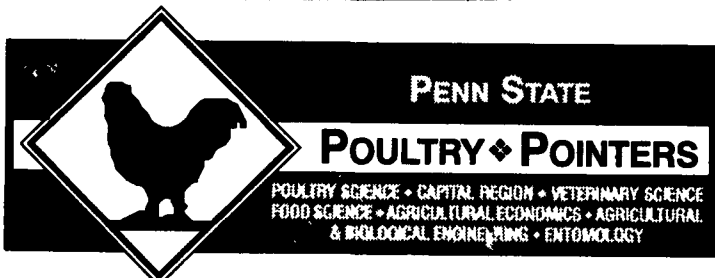


National Corriedale Sale To New England



A PROPOSED NEW UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR IN ANIMAL, DAIRY, AND POULTRY SCIENCE AT PENN STATE

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A new effort is under way at Penn State University to develop a single undergraduate major between the departments of dairy and animal science and poultry science.

The new major would not alter the overall administrative structure of the two departments, but would rather combine the undergraduate recruiting, advising, and instructional efforts to better serve the students and the industries interested in students trained in the animal sciences.

While the proposed curriculum would maintain a science option for students interested in graduate and professional schools and other careers requiring more in-depth instruction in the biological sciences, an increased emphasis would be placed on the management and business aspects of animal production, processing, and marketing.

To aid the Curriculum Committee in its task of developing the curriculum, the two departments have commissioned a survey of recent graduates of the three animal science oriented curricula — poultry technology and management, dairy and animal science, and animal bioscience — in the College of Agricultural Sciences. The survey has been designed to assess the importance of a number of life- and career-oriented skills that students were, and in some cases possibly should have been, exposed to in the classroom while at Penn State.

Further, the survey will provide graduates with an opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of their

baccalaureate program in preparing them to perform in their chosen career fields and in society in general.

Other sections of the survey address extracurricular activities, internships and other work experiences, and student employment. In each of these sections, alumni are asked to indicate their levels of involvement and how participation (or lack of participation) impacted on their overall collegiate experience while at Penn State.

Finally, the graduates are asked to provide some general information on their first employment after graduation and on their present employment.

Who is better able to evaluate the value and relevance of an undergraduate program than recent graduates from that program who are working in the marketplace? Unfortunately, many in academia fail to realize that with undergraduate education, colleges and universities are actually producing products for a marketplace. To ensure that the needs of the marketplace are being met, academia must periodically survey the marketplace, which is represented by its recent graduates, to determine if the formal (course requirements) and extracurricular portions of the college experience are appropriate and meet student needs.

The joint Curriculum Committee from the departments of poultry science and dairy and animal science will be receiving the results from the survey later this summer, and will consider the comments from the recent graduates very carefully as it goes about developing a new curriculum for the new proposed undergraduate major of animal, dairy and poultry science.

My next article, which will appear later this summer, will summarize the results from the alumni survey. For more information, contact Bill Weaver, (814) 865-3411.

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — The 54th New England Sheep Sale is hosting the National Corriedale Sale for the third time this year on July 19-20 at the Big E. Agricultural Complex.

The New England Sale is sponsored by the New England Sheep and Wool Growers Association and is held in conjunction with the Northeast Youth Sheep Show.

The sale, to date, has well over 250 head entered representing 15 different breeds, with more than 100 head of Corriedale sheep consigned. Top breeders from all over the United States are bringing sheep to the sale.

Post entries are always welcomed. In conjunction with the New England Sale, the Second Downs Nor'East Production Sale will also be held.

Thursday evening, July 18 at 6 p.m. will be when things get kicked off with the National Corriedale Junior Show. This show is sponsored by the Corriedale Breeders and the National Corriedale Registry. Juniors from all over the country will be participating. Rebecca Bull, a Corriedale breeder from New York, will be officiating the show. For entry information, contact Keith Chamberlain at (419) 281-2714.

Things get started on Friday, July 19, at 9 a.m. with the showing of the sale sheep. The National Corriedale Sale Show will be first with Helen Swartz of Centralis, Mo. judging.

Jim Jagger from Greencastle, Ind. will place the other breeds in the New England Sale in the following show order: Cheviots, Columbias, Polled Dorsets, Horned Dorsets, Hampshires, Montidales, Natural Coloreds, Rambouillets, Romneys, Black Romneys, Shropshires, Southdowns, Suffolks, and Tunis. At 5 p.m. to 7

p.m. that same day, the NESWGA will put on a family barbecue that will feature grilled lamb. Reservations must be made ahead for this event by contacting Launie York, 140 South Shelbourne Road, Shelbourne, MA 01370 or by calling her at (413) 625-2424 on or before Monday, July 14. The cost for the barbecue will be \$9 for adults and \$5.50 for children. Also at 5 p.m., the New England Sheep and Wool Growers Association will hold its annual meeting in the Agricultural Complex.

At 7 p.m. Friday evening the supreme champion selection show for the sale will be held. The breed champions vie for top honors and a \$100 cash award that is presented to the supreme champion ram and supreme champion ewe of the New England Sale. Also at this time a Scotch Auction is held for raising funds for the NESWGA Scholarship Fund. Several interesting items are donated, tickets sold, and drawings made. All proceeds go directly into the NESWGA Scholarship fund that supports two college scholarships every year.

Immediately following the supreme selections, an ice cream social is scheduled. Sugarloaf Dorsets of Kingfield, Maine are providing the free ice cream and all the toppings for this event. All sheep herders and friends are welcome.

Also on Friday evening the National Corriedale Sale Banquet and Meeting will be held at their sale headquarters at the Ramada Inn, West Springfield. The cocktail hour will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. For price and ticket information, contact Charles Franklin, (860) 974-0690.

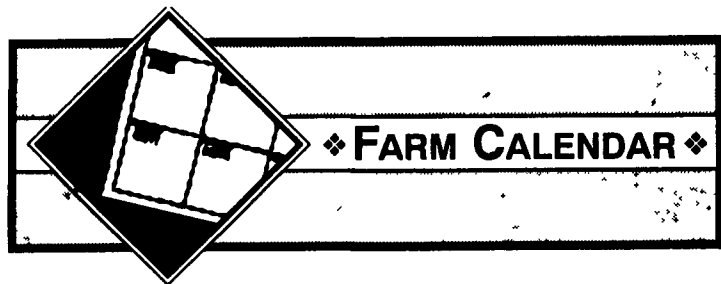
The New England Sheep sale will start at 9 a.m. with Russ Jack-

son, Seneca, Ill. calling the National Corriedale Sale. The other breeds will be sold following the Corriedales by Dan Schlichter of Washington Courthouse, Ohio. The sale order will be as follows: Polled Dorsets, Horned Dorsets, Romneys, Black Romneys, Natural Coloreds, Columbias, Rambouillets, Cheviots, Hampshires, Suffolks, Southdowns, Montidales, Shropshires, and Tunis. Prior to the start of the sale buyer registration will take place and a buyer's raffle will be held. Sale credits of \$200 and \$100 will be raffled off to help buyers toward the purchases of their animals.

At the conclusion of the New England Sheep Sale, the Second Downs Nor'East Production Sale will take place. Don and Debra Hopkins of Scituate, RI and Splendorview Farm of Cummington, Mass. has gotten together to offer 35 head of quality young Southdown breeding stock for sale. The sale offering will be listed within the New England Sale Catalog.

Immediately following the sheep auctions there will be a used sheep equipment auction held. This event has grown since its inception a few years ago to where there is a lot of useful equipment being consigned. Any sheep related item may be sold through the sale and consignments are taken up to early Saturday morning. The net proceeds from this auction goes to the Northeast Youth Sheep Show to help sponsor its ever growing youth show that is held the same weekend following the sales and into Sunday.

For further information on the activities and sale catalogs, contact Debra Hopkins, 1125 Danielson Pike, North Scituate, RI 02857, (401) 647-7281.



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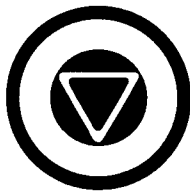
- a.m.
- Rye Cover Crop and Corn Silage Field Day, John and Todd Ishler Farm, Spring Mills.
- Friends of Ag Breakfast, Sheraton Inn, Dover, Del., 7:15 a.m.
- Saturday, June 29**
- PYFA Summer Conference and picnic, Leesport Farmers Market.
- Clarion-Venango dairy princess pageant, Snyder Valley Farms, Parker, 3 p.m.
- Crawford County dairy princess pageant, 1st United Methodist Church, Cambridge Springs, 8 p.m.
- Washington County dairy princess pageant, County Fairgrounds, Washington, 6:30 p.m.
- Octoraro Creek Nature Walk,

- meets at Ken Shoemaker's House, Kirkwood, 9 a.m., returns 11:30 a.m.
- Sunday, June 30**
- Md. Organic Food and Farming Association annual summer social, Ecofarms, Lanham, Md., 2 p.m.-6 p.m.
- Monday, July 1**
- Forage Day, Sterrett Farm, Venango County, 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 2**
- Ohio Hay and Pasture Day, OARDC's Southern Branch, Ripley.
- Wolfe's Corners Fair, thru July 6.
- Wednesday, July 3**
- Thursday, July 4**
- Independence Day
- Lancaster Farming office closed.
- Friday, July 5**

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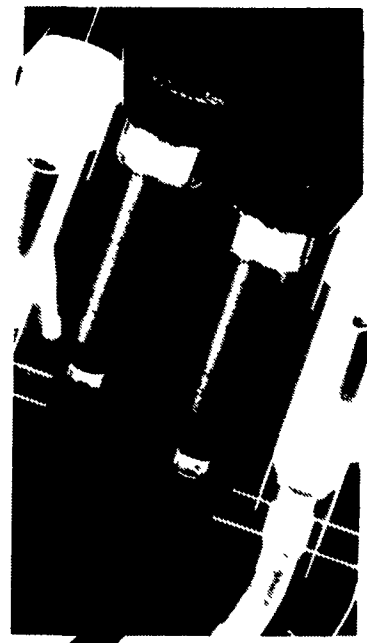
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