

# Youth Exhibitor-Essayists To Receive Lambs At Farm Show

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania Secretary Of Agriculture Sam Hayes will present a Dorset ewe lamb and Suffolk ewe lamb to selected youth essay writers exhibiting in the Junior Sheep Show at the 86th Annual Farm Show.

"Each year youth from across Pennsylvania work hard with their 4-H and FFA livestock projects for county fairs and our Farm Show. 4-H and FFA members gain lifelong values and experiences with their projects, learning responsibility, gaining

hands-on experience about agriculture, earning money to invest in their future, exhibiting good showmanship, and building friendships. I like to help them," Hayes said.

This is the second year Hayes has undertaken the youth development project.

In cooperation with the Nix Besser Farm of Narvon and Pine Haven Farm of Newville, Hayes will help two 4-H or FFA members support their livestock projects with these high quality lambs.

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To be eligible for the contest, 4-H and FFA members must exhibit at the 2002 Farm Show Junior Sheep Show and write a 300-word essay answering the question, "How Will Agriculture Change In the 21st Century and In What Ways Will 4-H and FFA Members Affect the Change?"

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# Dairy Meeting Scheduled In Carroll County, Md.

WESTMINSTER, Md. — The Carroll County Extension Office has scheduled a Mid-Winter Dairy Meeting for Thursday, Jan. 17 with up-to-date information on current dairy practices provided.

The 2002 meeting program offers a variety of educational topics, such as: "Industry Changes and Their Impact on Genetic Improvement;" "Practices for Improving Milk Quality and Profit;" "Quality Silage, Milk Production, and Profitability of the Dairy Operations;" "Managing the Nutri-

ent Interface Between Cropping and Feeding;" "Strategies for Getting Cows Rebred;" and "Maryland Dairy Farm Business Summary."

The meeting is open to anyone with an interest in dairy. There is no charge to attend. Those planning to attend should call by Jan. 14 to reserve a seat at (410) 386-2760.

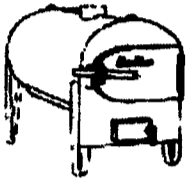
The meeting is in Rooms A and B of the Carroll County Extension Office, Westminster. It will begin at 9 a.m. with milk, coffee and light refreshments.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture exhibit will be located in the Farm Show's Main Exhibit Hall and will be open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Jan. 5-9 and 9 a.m.-4

p.m. Jan. 10. More than \$315,000 in premiums will be offered to Farm Show exhibitors this year, a record.

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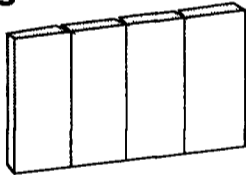
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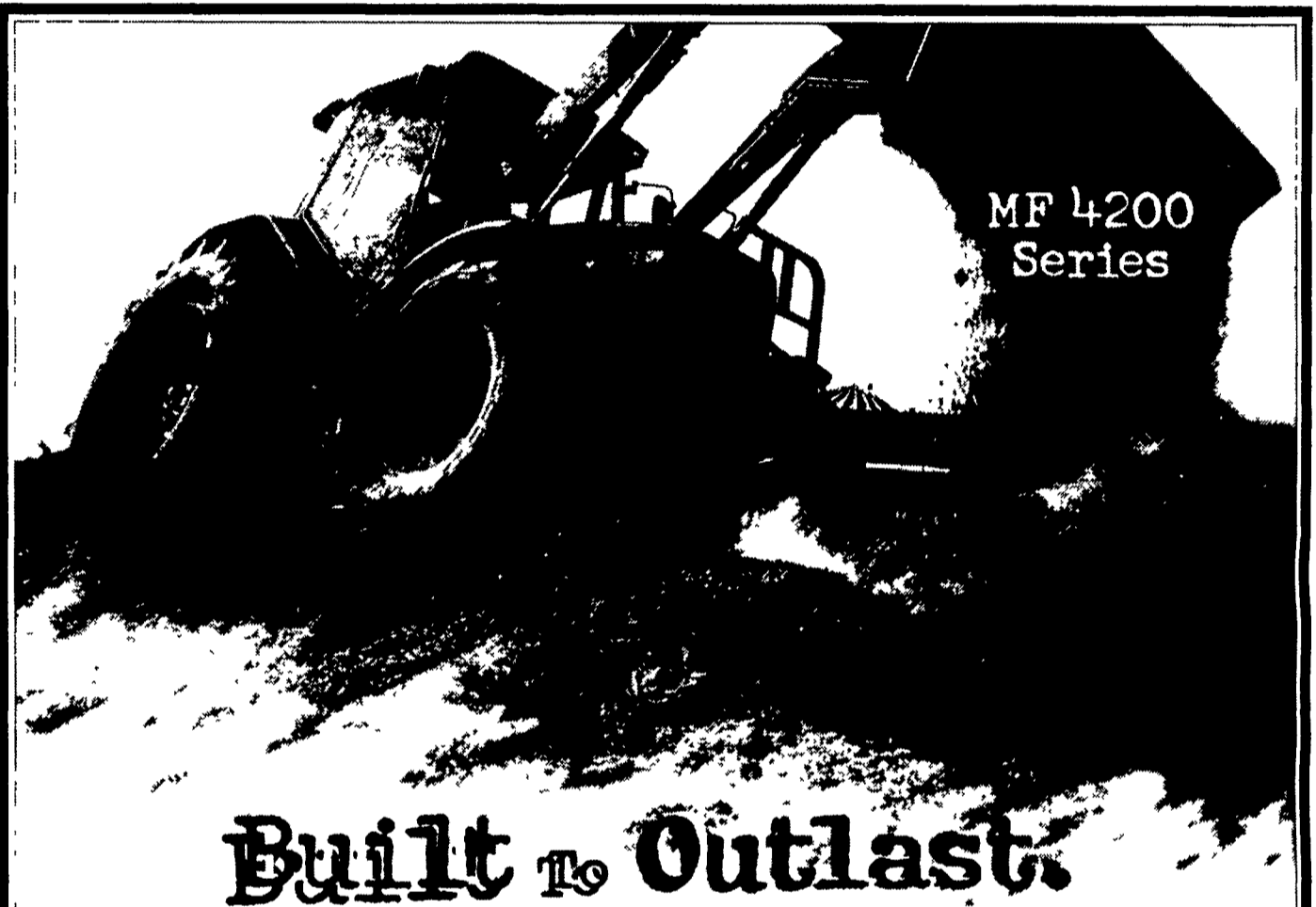
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