

Livestock Notes

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1990 Wool Pool

Date: September or early October (official date to be determined); Price: Medium Wool: Tied- 39¢/pound; Untied- 42¢/pound. Natural Colored (untied only):- 20¢/pound; Tags (untied only): 10¢/pound. (Handling costs will be deducted from the prices above. Handling costs will be about 8¢ to 10¢ pound). Buyer: A.H. Helmig & Co., Narberth, PA.

• For storage till pool - The directors strongly encourage each pooler to untie their wool if it has been tied and stored in an open cardboard box, clean dry burlap bag or in such manner. The wool needs to breathe and be kept dry.

• A representative from the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service will be available to help you sign up for the wool incentive payment program. Please have your social security number available. You may bring your unshorned lamb sell slips.

- Wet wool.
- Dirty wool.
- Wool with excessive foreign matter.
- Low quality and inferior wool.
- Wool in plastic feed bags or tied with other than paper twine.
- Wool with any of the above problems will not be accepted and the pooler will be required to take those fleeces home.
- Colored wool and lamb's

wool will be accepted. Regular wool, lamb's wool, and colored wool must be separated.

• Hand spinners will be allowed to select fleeces from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost for selected fleeces will be \$1.00/pound.

Animal Rights And You

The USDA receives more mail concerning the care of animals than almost any other topic. Much of this mail is from people concerned that modern farming practices result in animals being mistreated.

The animal rights/animal welfare movement cannot be ignored. Legislators told a recent meeting of an agricultural professional society and farm group representatives that animal rights was among the top two or three topics they received mail on.

What many dismissed as a radical minority a few years ago is turning into a very well supported and financed organization that is attracting a lot of attention in Washington. These groups play on society's good feelings toward pets and use distortions, half truths, fear, and the general ignorance of the public to sell their message.

What do we know about this issue? It's not going to go away. People are concerned and want to feel that animals are cared for humanely. Most people, including our legislators, don't know how farm animals are kept.

Congress will act based on the interest shown by constituents

mail. Some of the driving force behind this movement is aimed at stopping, the use of animals for food, clothing, education, and even development of medicine and health procedures.

Why should you care? Do you depend on animals or people who raise animals for your livelihood? Do you include animal products in your diet? Do you take advantage of modern medicines and surgical procedures?

What can you do? Keep your legislators informed as to how you feel about the care and use of animals. Help your legislators and their staffs become acquainted with animal agriculture in Pennsylvania. Become familiar with the many issues that are included under the umbrella of animal rights or animal welfare (state and national farm organizations can provide information.) Participate in activities that help nonfarm people understand how animals are cared for on farms in your area. Help people remember that farmers have always been concerned with the welfare of animals and put in many long hard days (and nights) caring for them. Educate publishers, reporters, food editors, pet columnists, and wildlife reporters. Be available to help them interpret stories from non-agricultural people about animal agriculture.

If your letter is not among the ones received by Congress and the USDA, your viewpoint won't be heard or counted. Can you afford to be too tired or too busy to enter into this discussion? Below find the addresses of your state and national congressman and senators and the USDA. Write today!

• Sen. H. John Heinz, 2031 Federal Building, Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

- Sen. Arlen Specter, Suite 9400, 600 Arch St., Philadelphia, PA 19106.
- Rep. Gus Yatron, Rockland Professional Center, 1940 N. 13th St., Reading, PA 19604.
- Sen. Michael A. O'Pake, 645 Penn St., Reading, PA 19601.
- Sen. David J. Brightbill, 580 Penn Ave., Sinking Spring, PA 19608.
- Rep. Paul J. Angstadt, 102 Mayer St., Pennside, Reading, PA 19608.
- Rep. Thomas R. Caltagirone, 744 Franklin St., Reading, PA 19602.
- Rep. James J. Gallen, 235 W. Lancaster Pike, Shillington, PA 19607.
- Rep. John S. Davies, 2422 Cleveland Ave., West Wyomissing, PA 19610.
- Rep. Dennis E. Leh, 3 Magnolia Court, Douglassville, PA 19508.
- Rep. Paul Semmel, 49 Excelsior Road, Schnocksville, PA 18078.
- US Dept. of Agriculture, c/o Clayton Yeuter, Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

Sheep Reference Book

The American Sheep Industry Association publishes a book titled "Sheep Production Handbook." Even though it has a slant towards large, western sheep production, it is still an excellent reference for beginners and experts alike.

The book can be obtained by writing to the American Sheep Industry Association, 6911 South Yosemite Street, Englewood, CO 80112. The cost is \$40.

Acute Selenium Poisoning In Sheep

In a report from "Veterinary News", nearly 10 percent of ewes in a flock of 181 became ill 4 to 8 hours following injections of Bo-Se. Clinical signs included bloat, teeth grinding, abdominal pain, marked depression, difficult breathing, and froth from mouth. Eight abortions and three deaths occurred 20 to 24 hours following injections. Analysis of blood sera from affected ewes revealed abnormally elevated Se levels.

These ewes have had access to commercial protein blocks medi-

cated with Selenium for WMD prevention; however, the owner still injected them with twice the recommended dose of Bo-Se ... "just to be sure."

Ivomec Drench

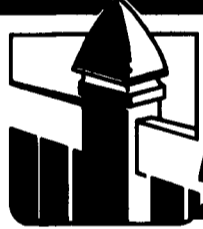
Introduced As Alternative

IVOMEC is now available as an oral drench formulation for use in sheep. It was previously available only as an injectable formulation for cattle and swine.

The approved product is a clear liquid, ready for use in conventional drenching equipment. The product controls a broad spectrum of parasites, including gastrointestinal roundworms, lungworms, and nasal bots, and is available from MSD AGVET, a division of Merck & Co., Inc.

A nationwide survey of sheep producers showed their number one concern is the control of gastrointestinal parasites.

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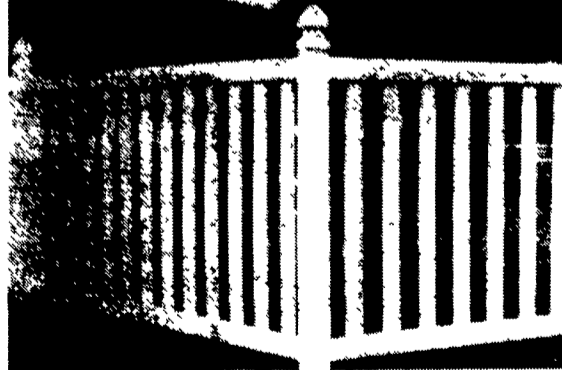
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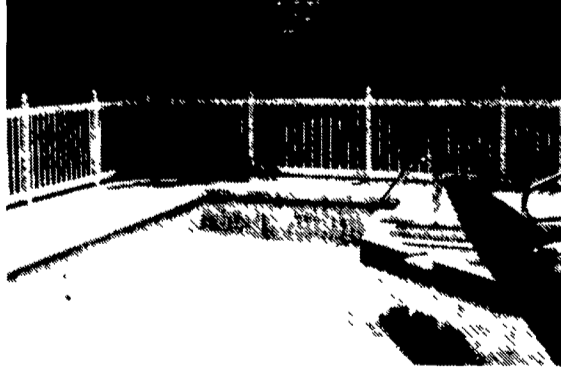
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