

Farmers Come To Ag Progress Days To See What Is New



When it's time to renew equipment, farmers are the same as car buyers. They want to check the merchandise. At Ag Progress Days this week, many field demonstrations of competing equipment were staged to give everyone an opportunity to compare their operation. In these photos you can see that process at work.



Annual Junior Dairy Management Contest Set

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show is proud to announce that the Tenth Annual Junior Dairy Management Contest will be conducted at the 33rd Annual All-American Dairy Show Tuesday, September 24, at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. Top prize will be a \$500 post high school scholarship.

This youth activity combining judging skills and dairy knowledge, was established by the Pennsylvania Dairy and Allied Industry Association as an educational activity for 4-H and FFA youth. The contest provides an excellent opportunity to see and judge top quality animals, receive experience in evaluation and decision making, and practice dairy management skills. This well-rounded approach will be most beneficial to dairy youth, the dairymen of the future.

Financial assistance provided by Church & Dwight Co., Arm & Hammer Ag Products; Milk Specialties Co.; Prince Agri-Products, Inc. and CHR Hansen Bio Systems. Their generous support assures the success of this contest.

There are seven classes including:

(1) Dairy Cow Judging- four animals to be placed on body conformation

(2) Linear Trait and Pedigree Analysis- selection of one of three animals which best answers questions on their linear type evaluation and pedigree

(3) Meat Identification Class- identification of ten cuts of dairy beef and veal

(4) Grain and Forage Identification and Nutrition- dairy feed ingredients commonly found on eastern dairy farms, questions relating to their use, nutrient content, quality, and use in nutrition-

ally balanced feeding programs

(5) Dairy Agronomic Practices- plant identification, crop and pasture production practices, and soil/disease/pest interactions involved in the production of quality forages

(6) Reproduction Management- identification of AI equipment, parts of the bovine female reproductive tract, heat detection aids, progesterone test kits, etc. The final class, Farm Business Management is a quiz on twenty questions on basic farm management and current management issues.

There will be team-awards, as well as top individual awards. The top five contestants in total score will be interviewed by a panel of three well known and respected judges. The interview will consist of three specific questions regarding current events in the dairy industry. Each interview will last eight minutes. Contestants can score up to 100 additional points. They will be evaluated on their ability to address each question based on understanding and knowledge of the subject, and their ability to respond orally to questions and express thoughts clearly.

Training kits are available. All interested contestants and/or educators are encouraged to contact the Junior Dairy Management Contest Superintendent, Walter Wurster, Government Services Center, Suite 370, 601 Westown Road, West Chester, PA 19382-4546, or call at (610) 696-3500. Deadline for entry in the 1996 contest is September 14, 1996.

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