

Sheep Scrapie Information Meeting May 22

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The American sheep industry is taking a giant step toward the goal of eradicating scrapie from its flocks across the country.

Pennsylvania leads the country in scrapie monitored flocks with 51 enrolled.

Lancaster County producers are urged to do the right thing and get involved in the Pennsylvania Scrapie Flock Certification Program.

Scrapie is a degenerative and ultimately fatal neurological disease in sheep and goats. It was first diagnosed in the United States in 1947, but through August 1999 it has been found in 950 flocks in this country.

Scrapie primarily has been reported in the Suffolk breed, but it also has been diagnosed in a Border Leicester, Cheviots, Corriedales, a Colswald, Dorsets, Finn Sheep, Hampshires, Merinos, Montadales, Rambouillets, Shropshires, Southdowns, and a number of crossbreeds.

Penn State Cooperative Extension will conduct an informational meeting regarding scrapie

and the flock certification program Monday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center. Dr. Amy J. Nesselrodt, USDA veterinary medical officer, will lead the discussion.

The voluntary certification program provides participating producers with the opportunity to protect their sheep from scrapie and to enhance the marketability of their animals.

Signs of scrapie vary widely among individual animals and develop very slowly. Early signs include subtle changes in behavior or temperament — these changes may be followed by scratching and rubbing against fixed objects, apparently to relieve itching. Other signs are loss of coordination, weight loss despite retention of appetite, biting of feet and limbs, lip smacking and gait abnormalities, including high-stepping of the forelegs, hopping like a rabbit, and swaying of the back end.

For more information regarding the meeting, contact Chester D. Hughes, Lancaster extension livestock agent, at 717-394-6851.

Delaware Valley College Senior And Livestock Judging Contests

DOYLESTOWN (Buck Co.) — Following are the results of the recent Delaware Valley College Senior and Livestock Judging Contests.

DELAWARE VALLEY COLLEGE SENIOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST RESULTS

HIGH TEAM BEEF PLACINGS: 1. Perry Co. 4-H. 2. Lebanon Co. 4. 3. Perry Co. 4-H. HIGH TEAM SHEEP PLACINGS: 1. Perry Co. 4-H. 2. Belvidere FF. 3. Warren Hills. HIGH TEAM SWINE PLACINGS: 1. Perry Co. 4-H. 2. Lebanon Co. 4. 3. Perry Co. 4-H. HIGH TEAM BEEF REASONS: 1. Lebanon Co. 4. 2. Perry Co. 4-H. 3. Lancaster Co. HIGH TEAM SHEEP REASONS: 1. Lebanon Co. 4. 2. Perry Co. 4-H. 3. Perry Co. 4-H. HIGH TEAM SWINE REASONS: 1. Lebanon Co. 4. 2. Woodstown R. 3. Perry Co. 4-H. HIGH TEAM TOTAL BEEF: 1. Perry Co. 4-H. 2. Lebanon Co. 4. 3. Perry Co. 4-H. HIGH TEAM TOTAL SHEEP: 1. Perry Co. 4-H. 2. Lebanon Co. 4. 3. Lancaster Co. HIGH TEAM TOTAL SWINE: 1. Lebanon Co. 4. 2. Perry Co. 4-H. 3. Woodstown R. Tice, Tim Schaeffer, Coach: Brian Kreider. 3. Perry Co. 4-H; John Ebersole, Bobby

HIGH INDIVIDUAL BEEF REASONS: 1. Travis Adam. 2. Nate Tice. 3. John Hines. HIGH INDIVIDUAL SHEEP REASONS: 1. Josh Miller. 2. Tim Schaeffer. 3. Jason Corey. HIGH INDIVIDUAL SWINE REASONS: 1. Travis Adam. 2. Ann Leed. 3. Nate Tice. HIGH INDIVIDUAL TOTAL BEEF: 1. John Hines. 2. Sheena Hines. 3. Josh Miller. HIGH INDIVIDUAL TOTAL SHEEP: 1. Ann Leed. 2. Ryan Danough. 3. Zach Martin. HIGH INDIVIDUAL TOTAL SWINE: 1. Tim Schaeffer. 2. Nate Tice. 3. Jason Corey. HIGH INDIVIDUAL TOTAL REASONS: 1. Travis Adam. 2. Ann Leed. 3. Jason Corey. HIGH INDIVIDUAL TOTAL PLACINGS: 1. Sheena Hines. 2. John Hines. 3. Tim Schaeffer. HIGH INDIVIDUAL OVERALL: 1. Sheena Hines. 2. Tim Schaeffer. 3. John Hines. HIGH INDIVIDUAL SWINE PLACINGS: 1. Tiffany Moore. 2. Sheena Hines. 3. Tim Schaeffer. HIGH INDIVIDUAL SHEEP PLACINGS: 1. Ryan Danough. 2. Zach Martin. 3. Wade Dunning. HIGH INDIVIDUAL BEEF PLACINGS: 1. John Hines. 2. Sheena Hines. 3. Josh Miller. HIGH TEAM OVERALL: 1. Perry Co. 4-H; Sheena Hines, Zach Martin, John Hines, Zane Martin, Coach: Krista Pontius. 2. Lebanon Co. 4; Travis Adam, Nate Spatz, Nate

Sue Vilt, Ben Jones, Josh Miller, Coach. Krista Pontius. HIGH TEAM TOTAL PLACINGS: 1. Perry Co. 4-H. 2. Lebanon Co. 4. 3. Perry Co. 4-H. HIGH TEAM TOTAL REASONS: 1. Lebanon Co. 4. 2. Perry Co. 4-H. 3. Lancaster Co.

DELAWARE VALLEY COLLEGE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST RESULTS

HIGH INDIVIDUAL TOTAL SWINE: 1. Jessica Klitsch. 2. Denise Hardisky. 3. Sharon Semrau. HIGH INDIVIDUAL TOTAL SHEEP: 1. Jessica Klitsch. 2. Jamie Willard. 3. Rachael Vecchione. HIGH INDIVIDUAL OVERALL: 1. Jessica Klitsch. 2. Denise Hardisky. 3. Enn Willard. HIGH TEAM OVERALL: 1. Lebanon Co. 2. Susquehanna. 3. Manatawna 4H. HIGH TEAM TOTAL BEEF: 1. Northampton 2. Bucks Co. 4H 2. 3. Bucks Co. 4H 1. HIGH TEAM TOTAL SHEEP: 1. Saul 2. 2. Susquehanna. 3. Manatawna 4-H. HIGH TEAM TOTAL SWINE: 1. Susquehanna. 2. Lebanon Co. 3. Manatawna 4H. HIGH INDIVIDUAL TOTAL BEEF: 1. Samatha Semrau. 2. Heath Spatz. 3. Daniel Fox.

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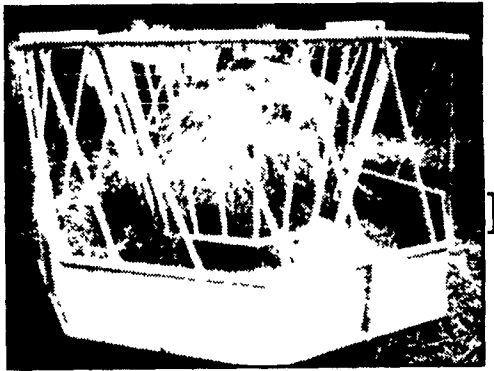
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