

# Dairy Cattle Judging Contest At Penn State

UNIVERSITY PARK — The Penn State Dairy Science Club will be holding its annual Spring Judging Contest on Saturday, March 26, 1988, at the Ag Arena. In the past, nearly 300 people have participated in this event. The majority have been Pennsylvania 4-H and FFA members. This contest provides these members with valuable judging experience. It also gives Penn State Dairy Science Club members an opportunity to meet future Penn Staters.

The contest consists of five divisions: Sr. 4-H, Jr. 4-H, FFA, Collegiate Amateur, and Collegiate Professional. Each county 4-H team and each FFA chapter will be allowed a maximum of 8 contestants. The junior 4-H division will be open only to 4-H members under 14 years of age as of January 1, 1988. Any 4-H member may judge in the senior division though. There will be an entry fee of \$3.00 per person, which covers the cost of the meal of the day of the contest and the cost of mailing the results. For late entries, the day of the contest, an entry fee of \$4.00 per person instead of \$3.00 will be charged. This fee should be mailed

with entries. Please submit entries by March 21, 1988.

This year's judging contest is co-chaired by Brent McMillen and Mike Reardon. McMillen is a senior majoring in dairy production, while Reardon is a sophomore also majoring in dairy production. Anyone who wants to enter a team should submit their

entries to McMillen at the following address on or before March 21:

Brent McMillen, 203 Borland Lab, University Park, PA 16802. When the entries are submitted the division, team members names, coach's name, and a return address and phone number should be included.

The judging contest is an integral part of our Annual Dairy Exposition. The Exposition is a dairy cattle fitting and showmanship competition between students. Special events such as milking contests, calf dressing, and milk chugging are held at lunch time on that day. This year's Dairy

Exposition will be held on Saturday, April 23, with the awards banquet being held the same evening. The awards for the judging contest will also be presented at this banquet. There will be 4-H and FFA teams from across the state at this judging contest, so we extend a warm welcome to all teams in the state.

## 30 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

-Lancaster Stock Yards ranked twenty-fifth in the nation in the number of salable receipts during 1957, according to figures released by the Agricultural Marketing Service.

-The declining farm population is resulting in a shift in legislative support for agriculture, according to Dr. James Honan, assistant general manager of Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative.

-With brucellosis testing com-

pleted in Lancaster and Bradford counties and the announcement this week that Cumberland County has been certified brucellosis free.

-Scientists of the U.S. Depart-

ment of Agriculture want to buy several pairs of identical-twin calves of beef type for nutrition and breeding studies at the USDA Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, MD.

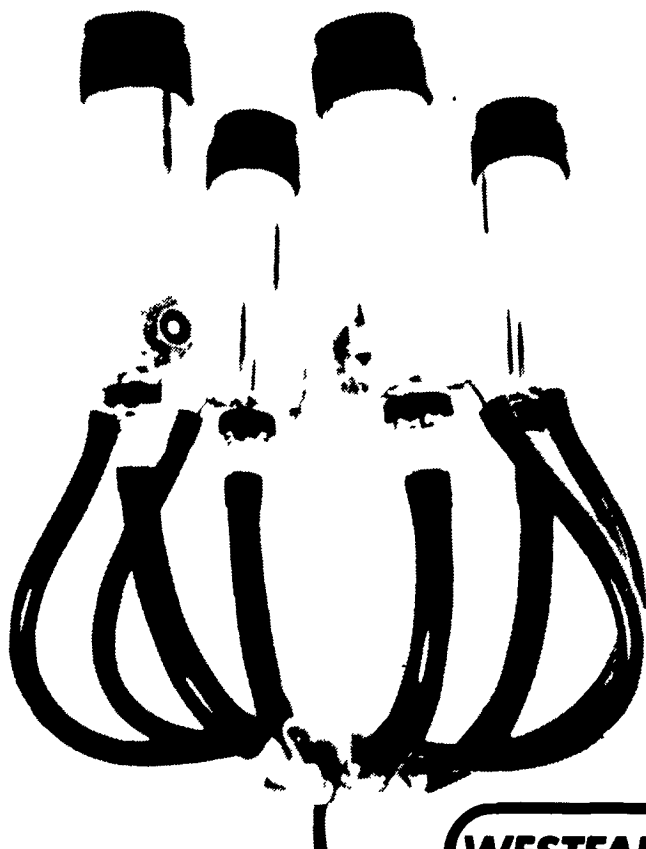
-A group of Lancaster County farmers were in Washington, D.C., this week to talk to Congressman Paul Dague about legislative problems affecting farmers of the area.

Those from Lancaster County attending the Washington meeting

were J. Roy Greider, R1 Mt. Joy; Henry Shreiner, R2 Lititz; Noah Kreider, Sr., R2 Manheim and John Weidman, R2 Mt. Joy.

Revived grass and rising prices were not sufficient to turn cattle numbers upward during 1957, according to the latest figures from the federal department of agriculture. The inventory of cattle and calves on U.S. farms on Jan. 1 of this year showed a decline for the second successive year.

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#### LOCATION & TIME

Lancaster,  
March 14, 1988  
Home & Farm Center of  
Lancaster

Greensburg,  
March 22, 1988  
Sheraton Inn, Route 30 East

Meadville,  
March 24, 1988  
Days Inn, Crawford County

Bradford County,  
March 28, 1988  
Wysox Fire Hall

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Robert Bergland  
Former Secretary -  
U.S. Department of Agriculture 1977-81

Honorable Wilmer D. Mizell  
USDA Assistant Secretary  
for Governmental and Public Affairs

Dieter Krieg  
Founding Editor and Publisher  
of Farmshine Newspaper

Honorable Boyd Wolff  
Secretary, Pennsylvania Department  
of Agriculture

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