

4-H HAPPENINGS

Weather Crimps '87 Fruit Production In PA

Tri-Community Dairy

Tri-Community 4-H Dairy Club held its January meeting recently at the Hewitt residence in Spring City. Members identified the spring of a dairy cow, judged Holstein cows, and explained their placings of each cow.

The next meeting will be February 5 at Mike Mowrer's farm, Spring City. Members will improve their judging skills. Following this, 4-H'ers will go to Henry Yorgey's home for a business meeting and refreshments.

Lebanon County Sheep

On November 18, 1987, the Lebanon County 4-H Sheep Club met at Jennifer Wenger's home. The meeting was called to order by Krista Hetrick, vice president. New officers were elected: Krista Hetrick, president; Daryl Grumbine, vice president; and Heather Emrich, secretary.

In other business, the 14 mem-

bers present discussed holding a fundraiser to raise money to fix sheep pens at the fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m. at which time refreshments were served by Jennifer Wenger.

Upcoming dates include a meeting in February and the Lebanon County 4-H Banquet on March 3.

New Holland Baby Beef

The New Holland 4-H Baby Beef Club held its monthly meeting on January 19. The club re-elected its officers. They are: Scott Hertzog, president; Doug Hertzog, vice president; Krista Martin, secretary; Robert Kreider, treasurer;

Casey High, song and game leader; Hiedi Quanbeck, song and game leader; and Kim Martin, news reporter.

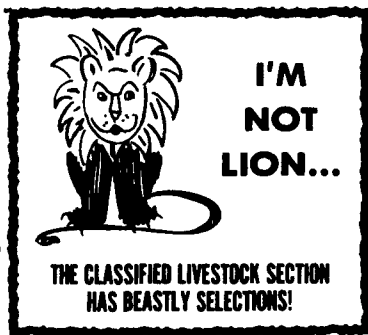
The next meeting will be on February 16.

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County Tractor

The Lebanon County 4-H Tractor Club held its weekly meeting on January 18 at the extension office. Daryl Wampler presided over the meeting. The scrapbook committee reported that the scrapbook will be compiled on March 21. In other business, tee shirts were ordered and the 1988 fair exhibit was planned.

The next meeting will be held January 25.



HARRISBURG — Poor weather conditions caused Pennsylvania's 1987 fruit production to sag substantially below 1986 for five of the six major crops, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS).

The only increase was recorded in grape production.

PASS reported that the state's apple production is expected to total 460 million pounds, a drop of 26 percent from the 1986 crop of 620 million pounds. Value of the utilized production is set at \$38.6 million.

The 1987 peach crop totaled 85 million pounds, down 15 percent from the 100 million pounds harvested in 1986. Utilized production was valued at \$14.9 million.

Pear production in the state totaled 3,200 tons for the year, 16 percent under the 1986 revised production of 3,800 tons. Utilized pear production, 3,050 tons, was valued at \$822,000 for 1987.

Sweet cherry production in 1987 was 600 tons, down 43 percent from the previous year, and

the utilized production of 500 tons was valued at \$740,000. The tart cherry crop totaled 5 million pounds, less than half the 12 million pounds produced in 1986. Value of the utilized 4.3 million pounds was \$1.2 million.

Grapes, the only crop with increased production, reached 62,500 tons in 1987, up 4 percent over 1986 and equalling the record high production of 1983. Utilized production was valued at \$14.7 million.

Nationally, the apple crop totaled 9.99 billion pounds, up 26 percent from 1986, and Washington state -- the nation's leading producer -- reported a record 4.2 billion pounds, 33 percent more than the previous year.

National production of other fruit crops and the percentage change from 1986 were: peaches, 2.43 billion pounds, up 3 percent; pears, 961,000 tons, up 22 percent; sweet cherries, 211,000 tons, up 53 percent; tart cherries, 359 million pounds, up 60 percent; and grapes, 5.2 million tons, down fractionally.

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