

Taylor's Dominate KILE Shire Show

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) —Tom Taylor of Oswego, NY, and his uncle, Rob Taylor of Lisle, NY, dominated the National Shire Show at the Keystone International Livestock Exhibition (KILE) at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. Although their high-quality Shires are housed on separate farms, their shared brilliance in both preparation and exhibition technique are apparent.

The Taylors shared top placings in both the Senior and Junior Champion Mare competitions. Tom Taylor's Caerberllan Diamond was named Junior and Grand Champion Mare (Caerberllan Diamond was the first of Tom's entries to win a Grand Champion award, but one of many to take home class champion placings). Reserve Grand Champion Mare was given to

Tom's Skelton Sophie, who was also named Senior Champion Mare. Rob Taylor's Hillmoor Hannah took home the Senior Champion Mare award.

In all, Tom Taylor won eight ribbons, while Rob Taylor received four during the National Shire Show. Showing Shires at KILE has become a tradition for Tom over the past four years. He also exhibits his horses at approximately 10 competitions per year, including the New York State Fair and other state and regional fairs.

Although the Taylors do much of their own breeding, both the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Mares (Caerberllan Diamond and Skelton Shophie) were imported from England.

Alfalfa Intensive Training Seminar Oct. 21-23

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — One of the most successful programs ever on training alfalfa growers and others associated with the industry will be presented here on Oct. 21-23 at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel.

The 23rd such seminar will again feature an excellent staff to bring alfalfa knowledge to all attendees. These include Dr. Garry Lacefield, University of Kentucky; Dr. Dan Undersander, University of Wisconsin; Dr. Neal Martin, U.S. Forage Re-

search Center; Dr. Glenn Shewmaker, University of Idaho; and Dr. Marvin Hall, Penn State.

A partial list of topics to be covered includes from genetics, varieties, and variety development, seed production, growth and development, soils, fertility, stress management, pests, harvest management, forage quality, marketing, economics, dairy, beef and horse nutrition, and more. Those involved in the industry as agronomists, sales managers, crop advisers, nutritionists, ex-

tension agents, seed growers, alfalfa growers, or any other related field will benefit by attending the seminar.

The seminar is sponsored by the National Alfalfa Alliance. For more information and to register for this seminar, go to the Website, www.alfalfa.org, or phone (509) 585-5460, fax (509) 585-2671, or e-mail rodcc@agmgt.com. From "Seed to Feed," the National Alfalfa Alliance is an organization working for the best interests of the alfalfa industry.

Sign-Up Begins For USDA's 2004 DCP Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Enrollment for the USDA's 2004 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) was set to begin Oct. 1.

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said, "Oct. 1 begins the second year of successful implementation of the 2002 Farm Bill." Producers must sign contracts annually under the DCP, which is a change from Produc-


tion Flexibility Contract requirements under previous farm legislation.

Producers have until June 1, 2004, to enroll for the 2004 DCP. Late-filed applications will be accepted through Sept. 30, 2004, if accompanied by a \$100 late fee. Producers can opt out of participating in the program any year if they choose. For both the 2002 and 2003, more than 98 percent

of the eligible base acres were enrolled.

By the end of October 2003, producers will have received some \$8 billion in DCP payments for the 2002 crops and the direct and the first advance counter-cyclical payments (if any) for the 2003 crops. For all years, refunds to USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will be due if there is a violation of eligibility requirements or, in the case of counter-cyclical payments, if the advance payments exceed the final payment rate.

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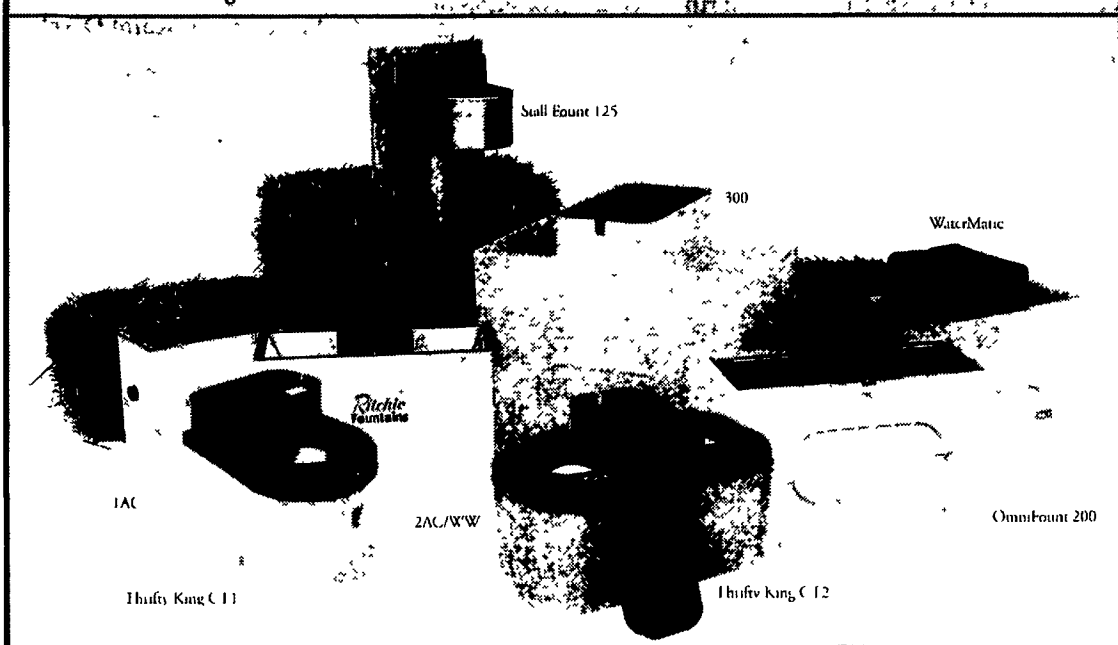


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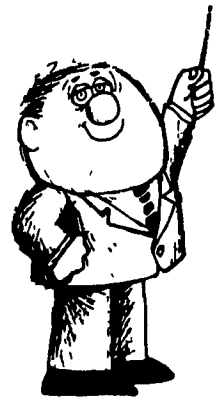
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