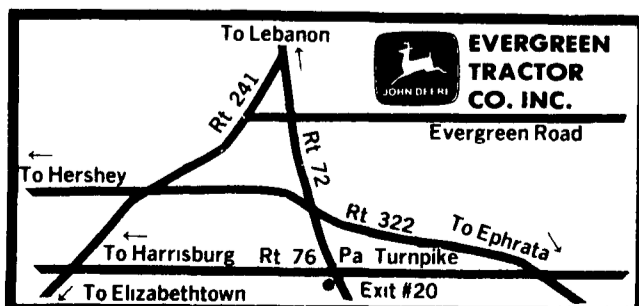
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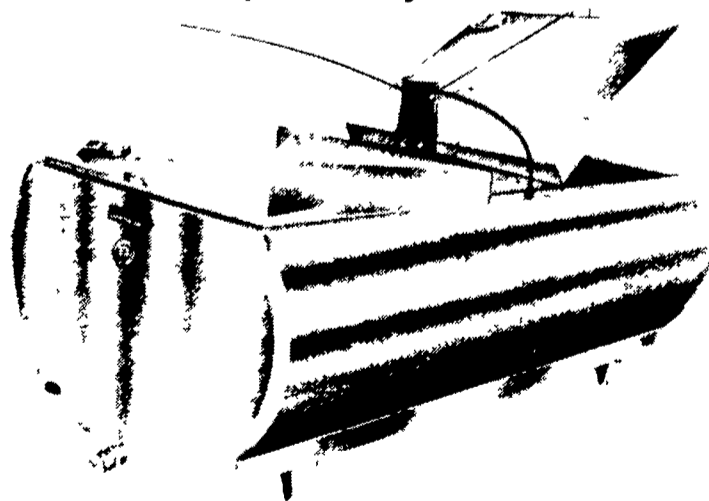
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