



# Lancaster Farming

VOL. 30 No. 1

Four Sections

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, November 10, 1984

\$7.50 per Year

## Is pseudorabies going 'underground' in Pa.?



Pennsylvania's premier livestock event, the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, is now history. For



coverage of many of the KILE events that took place between Nov. 2, and Nov. 7, check sections A, B, and D of this issue.

### Are farmers trying to hide the disease?

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

HARRISBURG — Pseudorabies could be going underground in Pennsylvania, pork producers told a meeting called by State Department of Agriculture officials on Wednesday.

"I hear comments and it's a scary situation about producers going underground to avoid possible financial losses as long as possible," John Henkel, of the Pa. Pork Producers Council, said.

Three possible underground activities involving swine marketing to avoid pseudorabies detection through slaughter house blood test surveillance of sows and boars were cited by some producers:

—First, hogs might be bounced from auction to auction to lose their identity and confuse traceback in the event they are found to have the disease when slaughtered.

—Second, sows being held from normal marketing channels might be taken to small butchers and made into pork roll for the farmer to market.

—And finally, sows and boars that would be normally rotated out of herds to market are just being held on the farms if the operator suspects his herd is infected with PRV.

These underground attempts to avoid PRV detection, according to some producers, are helping to keep the number of quarantined herds are known to the Bureau of Animal Industry lower than the number that really exists.

"It's cheaper to take a sow or two out and shoot and bury them than take the chance of being found, quarantined and forced to depopulate," one producer has pointed out to Lancaster Farming.

Henkel, as representative of the Pork Producers Council at Wednesday's meeting, said that the underground activities could get out of hand and just help to spread the disease.

Possible underground activities to avoid PRV detection was just one phase of a complicated session called Wednesday by the Bureau of Animal Industry to take a look at its current program that includes mandatory depopulation without indemnification and how the livestock industry wants to proceed with the PRV effort.

Approximately half of those organizations invited to Wednesday's session did not send representatives, including such groups as the Cooperative Swine Breeders, Pa. Dairy Assn., Pa. Cattlemen's Assn., Sheep and Wool Growers, Livestock Auctioneers Association and others.

While pseudorabies has primarily affected the swine in-

(Turn to Page A24)

## News from KILE scattered throughout issue

HARRISBURG — For the 28th year, Harrisburg's Farm Show complex opened its doors to the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, welcoming some of North America's best quality livestock from throughout the Northeast and Midwest.

From last Friday's sheep judging, to Wednesday's Draft Horse Show, the complex was a beehive of activity as exhibitors washed, clipped, brushed and generally doted over the 3,150 head of cattle, sheep and swine entered in this year's show.

But the Keystone must not be construed as simply an outsized barnyard beauty contest. In order to justify its existence, KILE must be a yardstick for the industry. A yearly catalog of the most desirable livestock specimens, and a sensitive barometer to subtle changes in consumer demand throughout the country.

And under the watchful eye of its parent organization, the Pa. Livestock Association, KILE's 28-year record of success and growth is a graphic example of the show's ability to do just that.

The Keystone's growth has been reflected not only in the total number of entries, but also in the diversity of competitive events. Horse fanciers found the all-new Draft Horse Show and Invitational 4-H Horse Show Roundup to be welcomed additions to the 1984 schedule. And, for the first time, swine producers were treated to the Berkshire Fall Classic.

In recognition of the importance of young people to the future of the livestock industry, many youth-oriented events were scheduled, including junior and intercollegiate livestock judging contests, a junior sheep shearing contest and junior show divisions for beef, sheep and swine. Junior events were scheduled for Sunday

(Turn to Page A32)

## Commonwealth dairy youth in spotlight at Louisville

LOUISVILLE — While KILE captures the attention of local livestock breeders, not to be overlooked are the Pennsylvania dairy exhibitors who were making names for themselves this week during the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville.

Topping the dairy news from NAILE is the crowning of Carol Dreisbach, Hamburg, as the National Jersey Jug Queen. Making Jersey breed history, Carol succeeded her sister Patty, who served as last year's Jersey queen.

In other NAILE highlights, the Pennsylvania delegation had a fine showing at the All American Jersey Junior Show, with 7 of the 14 head entered from Pennsylvania

placing in the top 10 of their class. Pa. juniors also captured the production award and the high pedigree index contest. The Pa. herd placed sixth out of 17 in the state herd competition.

Taking National Jersey Achievement Awards were Michelle Lusk, production winner, and Patty Dreisbach, achievement.

In the Southern National Ayrshire Junior Show a Pa. exhibitor showed the junior champion, plus many of the class winners in the open and junior Ayrshire competitions came from Pa. and the surrounding states.

Look for complete NAILE results and pictures in next week's issue of Lancaster Farming.

## Farm, Power Equipment dealers gather for annual convention

MT. POCONO — Equipment dealers from throughout the Commonwealth are gathering at Mount Airy Lodge at Mt. Pocono for the 71st annual convention of the Pa. Farm and Power Equipment Association.

Major sessions of the convention are scheduled to open tomorrow (Sunday) and continue through Tuesday.

A Sunday afternoon panel discussion from 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. will discuss "Why, When and How

To Advertise." Participants include representatives of Lancaster Farming, Pennsylvania Farmer, Farmshine, Farmer's Friend and Sperry New Holland.

Seminars are scheduled Monday afternoon under the direction of Walter Buescher and Grover Gouker, who is also the dinner speaker.

The Annual Awards Banquet will be the final convention event on Tuesday evening.



## Women in ag

Alma Wenger of R6 Manheim is all set to celebrate Women in Agriculture Week, Nov. 11 to 17, as she takes her place on the tractor. Alma often prepares the fields for planting and helps out at harvest time too. Look in this week's B section photo feature saluting farm women and stories featuring women who work in agriculture.