

Champions Named in Fruit and Nuts

BY KIMBERLY HERR
FARM SHOW — Tucked away in a corner of the Farm Show building is a small room that contains champions, winners of the fruit and edible nut categories.

"One of the purposes (of the show) is to teach growers what good market quality means in fruit and nuts," said John Shearer, chairman of the fruit and nut committee of the Farm Show.

Shearer explained that the fruit part of the show was mostly all apples, with a few pears.

"The fruit is very good quality in spite of the drought and heat," Shearer said. "The fruit is judged on the condition of the fruit - whether it has aged too much or not. Condition also refers to how sound and firm the apple is."

He also said the fruit is judged on the uniformity of size, shape and color in any particular exhibit. Some exhibitors bring as many as 40 exhibits to the show, according to Shearer. They also look for imperfections, such as bruises.

The two most popular apples, judging by the amount brought to the Farm Show, are the Delicious and the Golden Delicious.

Also claiming a place in the winning circle were several exhibits of nuts.

"They are judged somewhat on taste and color of the nut meat," Shearer said of the nuts. Nuts, unlike the apples, are cracked open to be tasted by the judges. Nuts are also judged on how easily they crack open and how well the nut cavity is filled with meat.

"Size becomes a factor with nuts," Shearer said, explaining that large apples are not popular because the consumer usually does not want to buy a large apple.

Winners in the fruit and edible nuts categories are:

Nuts
 Joseph Bering, Lebanon County, best of show; George Dickum, Bedford County, best seedling of the show.

Fruit
 Adams County Fruitgrowers

Association won the Gabriel Heister Award for the best collective exhibit. They also won the award for the best county fruit exhibit.

Hollabaugh Brothers, Adams County, best of show and State Horticultural Association Award for best bushel of apples, Golden Delicious.

Strites Orchards, Dauphin County, best gift package; Ontelaunee Orchards, Berks County, best gift basket.

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Trays and trays of apples were judged in the fruit category.

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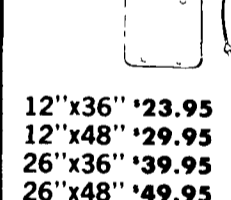


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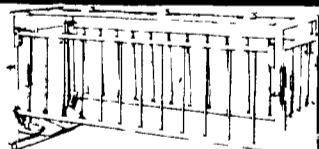


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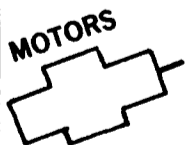
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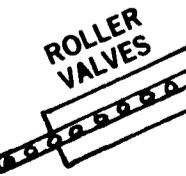
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