

Poultry Association is busy preparing for Ephrata Fair

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COLUMBIA — Four hundred and fifty pounds of chickens and 30 dozen eggs will make a lot of chicken corn soup! That's what it takes when the Lancaster County Poultry Association starts thinking about its food stand at the Ephrata Fair.

In what has become a tradition, this marks the eighth year that the Association has been offering fairgoers delicious poultry products. Turkey barbecue, broasted chicken breasts, rondelets and chicken corn soup are the main attractions, but the group also offers fresh fruit cup, homemade cakes, pies and drinks.

When the Association first decided to have a stand at the fair, Vernon Leininger was a member of the Board and he and his wife Allegra headed up the stand. Two years later the Board decided not to have a stand, so Vernon and Allegra continued it themselves, each year turning their profit over to the Poultry Association. Last year the check was for \$1,600.

Although the Leiningers have decided to retire from the demanding job, the Association will continue the tradition. Earlier this week members got together at Keagy's butcher shop near Columbia and deboned the chickens, cutting the meat fine for the soup.

There will be six poultry association members at each of the two shifts daily, beginning at 8:45 a.m. and ending around 10 p.m.

There's a lot of work involved, but Poultry Association President Marlin Hershey says they feel it is an excellent way of promoting their products. "We need the promotion. We need the exposure," he says.

Allegra agrees, "I was glad they decided to continue the booth. It has really been a good promotion.

It is amazing all the people who know what kind of food you have."

But it's the corn soup which keeps them coming back year after year. Shirley High, who is heading this year's effort with her husband Clair, says, "People say they come back for the soup."

What's the secret to good soup? Allegra says the first year she purchased it ready made from a local company. The next two weeks she made it ahead and froze it, but wasn't completely satisfied with the results. She subsequently cooked the chickens ahead and frozen the broth, then made the soup fresh daily, something Shirley will continue.

Hershey said one reason the booth is at the Ephrata Fair is that it is the largest fair in the county.

So, next week, when you're visiting the Ephrata Fair, and the hungries hit, look around for some delicious chicken products, courtesy of some hard working poultry association members.



Lancaster County Poultry Association members are hard at work preparing chicken for the chicken corn soup they offer at the Ephrata Fair. From left are Rick Meck, Marlin Hershey, Barbara Mowrer and Elsa Mowrer.

Wayne Co. 4-H'ers bring home ribbons from Northeastern Dairy Show

TROY — Four Wayne County 4-H members recently participated in the 37th Annual Northeastern Pennsylvania 4-H District Dairy Show held at the Troy Fairgrounds.

The Wayne County 4-H members that exhibited their project animals included: Jay and Nancy Vail, members of the Cold Springs 4-H Ag Club from R3 Honesdale. Jay exhibited his Jersey senior yearling to a fourth place white ribbon and Nancy showed her Jersey intermediate calf to a third place red ribbon. Nancy also showed her Ayrshire three-year-old cow to a first place red ribbon.

Another Wayne County 4-H exhibitor was Tim Rutledge, a member of the Tri-Gal 4-H Club from R1 Equinunk. Tim showed his Holstein intermediate calf to an eleventh place white ribbon.

The fourth Wayne County participant was Craig Reifler, from R2 Waymart and a member of the Kountry Kids 4-H Club. Craig

showed his Holstein intermediate calf to a sixteenth place white ribbon.

Type judge for this Northeastern Pennsylvania 4-H District Dairy Show was Obie Snider, a Holstein breeder from Imler, Pa. 4-H Showmanship was judged by Patty Kitchen and 4-H Fitting was judged by Randy Kitchen, both 4-H

leaders from Milton, Pa.

A total of 173 4-H dairy project animals were exhibited at this one day show.

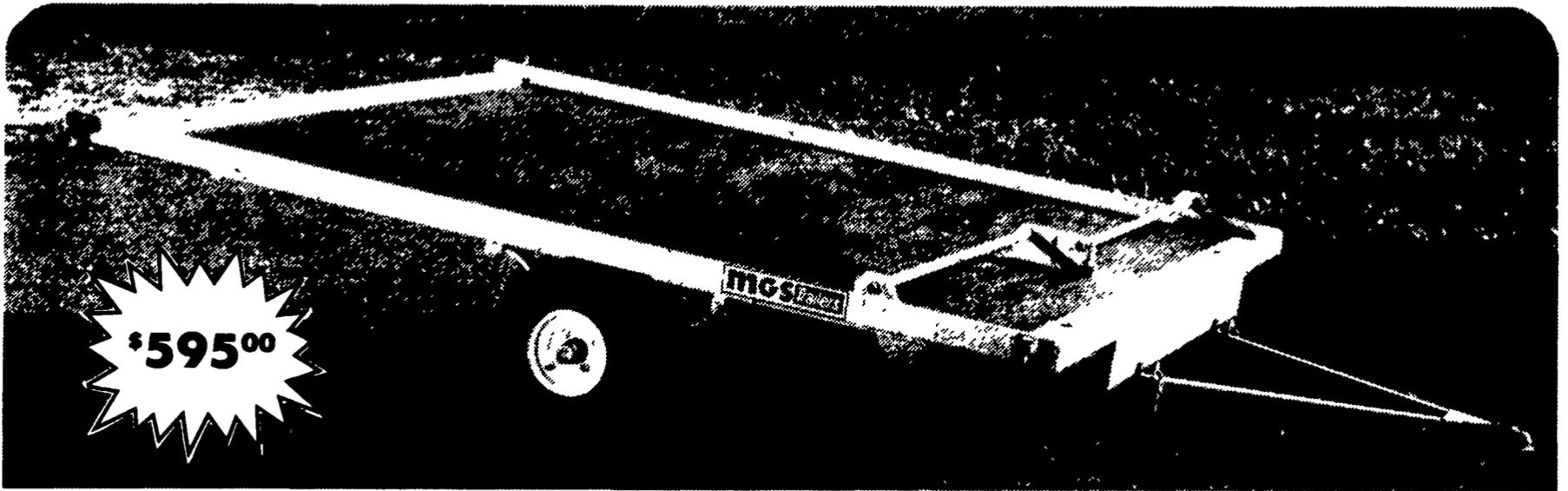
The counties that participated in this year's show included: Bradford, Columbia, Luzerne, Wayne, Susquehanna, Sullivan, Potter, Tioga and Wyoming-Lackawanna.

Michele Rodgers honored for stress management article

LANCASTER — Michele Rodgers, a Lancaster County home economist with the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service, has been selected by the National Association of Extension

Home Economists to receive national recognition for her news article on stress management. The article appeared in Rodgers' column "Back Home" published by the "Lancaster Farming."

Rodgers received her award during the annual meeting of the National Association of Extension Home Economists held recently in New York City.



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