

Lamb workshops begin

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania lamb producers and allied industry leaders can learn the latest in grading, evaluating and marketing strategies by attending one of the three regional lamb grading workshops this fall.

The workshops are set for Greensburg, Westmoreland County, began yesterday, continues today; Trout Run, Lycoming County, Oct. 12-13; and Danville, Montour County, Nov. 9-

10. Sponsored by the Penn State University and the Appalachian Regional Commission, the two-day workshops are designed to improve individual proficiency in live lamb and lamb carcass evaluation.

They will also update producers' and allied industry leaders' understanding of the regional standardized lamb grading program now being implemented by major lamb producing state in the northeast and introduce

marketing alternatives and discuss marketing influences on lamb prices.

Clair Engle, Penn State Extension Associate Professor of Animal Science, is coordinating the program. Other workshop participants include Bill Henning, Penn State Extension Assistant Professor of Meats; John Zimmerman, director of Livestock Grading and Market Reporting, Bureau of Markets, Pennsylvania

Department of Agriculture; and Rick Harbaugh, regional manager for the American Sheep Producers' Council.

Commercial workshop participants are Dale Flowers, proprietor and manager of the

Muskingum Livestock Yards Zanesville, Ohio; Dan Blackburn, lamb feeder/producer from Stockpoint, Ohio; and Fred Staph, proprietor and manager of the Appalachian Lamb Co., Greencastle, Franklin County.



Bill Henning, Red Meat Specialists, Penn State, explains carcass grade standards to producers at a workshop held at Appalachian Lamb Company, Greencastle.

Swasey named Longwood coordinator

James E. Swasey has been named coordinator of the Longwood Graduate Program in Ornamental Horticulture at the University of Delaware. The program, a cooperative effort of the university's College of Agricultural Sciences and Longwood Gardens, leads to a master's degree in ornamental horticulture, with special emphasis on the management and administration of public gardens.

Among the graduates of the unique two-year program are directors and coordinators of many of the nation's leading public gardens, including the education coordinator of the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, David O. Lofgren; the director of horticulture of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., James R. Buckler; and the new director of Longwood Gardens, Frederick E. Roberts.

According to Dean Donald F. Crossan of the University of Delaware's College of Agricultural Sciences, Swasey's education and experience make him singularly well qualified to lead the Longwood Program. Swasey holds a B.S. in horticulture from the University of New Hampshire, and an M.S. and Ph.D. in ornamental horticulture from the University of Maryland.

In 1971 Swasey joined the plant science faculty at the University of Maine at Orono, serving also as that university's landscape designer. He went on to chair Maine's department of plant and soil sciences.

Swasey took a sabbatical leave from the University of Maine during the 1978-79 academic year. He spent that year filling in for a faculty member at another university, who was also away on a sabbatical. The faculty member was Dr. Richard Lighty, then the coordinator for the Longwood Graduate Program at the University of Delaware. Thus, when Lighty resigned this year, Swasey was the only candidate who could claim a year's experience as acting coordinator of the Longwood Program.

Swasey's first official act as Longwood coordinator has been to

undertake an evaluation of the program to assess the need for future changes. To that end, he has contacted current and former students, their employers, and others in the field.

The response has been overwhelmingly positive all around. Former students were particularly enthusiastic in their praise of the program's flexibility. Each Longwood Fellow can delve into his or her own subspecialty of horticultural management by choosing appropriate elective subjects and internship experiences at Longwood Gardens.

Besides advising the current crop of Longwood Fellows and charting future directions for the program, Swasey will also teach undergraduate courses in woody and herbaceous landscape plants, as well as parts of a graduate seminar on botanical garden management. In addition, he is negotiating for a new winter term workshop on financial management for non-profit organizations.

Swasey is married and has three children attending the Kennett Square, Pa., public schools.



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