

Local feed supplier completes management course

PARADISE — Jim Mitchell of Hess Mills in Paradise recently returned from Ralston Purina Company's farm consultant workshop in St. Louis loaded with the latest information on livestock management and nutrition.

Mitchell enrolled in the three-day workshop to better assist customers with their livestock feeding and health needs. "Livestock production, like all other aspects of today's farm in-

dustry, has become more complex," Mitchell noted. "As a result, more and more producers are turning to their feed supplier for advice and information on new developments in nutrition and overall management," he added.

"One way I can better meet local producers' needs is to get additional training through courses like this one given by Purina's Agri Business Institute, which is an educational arm of Purina," he

said.

A group of livestock nutritionists and researchers conducted the intensive, three-day workshop, Mitchell explained. "And, since enrollment was limited to 28, we had many opportunities to ask these experts questions about the various livestock management problems that concern our customers," he explained.

"We also received substantial advice on feeding programs for

swine, dairy and beef cattle, horses, pets and other small livestock," he added. This included advice on tailoring feeding programs to livestock needs, and information on new feeding systems such as high energy hog rations and the Forage Balancer Brood Cow feeding system, he pointed out.

Describing this training program, Dub Jones, president of Purina's Agri Products Group said, "Through the Agri Business Institute, Jim has learned the newest livestock management techniques that he needs to serve his local producers. With this

knowledge, he and other dealers will be even better equipped to help their customers. Our goal," Jones declares, "is to continue to make our local dealerships as knowledgeable as possible."

Mitchell says the workshop will further improve the level of services he provides area farmers and livestock producers. "I have even greater access now to the tremendous research at Checkerboard Square," he says.

Hess Mills, located at 6 South Vintage Road, now offers farm consultant and other management services to area producers. The store's telephone number is 442-4183.

Wayne Co. offers Farm Show bus trip

HONESDALE — The Wayne County Cooperative Extension Service will sponsor an educational bus trip to the Pennsylvania Farm Show on Tuesday, January 15. The bus will leave the Wayne County Court House at 7:00 a.m., and for the return trip will depart from the Farm Show at 5:00 p.m. Meals are available in the Farm Show Building.

Reservations for the bus trip can

be made by contacting the Wayne County Extension Office at 717-253-5970 ext. 114.

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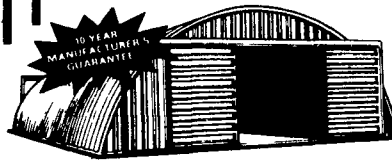
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