

Purina sponsors FFA judging

KANSAS CITY, MO. — This month 132 FFA youths have the unique opportunity to participate in the National Livestock Judging Contest sponsored by Purina Mills, Inc.

The judging, to be held during the 58th National FFA Convention this week in Kansas City, Mo., allows 44 three-member judging teams representing as many states to test their knowledge of livestock selection and grading using animals provided by farmers in Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska.

Purina Mills, a long-standing sponsor of the event, will provide funds for the administration of the contest, travel expenses, an awards breakfast, trophies and medals and cash awards to winning teams and high scoring individuals.

"The future success of agriculture and of the livestock industry depends on these young leaders," says W.M. Jones, president of Purina Mills. "Our interest lies in developing this leadership and the livestock judging provides an important training ground for potential leaders. The more they learn about the industry and develop leadership qualities, the more the industry itself is enhanced," by

emphasized. "The young people are the leading edge of the future of agriculture," Jones continued, "and Purina has a solid commitment to enhance their growth. We are pleased to serve as the sponsor of this important program."

In addition to the recognition the members will receive, the competition will enable them to get hands-on experience in judging marketing and breeding animals. "As in all national contests," says Ted Amick, Program Specialist for FFA, "this contest provides incentive to all vocational ag students to take a serious look at the livestock industry as a future career. Especially now, when youth involvement in agricultural careers is declining, the industry welcomes efforts by companies like Purina to reverse this trend."

In order to reach the national competition level, FFA members have been involved in contests at both local and state levels. The average team members have spent 50 hours preparing for this national contest, in addition to at least 100 hours spent in training for the local competitions. The contest will consist of judging beef cattle, sheep, hogs and market cattle.

AMCO introduces 'SUPER-TILL'

YAZOO CITY, MD — AMCO Products, Portable Elevator Division, has introduced three new series of do-alls and seedbed conditioners for one-pass reduced tillage operations in preparing fields for planting. In sizes from 13' to 26', these "SUPER-TILL" models are designed to save time, fuel, and labor by performing several tillage operations at the same time.

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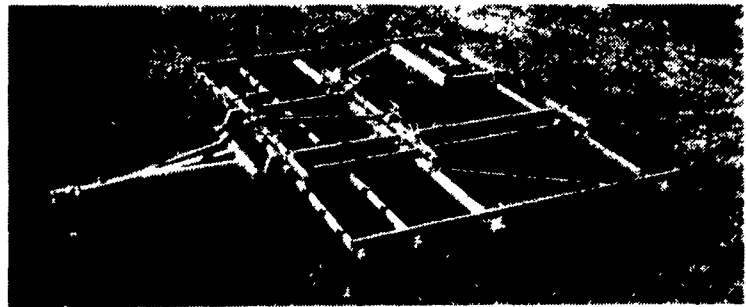
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