



Twin Valley FFA'ers Are Stars Saturday, Feb. 17 was an exceptional day for two members of the Twin Valley FFA. Rose Samojeden was selected as regional star for agricultural



Twin Valley FFA members receive Star honors. From left, Tara Plewa and Rose Samojeden.

sales, service and mechanics. Tara Plewa was selected as the specialty agriculture star.

Tara Plewa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Plewa of Honey Brook. Tara is co-president of the Twin Valley Chapter and vice president of the Berks County FFA. Tara received a gold medal for second place in the Pennsylvania FFA Forestry contest in 1995 and a silver medal for placing sixth in 1994. She was a member of the Pennsylvania FFA forestry team which competed at the Big E in 1994 and earned a third place individual award. She has placed second in the southeastern Pennsylvania wildlife contest. Tara has been a member of the first place Berks County Envirothon team for the past 4 years and has participated in the state contest. Tara has received foundation medals in agricultural electrification, soil and water management, forest management, and wildlife management. She will attend Penn State University majoring in forestry.

Rose Samojeden is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Farley of Honey Brook. Rose has been a chapter officer and participated in many chapter activities. She placed sixth in the state horse judging contest in 1993 and was a member of the Pennsylvania FFA team which competed in the Big E. She has judged in the southeastern Pennsylvania horse judging contest, the area wildlife contest, and the area aquatic resources contest.

Beef Evaluation Program Set

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — All beef producers are invited to attend an On-Foot On-Rail Beef Evaluation Workshop to increase their skills at evaluating live animals. This event is sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension in southeast Pennsylvania and Berks/Southeast Cattlemen.

The sessions will be as follows:
•Live Evaluation, April 23 at Leesport Farmer's Market, Rt. 61, North of Leesport. Live Evaluation: 7:30 p.m.

•Carcass Evaluation, April 25 at Peters Bros. Meats, Lenhartsville, Lenhartsville Exit of Rt. 78 (22) just off Rt. 143 in Lenhartsville. Carcass Evaluation: 7:30 p.m.

On Tuesday evening, April 23, each animal will be evaluated by

everyone attending. Animals will be judged on quality grade, yield grade, size of rib eye and depth of fat over rib and overall characteristics as a beef animal. Tony Reed, a cattle buyer from Moyer's Packing, will help with the Live Evaluation. At the Live Evaluation, Jeff Marnett from Upjohn will conduct a quality assurance discussion including site injections and other concerns.

On Thursday, April 25, Chester Hughes, extension agent in Lancaster County, will evaluate each carcass for dressing percentage, marbling score, maturity, quality grade, rib eye area, fat over rib, and yield grade.

Rose has helped with the FFA dance committee, various chapter fund raisers, the pet therapy program and third grade Food for America programs. She assisted with tree planting with the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Rose has earned a bronze medal for her work experience records. Rose has worked with race horses at Delaware tracks. Rose plans on a career in medicine following graduation.

The cost is \$2 for non-members of the Berks/Southeast Cattlemen. There will be no cost for members who have paid their 1996 dues. Cattle producers interested in having one of their animals evaluated are welcome to enter a steer, heifer, bull or cow. To register and for more information, contact Clyde A.B. Myers, Berks County Cooperative Extension, at (610) 378-1327.

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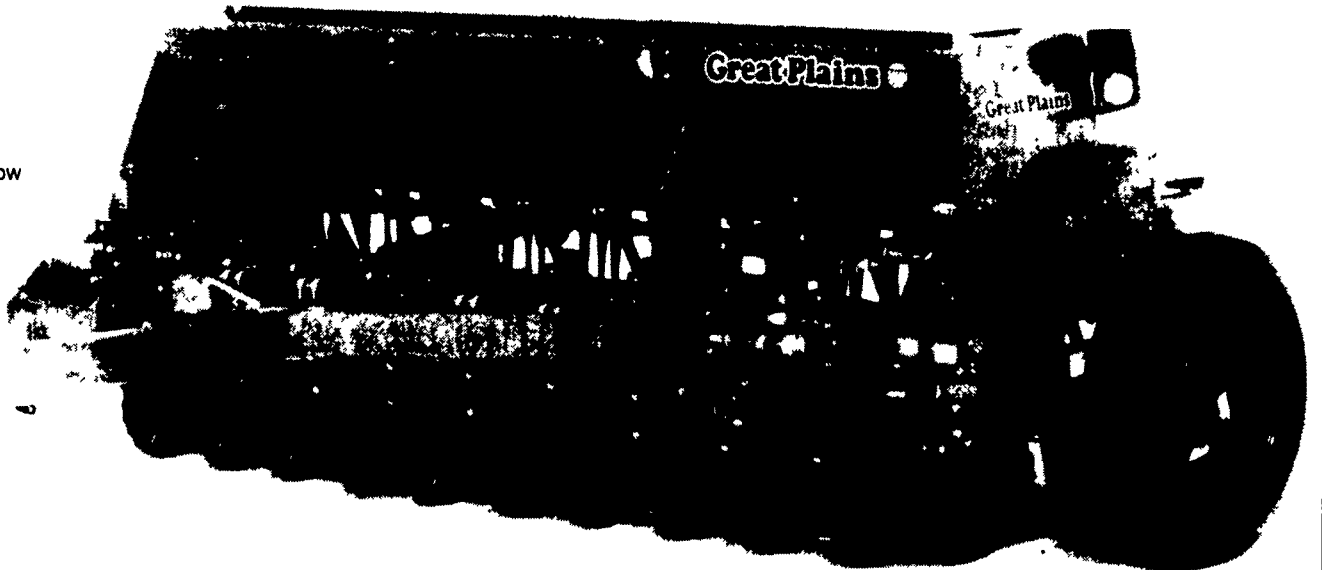
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