

Deadline for entering NE Sheep to Shawl Contest nearing

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The Fifth Annual Northeast Regional Sheep to Shawl Contest has been set for Nov. 3, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., during the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, Harrisburg. "The exciting sheep to shawl competition is open to experienced teams throughout the Northeast," according to state Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell. "Twelve teams will compete for a

total of \$600 in premiums, trophies and ribbons." The sheep to shawl contest is a team event with five members — one shearer, three spinners and one weaver — per team. Each team shears a sheep, spins the wool into yarn and weaves an 80 x 20-inch shawl within two and one-half hours. Visitors will have an opportunity to bid on the finished shawls through an auction at 12:30

p.m. in the sheep arena. A three-person panel will judge the contest on the basis of team identification, shearing, weaving, spinning, speed and design of the shawl. One to five bonus points will be awarded for hand-dried warp. A traveling trophy, sponsored by Harrisville Design, Harrisville, N.H., a plaque and \$150 will be awarded to the grand champion team.

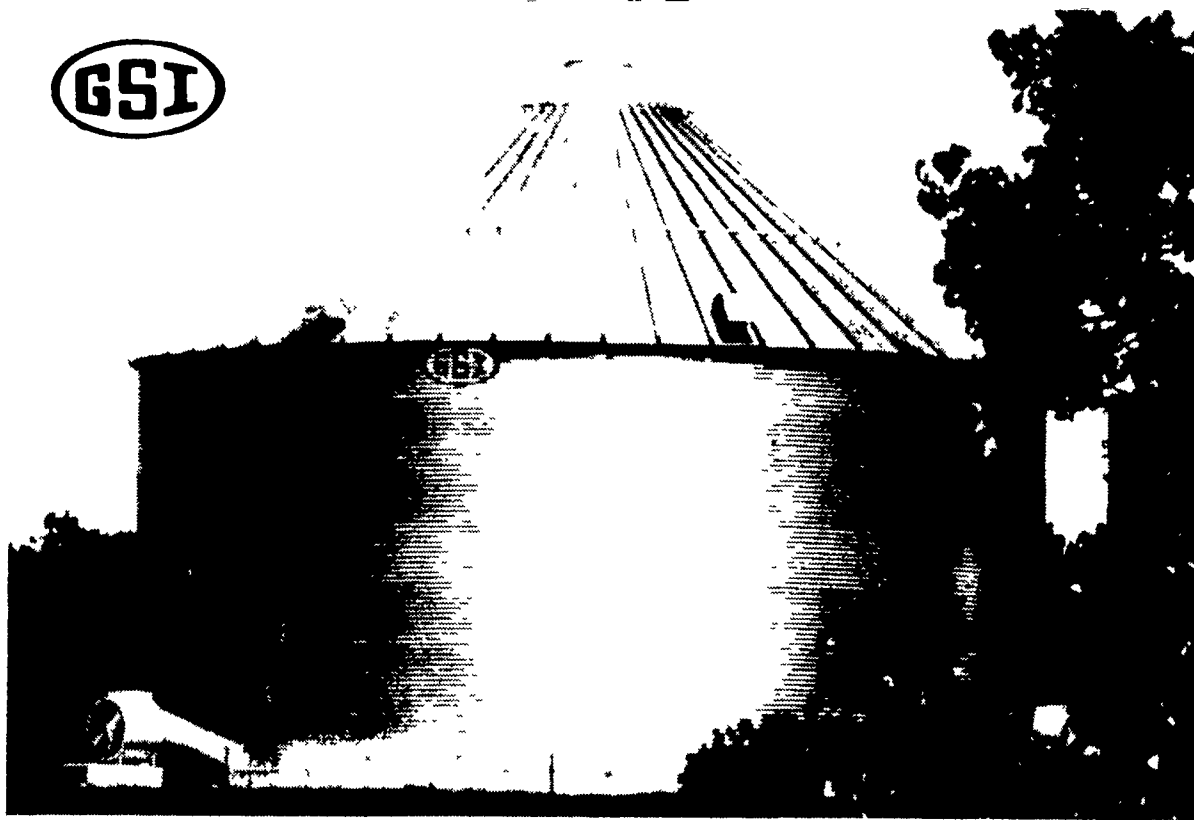
Less emphasis has been placed on speed with the growing expertise in sheep to shawl in the Northeast. However, the national "time to beat" was established in 1981 by the Niddy-Noddies of Lancaster County. Their record time was 63 minutes. A complete copy of rules and an applications for the Northeast Regional Sheep to Shawl Contest

can be obtained by writing to: NE SHEEP TO SHAWL, c/o KILE, Farm Show Building, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408. Entry deadline is Oct. 17, 1984. The 28th Keystone International Livestock Exposition, which runs Nov. 2-7, features the top beef, sheep, swine and horses in the country. More than 3,416 entries from 23 states competed for \$85,000 in premiums in 1983.

The Keystone International is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Livestock Association in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, The Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission and the various breed organizations. Show catalogs can be obtained by writing to the above address.

The Sheep to Shawl Contest has been an exciting competition for visitors and exhibitors alike. Applications for the 1985 Pennsylvania Sheep to Shawl Contest, Jan. 16, 1985, may be obtained by writing to: Sheep to Shawl Contest, Bureau of Markets, PA Department of Agriculture, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408.

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Jaguars

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only short distances. Males then are forced to disperse, but females are tolerated within their mother's range to live and breed. Dr. Wonderful established a home range some 20 miles away.

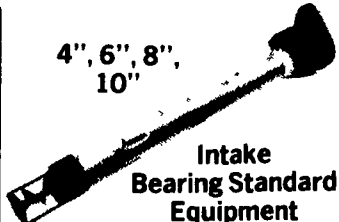
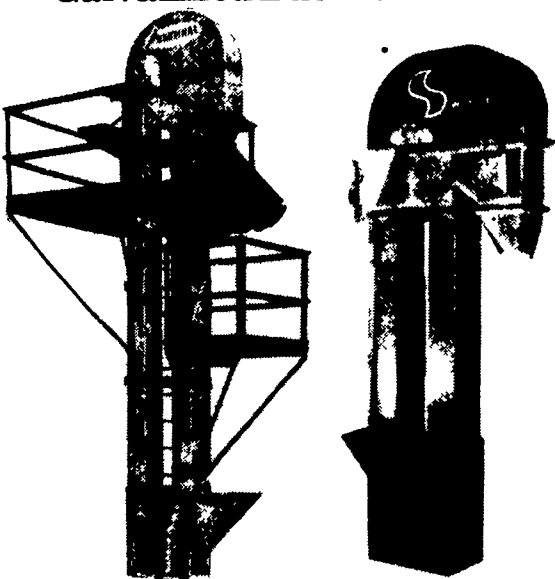
Jaguars are solitary animals that come together only during breeding season. Courting jaguars travel and kill together. Quigley estimates that each jaguar needs a range of 12,000 to 24,000 acres.

It would be difficult, he said, for most countries to set aside such extensive areas for conservation. But Brazil has the land, resources, and opportunity.

The jaguar's range is shrinking throughout Central and South America. The animal has been hunted to extinction in several countries. It once lived as far north as the southwestern United States, but no viable breeding populations are known to exist there today. Occasionally a jaguar will stray across the border from Mexico.

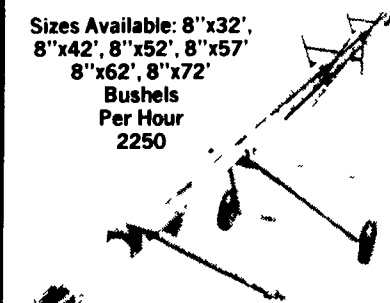
Brazilian protection efforts will be too late for Mother and Felix, Quigley notes. They were killed last year by persons unknown.

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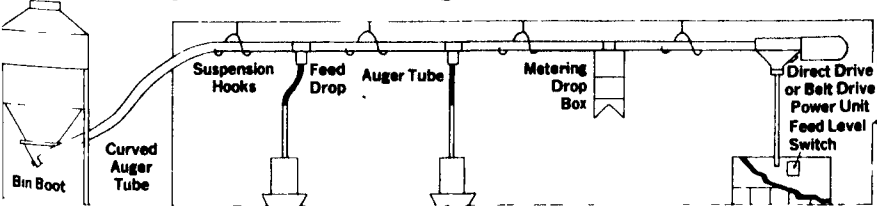
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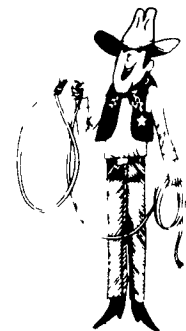


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