

Back Mountain 4-H Calf Club Places Second With Holsteins

The summation of merit awards won by Luzerne County 4-H Club members and dairymen at the third Annual Northeastern Pennsylvania 4-H District Dairy Show held on Friday, August 26, in conjunction with the NEPA Field Day at Tunkhannock is announced by James D. Hutchison, County Farm Agent.

Luzerne County 4-H placings were as follows:

Holstein: Junior Calf Class; second place, Edward Oncay, Lehman, fourth place, Roy Everts, Trucksville, R. D., fifth place, Frank Prutzman, Huntsville; Senior Calf Class; fourth place, Richard Lewis, Pittston, R. D., ninth place, Althia Disque, Trucksville, R. D.

Jersey: Senior Yearling; second place, Charles Drasher, Nescopeck R. D.

Ayrshire: Grand Champion was a senior calf shown by Bobby Rice, Dallas R. D. This animal also won first place as a senior calf in the NEPA show.

Guernsey: Grand Champion was a senior yearling shown by Samuel B. Price of Sugarloaf, R. D., with Reserve Champion shown by Marilyn Swank of Drums R. D. Junior Calf; first place, Marilyn Swank,

Drums R. D., second place, Dan Bell Jr., Pittston, R. D. Senior Calf; first place, Barge Price, Sugarloaf R. D. Junior Yearling; second place, Rollin Swank, Drums R. D. Senior Yearling; first place, Samuel B. Price, Sugarloaf R. D., second place, Lamar Snyder, St. Johns; third place, Foster Billheimer, Drums R. D., fifth place, Richard Briggs, Nescopeck R. D.

All Luzerne County 4-H entries were photographed in color by Allen Wolfe of Shickshinny R. D. Slides will be made from each picture.

In the 4-H County Group Class, consisting of four best calves, Luzerne County placed second in Holsteins, all four animals being in the Back Mountain 4-H Calf Club. They were shown by Edward Oncay, Frank Prutzman, Richard Lewis and Roy Everts. However, in the Guernsey County Group Class, Luzerne County placed first; showing four animals from the Conyngham Valley 4-H Calf Club. The Guerneys were shown by Samuel B. Price, Marilyn Swank, Barge Price and Lamar Snyder.

Showmanship Awards won by Luzerne County 4-H contestants are as follows: (each award issued to three contestants from all counties, competing), first place, Richard Briggs, Nescopeck R. D., second place, Charles Drasher, Nescopeck R. D., and to Lamar Snyder, St. Johns, third place, Samuel B. Price, Sugarloaf R. D.

Fitting awards were also issued in triplicate with the following Luzerne County contestants each winning: first place, Marilyn Swank, Drums R. D., second place, Samuel B. Price, Sugarloaf; third place, Foster Billheimer, Drums R. D.

alfalfa—in replacing costly grains in the dairy cows' rations. With good permanent pasture, the average feed cost of producing milk during the pasture season can be cut in half.

Destroy Weed Seeds - You can kill part of next year's weed crop by destroying all weeds growing around buildings right now. Cut the weeds, pile them, and burn them to kill as many seeds as possible.

Increase Grain Slowly - In feeding new grain to poultry it is best

to increase the amount gradually while still feeding some old grain. This will help avoid digestive upsets.

Scout Leaders Needed

Since many excellent leaders have moved out of the Back Mountain Area, Girl Scout leaders are badly needed in several sections.

If you care to join this worthwhile organization call Mrs. Stanley Davies, Dallas, or Mrs. Richard Prynne, Carverton.

Machine Demonstration

A new soil building Roto-Beater, which chews vines, weeds and other foliage, will be demonstrated Saturday at 1:30 by Charles H. Long on the Willard Cornell farm located one mile from Ruggles corners on Route 115. In case of rain, the demonstration will be held on Monday at 1:30.

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FARM TOPICS

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Have Farm Shop - A well-equipped Farm Shop is good economy. It should be large enough to move field equipment inside. It should be heated for winter work and well lighted for night work when needed in the busy season.

Clean up Garden - Cleaning up the flower and vegetable garden this fall will serve two purposes: improving the looks of the premises and curb diseases next year.

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