

Maryland Junior Dairyman Contest Slated

TIMONIUM, Md. — Plans are underway for the 1987 Maryland PDCA Junior Dairyman of the Year Contest to be held Thursday, Sept. 3, during the Maryland State Fair in Timonium. Registration will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Cow Palace, with the contest starting promptly at 1 p.m.

The contest, sponsored by the Maryland Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Inc., features a \$300 scholarship for the top individual winner. Premiums will also be pre-

sented to the top junior and top 10 senior contestants and the top three senior teams.

The Junior Dairyman Contest covers all aspects of the dairy industry. There are four judging classes including dairy heifers, dairy cows, dairy goats and dairy steers. Identification classes include dairy products, milking system and the milking process, and feedstuffs and weeds. The contest has a management problem pertaining to animal health, breed-

ing or genetics. A written exam of 50 questions is also given, with the questions being taken from the Hoard's Dairyman Magazine dated Aug. 10, 1986 through Aug. 10, 1987.

Competition is open to all 4-H, FFA and FAA members who have passed their eighth birthday by Jan. 1, 1987 and must not have passed their 19th birthday prior to Jan. 1, 1987.

Teams of three members from the same 4-H club or FFA, FAA

chapter may enter and those persons who do not have a team may enter as individuals. There will be a junior and senior division for the contest.

Individuals or teams may enter the Junior Dairyman Contest by mailing their team name, individual name, address, phone number and age of all team members to MD PDCA Junior Dairyman of the Year Contest, Carroll County Extension Service, 700 Agriculture Center, Westminster, Mary-

land 21157. Entries must be post-marked no later than Friday, August 21, 1987.

For more information concerning the MD PDCA Junior Dairyman Contest contact the following superintendents: Diane G. Flickinger 301-635-6166, Carol S. Kahler 301-775-7177, Betty L. Cole 301-374-2888, David Patrick 301-489-4160 or E. Kim Cassel, Animal Sciences Center University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742 (301) 454-7828.

Maryland Farmer Wins Conservation Award

Montgomery County farmer Howard Williams and his wife, Christina, have won the prestigious award given by the National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation and the DuPont Company for integrating the implementation of sound, innovative, and cost-effective conservation techniques into the management program of their 700-acre farm in Boyds, Maryland.

W. Lee McFarlane, State Coordinator for the National Endowment Awards Program, presenting the award at the annual meeting of the Maryland Association of Conservation Districts in Ocean City, stressed the importance of public recognition for farmers who make conservation a priority in their day-to-day operations.

"Conservation is an essential investment in a healthy agriculture, said McFarlane. "Maryland's number one industry is agriculture," he continued, "but many folks see us as an urban state. Here

is a farmer who farms right in the middle of an urban area under the nose of Congress. We want the people of Maryland and the country to know that both agriculture and conservation are alive and well. We are very proud of Howard Williams and all the farmers like him!"

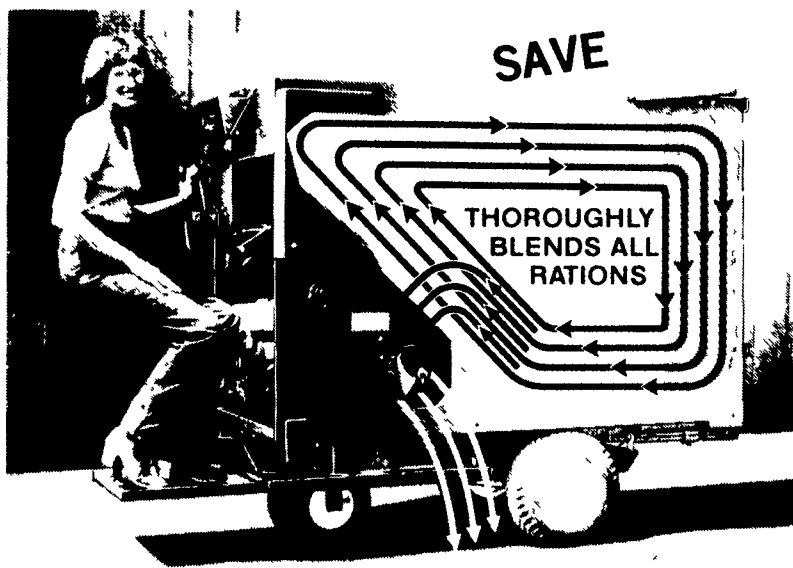
Williams and his wife, Christina, have incorporated practices such as no-till, contour strips, crop rotations, waterways, diversions, sediment control ponds, and integrated pest management into their farm management plan. "With a dwindling base of good farmland in our area, coupled with low commodity prices in recent years, we must make the most of our available land," says Williams. "Farmers have an obligation to prevent adverse effects to other elements of society caused by runoff from their farming operations," he continued. "Farmers also have an obligation to help conserve the nation's resources for future generations," Williams concluded.

Indiana And Armstrong 4-H'ers Attend Clinic



John Burkett demonstrates the fine art of clipping to a group of 4-H members from Indiana and Armstrong Counties during a recent fitting and showmanship clinic held at the farm of Brenda and Brett Nesbit in Marchand.

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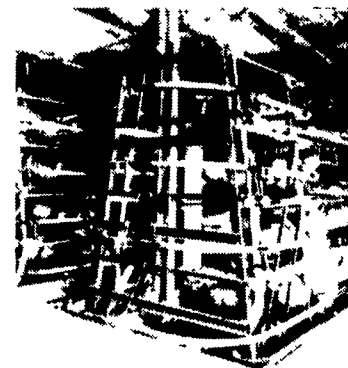
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