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his chickens on the open-range or in a chicken yard. That was the most profitable and healthy way to raise good chickens and produce eggs. It is impossible to do it that way now thanks to the hawks, owls, foxes and other predators that quickly kill off the chickens. The wildlife lovers, bird watchers, U.S. Wildlife Service and the Game Commission know this, but they don't give a hoot about it. They protect the hawks, owls and predators with heavy fines and penalties. And they have been told of these severe damages and said, "Don't you touch the owls or hawks or foxes."

A chicken yard has to be fenced in tight top and bottom so none of those predators can get in. If a chicken gets out, it is a goner to them. Hawks, owls and foxes ate up our chickens.

As of now there is hardly no game or pheasants where they were by the hundreds, thanks to the hawks, owls and foxes.

On "Wall Street crash day" I saw two hawks fighting in the sky and a half hour later I saw where one of them ate the other. Meat must be scarce! The hawks are killing our guineas as I saw it happen.

With all these harsh facts, that is why the chickens must be handled the way they are handled now. The predators prevent any other way and quickly eat up the profit. Coy-

otes eat up 15 to 25 percent of the lamb crop but those unconcerned yahoo pressure groups don't care. They don't elect our law makers, but they coerce and tamper with our law makers so that it is a mis-managed mess as of now. Those pressure groups have got to go and be abolished and the skies cleaned of these predators, likewise the foxes. They've done too much damage to the farmers and nation's bread basket. It must be decided—who shall eat, the people or the predators!

Paul Holowka
York

Editor,

The Schuylkill County Fair Association members would like to thank everyone who helped make the fair a reality and a success. The fair has come a long way because the people of Schuylkill County worked hard to see their dream become a reality.

The road ahead is a long one. The fair association is in the process of finalizing the deal for the purchase of about 70 acres of land known as Happy Holiday Park East of Summit Station. The cost for the land and the improvements already on the site will be over \$200,000. Also, before the 1988 county fair can be held at this site, additional improvements will have to be made at an estimated cost of

\$100,000. Since the fair association does not own the present fair site near the Schuylkill Campus, the site cannot be sold to help pay for a new fairgrounds. Therefore, the fair association needs the help of all Schuylkill Countians to show their support once again.

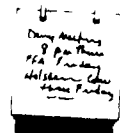
If you think back to the '87 fair, a number of market animals were purchased by area businesses. These 4-H and FFA animals were donated back to the fair. The market animals were then slaughtered, packaged and frozen. This meat is one part of a major fundraising effort to aid in purchasing a new fairground site. To participate in this fundraising effort, all you have to do is send a \$5 check payable to the "Schuylkill County Fair Association" and then mail your contribution to the fair association at PO Box 445, Schuylkill Haven. You may be eligible to receive some of this meat for your freezer and at the same time you'll be helping to make the '88 fair the best yet. To insure your eligibility, mail your contribution before November 10th.

Thanks again to everyone for your support!

Ray Gaston-
President
The Schuylkill County
Fair Association
Members

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Farm Calendar



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ner. \$60.00 will go to the top production winner. Animals born between September 1, 1986--August 31, 1987 are eligible. More information can be obtained by writing the Maryland Holstein Association.

Sunday, November 1
National Conservation Meeting, Kansas City, Oct. 1-3.

Monday, November 2
Berks County Farm-City Banquet, 6 p.m., Sheraton Berkshire Octorara Young Farmers Association Dinner Meeting, 6:45 p.m. at West Fallowfield Christian School

Adams County Baby Beef Club Meeting, 7 p.m., York Springs

Tuesday, November 3
Franklin County Farmland Forum, 7:30 p.m. First Lutheran Church, Chambersburg.

Kent County, Md., DHIA Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Kent County Extension Office

Election Day: Vote "yes" for farmland

Wednesday, November 4
Lancaster County Conservation District Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Farm and Home Center

Washington/Greene County Hols-

tein Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Ramada Inn, Washington

Thursday, November 5
Bradford County Extension Meeting, 7:45 p.m., Towanda Elks Club

Friends of Ag Land Preservation, 7 p.m., Good 'N Plenty Restaurant, Smoketown

Lancaster County Holstein Association Meeting, 6:45 p.m., Willow Valley Family Resort

Friday, November 6
Dairy Reproductive School, 9 a.m., Sun Area Tech School, New Berlin, PA

Farm City Banquet, 7 p.m., First UCC Church, Schuylkill Haven
Wayne County Holstein Club Annual Meeting, 8 p.m., Belmont Corners Fire Hall, Pleasant Mount

Saturday, November 7
North America International Livestock Expo, through November 20. Louisville, Kentucky.

Nittany Lion Fall Classic, 11 a.m., Ag Arena at Penn State Univ.
Bucks County Holstein Meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Matthews Church, Keller

Monday, November 9
Pennsylvania Farmers Union Convention Dinner, 6 p.m., Sheraton, West Middlesex
Wayne County DHI Meeting, 7:45 p.m., Slonchenge Restaurant, Steelyville

Tuesday, November 10
Cumberland County 4-H Beef & Lamb Round-Up, 9 a.m., Carlisle Livestock Market

Pennsylvania Brown Swiss Association Annual Meeting, 11:15 a.m., Carlisle

Dairy Nutrition School, Manheim/Mt. Joy area, sponsored by Lancaster County Extension Service; class continues November 24 and December 8

Lackawanna County Extension/Farm-City Annual Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Best Western, Scranton

Wednesday, November 11
Dairy Nutrition School, 9 a.m., Berks County Ag Center, Leesport

Thursday, November 12
Cumberland County DHIA Banquet, 6:30 p.m., South Middleton

Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association, 7 p.m., Olde Hickory Inn, Lancaster

Center County Holstein Meeting, 7 p.m., Logan Grange Hall, Pleasant Gap

Franklin County DHIA Banquet, 7 p.m.

Chester County DHIA Banquet, 7 p.m.

Columbia County Cooperative Extension Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Bloomsburg

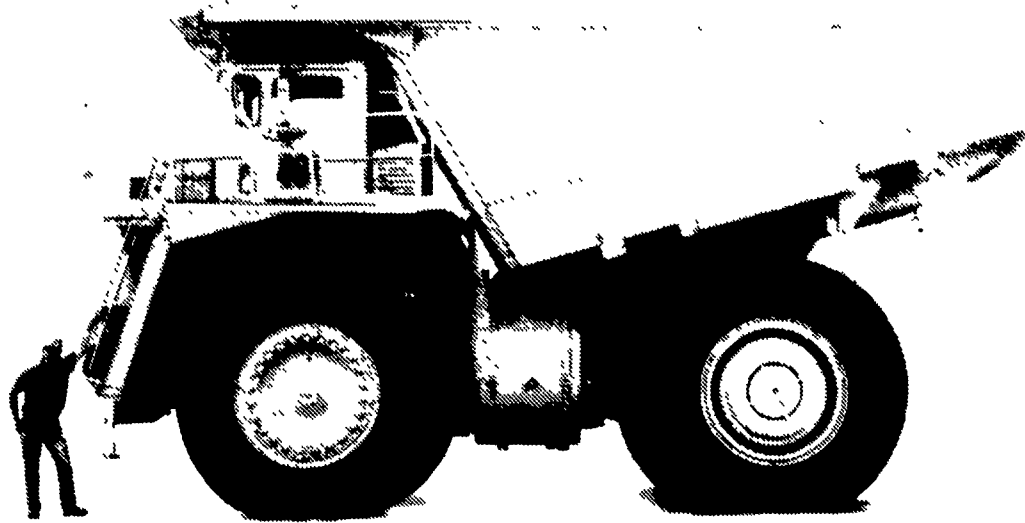
Friday, November 13
Lancaster County 4-H Beef Show, New Holland Sales Stable
Agronomy Service School at Dubois McKean County Extension office

Berks County Holstein Meeting, 7 p.m., Fleetwood Grange Hall
Warren County Holstein Meeting, 8 p.m., Landers Fire Hall

Saturday, November 14
New York Cattlemen's Graded Feeder Sale, noon, Canandaigua

Clarion County Holstein Meeting, 7 p.m., Clarion Clipper

Franklin County 4-H Baby Beef Club Meeting, 7 p.m.



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