

## Baxter gets ag service award

GEORGETOWN, Del. — James H. Baxter Jr. is the winner of the Sussex Service Club 1984 Service to Agriculture Award. The award was presented at the 19th annual Service Club picnic, held recently on the Georgetown campus of Delaware Technical and Community College.

For the last eight years, Baxter has represented Delaware on the poultry committee of the American Farm Bureau. He is also a member of the grower committee of the Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. and the Delaware Farmland Evaluation Committee. He is active in Grace United Methodist Church and the Republican party.

Baxter became a successful farmer even before graduating from Georgetown High School. He

bought his first flock of chickens in 1937 from Thaddeus Warrington, his agriculture teacher. In 1940 the FFA named him Diamond State Farmer. That year and the next, he won the Georgetown-Millsboro Rotary corn growing contest, with 72 and 68 bushels per acre respectively.

In 1941, the year he graduated from high school, he was able to purchase a farm and begin operation on his own. His earnings also financed two years of agricultural studies at the University of Delaware. He cut short his academic career to serve in the U.S. Army during World War II.

In 1948 Baxter married Ruth Dodd. Their two sons, James III, 34, and William, 32, both graduated from the University of Delaware



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and joined the family business, now known as Baxter Farms, Inc. The operation has grown to 1,200 acres, with an additional 800

rented acres, and a capacity of 120,000 broilers.

Baxter has held a number of elective and appointive offices over the years, both in agricultural organizations and the public arena. In 1942 he became a charter member of the Sussex County Farm Bureau, serving as vice-president in 1949, and president in 1950. From 1952 to 1962 he was president of the Delaware Farm Bureau. During that time he was elected to the American Farm Bureau Board of Directors, and served on the executive committee for three years. He also helped organize the Farm Bureau's Farm Family Life and Mutual Insurance Company, serving as a director for six years.

In 1957 Delaware Jaycees selected Baxter to receive their first Outstanding Young Farmer Award.

Baxter served as a director of Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. from 1964 to 1967, during which time he was also a member of the Georgetown/Indian River school board.

In 1968 he became Sussex County Republican chairperson, and was elected to the first of two terms as county recorder of deeds.

In 1974 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention,

serving on the platform committee and agriculture subcommittee. In 1979 Gov. duPont appointed him State Secretary of Agriculture, a position he held for two months. In 1980 he became state chairperson of Delaware Farm Families for President Reagan.

Baxter's hobbies include woodworking, restoring old furniture, and classic cars. He is also interested in weather modification and the animal rights issue.

## Nix Besser entries score high

COLUMBUS, Oh. — Entries of Nix Besser Farm, R2 Narvon, recorded high placings including two first-place class wins in the highly competitive Dorset show at the Ohio State Fair on Friday, Aug. 17.

Shown by Margaret Herr, Nix Besser entries placed first in the Yearling Ram and Senior Ewe Lamb classes of the Dorset show. Other placings included a fourth in Senior Ram Lambs, a seventh in Yearling Ewes and a 15th in Senior Ewe Lambs.

Judge for the show, in which 195 top entries competed, was Buster Wilson, of Rural Retreat, Va.

## Preservatives are hazard

NEWARK, Del. — According to The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has placed new restrictions on three wood preservatives commonly used on decks, outdoor furniture and log structures. Pentachlorophenol, creosote, and inorganic arsenicals have all been found to cause health problems ranging from skin irritation to cancer. As a result, the chemicals will soon be difficult to obtain, and use will be restricted to persons who have passed a special course on the safe handling of hazardous materials.

University of Delaware extension entomologist Mark Graustein, the health warnings shouldn't keep people from using wooden lawn furniture or playground equipment. However, as a matter of prudence, the EPA recommends that pentachlorophenol — and creosote-treated wood be sealed to reduce skin exposure. It is even more important to seal indoor wood treated with these two chemicals to reduce inhalation exposure. This would be of particular concern to owners of log houses.

Any paint, lacquer, varnish or similar coating will provide an adequate seal.

It is difficult to determine whether seasoned wood has been treated with preservatives, or what preservative may have been used. Graustein says most wood out-

doors around a home or farm is treated with inorganic arsenicals. However, pentachlorophenol is the most common brush-on preservative. A dealer or manufacturer may be able to determine what preservative was used in a particular case.

## Livestock

### Weekly Summary

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**CALVES:** 5006. Compared with 4825 head last week and 4471 head a year ago. Vealers grading Good & Choice steady to 10.00 lower, Standard & Good steady to 5.00 higher. (few) Prime 85.00-100.00; Choice 60.00-75.00; Good 55.00-62.00; 110-130 lbs. 50.00-55.00; 90-110 lbs. 44.00-50.00; 65-90 lbs. 38.00-47.00; Utility 50-110 lbs. 30.00-45.00.

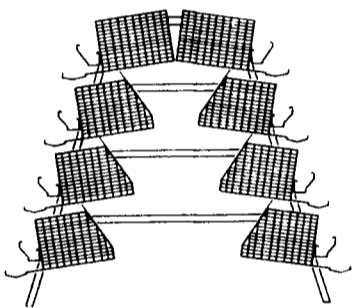
**FARM CALVES:** Hol. Bulls 90-120 lbs. 45.00-94.00; Hol. Heifers 85-140 lbs. 42.00-65.00.

**HOGS:** 6615. Compared with 6134 head last week and 7779 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts steady, spots 2.00 lower on 1 & 2. US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs. 52.00-54.75; No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 51.00-54.50; No. 2-3 200-285 lbs. 48.00-51.00; No. 1-3 140-190 lbs. 43.00-48.00; Sows steady to 2.00 higher. US No. 1-3 300-585 lbs. 40.50-46.50; No. 2-3 300-650 lbs. 35.00-41.00. Boars 33.00-36.00.

**FEEDER PIGS** 1220. Compared with 1081 head last week and 1030 a year ago. Uneven. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 12.00-25.00 per head; No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 25.00-42.00; No. 1-3 50-75 lbs. 41.00-46.00.

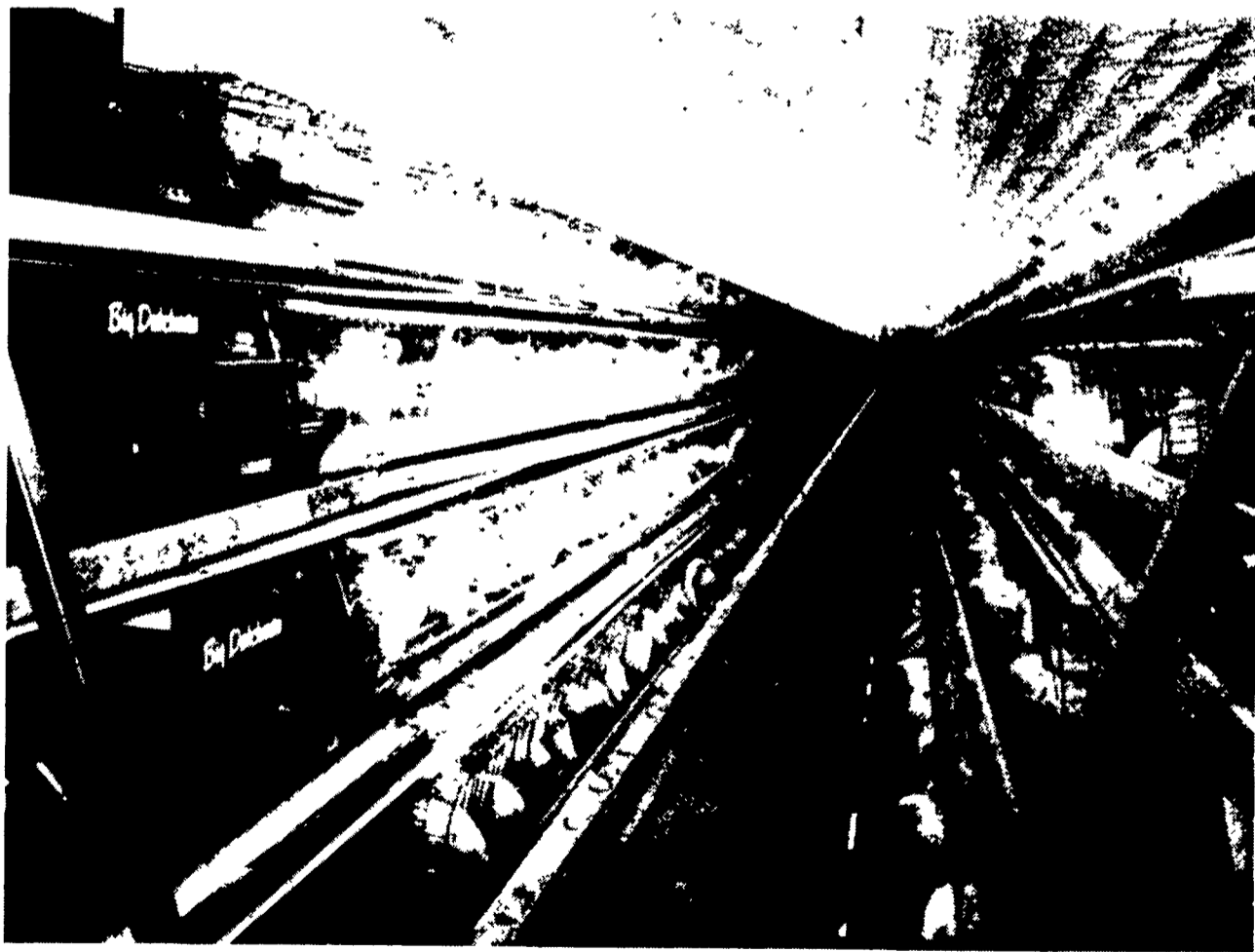
**3 GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES:** 2390. Compared with 1728 head last week, and 2671 head a year ago. All sales by CWT. Feeder Pigs highly uneven, extremes 13.00 higher to 12.00 lower. US No. 1-2 20-30 lbs. 87.00-105.00, 30-40 lbs. 61.00-94.00, 40-50 lbs. 69.00-95.00, 50-60 lbs. 64.00-86.00, 60-90 lbs. 55.00-75.00; US No. 2-3 30-50 lbs. 53.00-68.00.

**SHEEP:** 1597. Compared with 1106 head last week and 1265 head a year ago. Steady to 5.00 higher. High Choice & Prime 70-120 lbs. 61.00-70.00. Choice 60-105 lbs. 57.00-68.00; Good 50-95 lbs. 45.00-60.00; Utility 40-75 lbs. 27.00-45.00. St. ewes: 10.00-25.00.



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