

"Pennsylvania on Parade" Sales and Show scheduled

STATE COLLEGE — The 1986 Pennsylvania Holstein Spring Show has been set for Saturday, March 29, 1986 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Farm Show Complex,

Harrisburg. Richard Keene, Gilbertsville, NY will judge this, the 33rd Annual Spring Show. The entry deadline will be March 7, 1986 with late entries accepted

through March 20, 1986. The entry fee will be \$7.00 for all entries including 4-H, FFA, and Youth entries. Late entries will be \$15.00. All-Pennsylvania Awards will again be based on points ac-

cumulated at the Spring Show, Regional Championship Show and Fall Championship Show. There is a change in scoring Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor points this year. Dry cows will be scored the same as bulls and junior females in the Breeder and Exhibitor Contest.

head total sold to buyers throughout the U.S. The sale is being managed by the Pennsylvania Holstein Association and Backus Associates Inc. Get your entries in for the 1986 PA Holstein Spring Show and be a part of the "Pennsylvania On Parade" Sales and Show, March 27-29, 1986 in Harrisburg. More information can be obtained by contacting the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, 839 Benner Pike, State College, PA 16801, 814-234-0364.

The Pennsylvania State Calf Sale starts at 10:00 on March 27. The Pennsylvania State Bred Heifer and Young Cow Sale follows at 10:00 the next day March 28. There will be approximately 300

USSR says U.S. grain improves in quality

WASHINGTON — Officials of the Soviet Union report the quality of U.S. grain shipped to that country is improving, a U.S. Department of Agriculture official said today.

"The Soviets believe our 1985 wheat and corn exports represent substantially better grain than was sent to them in 1984," said Kenneth A. Gilles, administrator of USDA's Federal Grain Inspection Service.

Gilles and other USDA officials and representatives of the U.S. grain industry recently toured grain shipment and inspection facilities in the Soviet Union at the Russian's invitation.

But while Soviet officials noted the improvement in overall quality of U.S. grain, they pointed out problems as well.

"Formerly, the Soviet's number one complaint was insect infestation," said Gilles. "That has been replaced by complaints of

excessive moisture in corn and foreign matter in grain shipments."

The Russians reported that 25 percent of U.S. grain imported in 1984 was insect-infested. They also said corn shipments should not contain more than 14.5 moisture in order to avoid spoilage problems.

Gilles said Soviet officials believe most problems with U.S. grain shipments are due to grain companies not sending what the Soviets order or to Soviet inspectors not demanding high enough quality.

The U.S. group included Gilles; Max Spencer of the North American Export Grain Association; Ervain Friehe of the National Association of Wheat Growers; Sam Irmen of the National Grain and Feed Association; Marion Hartman of the National Corn Growers Association; Robert Davis of USDA's Agricultural Research

Service; and Cina Radler and Allen Mustard of USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service.

The group was the first U.S. team of grain experts invited to the Soviet Union since 1978.

Feeding Meeting slated

The Eastern Lancaster County Adult Farmer program will sponsor a DAIRY FEEDING MEETING on Tuesday evening, Feb. 11, 1986, at 7:30 p.m. at the Blue Ball School. A panel discussion of specialists formulating dairy rations will discuss trends and practices that successful dairymen are using today. They will discuss use of TMR, multiple feedings per day, Isoacids, shelled corn vs. ear corn, feeding strategies, dry cow feeding, basics of ration balancing, water quality and other factors involved with good feeding practices.

Panel members will include Wilmer Stoltzfus, Agway; Ray Brechbill, Youngs; Dave Hoogmoed, Keystone Mills; and Tim Kissling, independent feed consultant.

Since feed makes up the major costs of producing milk, attention to details in feeding plays an important role in increasing the profitability of dairy operations.

All interested persons are invited. The Blue Ball School is located on Ewell Rd., about 1 mile east of Blue Ball, between routes 23 and 322. The meeting will be in the all-purpose room located just inside the front door. For additional information call the Adult Farmer Office at 354-4525

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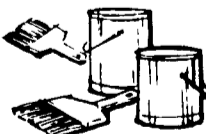
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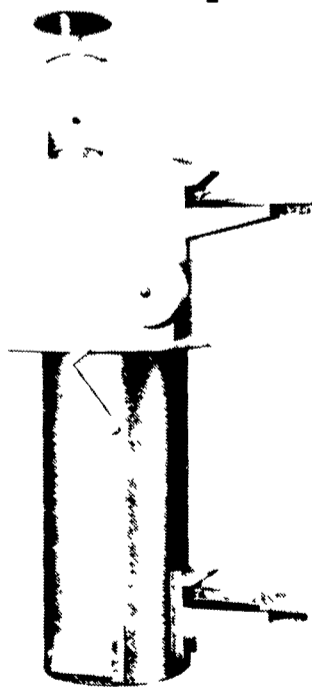
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