

King County Poultry Show.

The Seattle and King County Poultry Association have issued their annual premium list. From it it will be seen that they are preparing for a big show and have a choice lot of premiums to offer. The show will be held in Seattle from December 11th to the 16th. Elmer Dickinson, of Oregon, and W. F. Brrace, of New York, are the principal judges. Both are known to be among the best and those displaying their birds will be sure of fair treatment. The show promises to be the most successful ever held in the county. Charles H. Burnett is secretary and will take pleasure in sending the necessary blanks and information.



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Live Stock Preparations for the "International."

A babel of noise is churning the atmosphere of the scene of the greatest of all live stock displays, the International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago. Preparation is being made on a stupendous scale for the largest display of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep since the inception of that magnificent enterprise. An army of mechanics and laborers is on the ground setting the gigantic stage on which the show will be presented to the people of the North American continent. If the largest list of entries on record warrants such prediction, the 1911 International will throw its forerunners in the shade and each of them was credited with having marked a climax.

An elaborate scheme of interior decoration has been designed and artisans will work overtime during the next two weeks carrying it into effect. New facilities for the convenience of visitors are being installed and neither pains nor expense spared to insure success.

The spacious grounds will be tastefully decorated and brilliantly illuminated, the night setting of the exterior being an added feature. The interior of the mammoth pavilion will present a series of surprises when ready for occupation by the equine and bovine contenders for honors.

Preparation for the International Live Stock Exposition, which will this year be held from December 2nd to 9th, is no insignificant task. Hundreds of artisans consuming a month or more in carrying out plans laid down long previously. Material by the train load is consumed and each year finds new ideas adopted for the benefit of show men and the comfort of visitors. In these preliminaries thousands of dollars are expended, practically all of which is merely reasonable investment.

On the eve of the opening of the Exposition interest was never as keen. All over the country a host of exhibitors are getting live stock into show condition. Breeding and fat stuff is receiving finishing touches at the hands of the master fitters and feeders of the country, loading day being anxiously awaited. The public sees only the culmination of this titanic effort.

An Angora Venison Banquet.

One of the most unique banquets ever attended will be that which will be given by the Dallas Commercial Club January 3-4-5, 1912 to the Northwest Angora Goat Association, which will hold their annual show and convention in that city at that time.

This Convention will be the largest of its kind held any where in the United States, as it is one of the largest and most influential associations of its kind in the country.

The Association numbers 125 of leading Angora goat breeders, and among this number are men who have a national reputation; breeding as they do Angoras which are shipped to all parts of the United States for foundation stock.

It is expected that there will be entries from every state in the Northwest as well as a number of Eastern states, so that the Northwest farmer will have an unusual opportunity to compare local stock with stock from

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other centers. As a means of showing the visitors just what a delicious and palatable article of food Angora meat is, it is proposed to give an Angora venison banquet, which will be undoubtedly one of the most unique affairs in the chronicles of the Northwest, or in the United States for that matter.

A number of Polk Company Angora raisers have agreed to contribute a sufficient number of kids for the purpose, it being reckoned that it will take about an even dozen to satisfy the keen appetites of the 300 or more diners, after the first course has been served and the guests have had a taste of Angora venison for the first time.

Over \$1200 in cash and special premiums will be distributed among the exhibitors of class stock. The number of entries already made show that it will be the largest get-together of Angora goat and Angora goat raisers ever seen in this country.

Dairying in Holland.

In Holland, the most remarkable of all the dairy countries of Europe, the farmers support an astonishing number of cows on a very small area.

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On the best soil the twenty-acre farm will carry twenty cows, three to four horses and sixty sheep and the usual flocks of poultry. This means pasturage for the animals in the summer and grain, roots, hay and roughage for the winter.

The cows are the gigantic black and white known as Friesian and here as Holstein-Friesian cows, and their average production for the country is over 9,000 pounds of fine milk per head.

Land in Holland sells for \$600 to \$2,000 per acre. Tenants pay a rental of \$50 to \$100 per acre and by intensive culture and great-yield cows they make a living, clear the heavy rental, maintain or increase the fertility of the soil and lay up some money.—J. H. Worst.

The Bellingham poultry show will be held November 28th to December 2nd, lasting four days. They are arranging to have the best show they have ever held and as there are a lot of wideawake poultrymen in that vicinity we believe it will be. Lloyd Hilderbrand is the secretary of the association.

The International Live Stock Exposition which is to be held at Chicago from December 2nd to 9th promises to be the most successful meeting of stockmen held during the year. It is hoped that Western stock growers will be in attendance and reap some of the benefits of this great annual event.



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