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**BRAVING THE WIND AND THE RAIN** on Tuesday this trio toured the hybrid poplar plots on the Miles W. Fry & Son farm at Ephrata R3. From left they are: Morton Fry and Miles Fry, farm operators, and Dr. Mirosław Czapowskyj, forest and soils specialist with the U.S. Forest Service. The young trees being observed above were planted as cuttings this spring. L. F. Photo

## Area Grower Doubles Capacity As Hybrid Poplar Popularity Grows

In response to a fast-growing demand for the fast-growing hybrid poplar, an Ephrata R3 grower recently doubled the size of his four-acre tree farm. Miles W. Fry & Son have been "foolin' around with sticks", as one bystander described Fry's process of planting cuttings some time back, for the past ten years. These "sticks" have grown into a business which has shipped hybrid poplars into all the 48-continent states, and to half a dozen foreign countries.

Last year, Fry said he sold close to 100,000 cuttings and trees, this year he and his son Morton hope to double that figure.

Visiting the Fry hybrid poplar farm this week was Dr. Mirosław Czapowskyj, soil scientist and research forester with the U.S. Forest Service at the Northeast Forest Experiment at Kingston, Luzerne County. His job is working

with the various "clones", or varieties, that have been developed, trying to fit them to the needs of the 122,000 acre anthracite region, which he said "is without any biological life". It would take 100 million trees to cover that area, he said.

Many clones in the hybrid poplar family are particularly well-adapted to planting on all sorts of spoil banks, according to the Fry's experience, and to the findings of the forest service. Czapowskyj added that the rock covering on the anthracite spoil banks serves as much to conserve moisture. This, plus the fact that there

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## Area Holstein Bulls Honored

BRATTLEBORO Vt.—Seven area Holstein bulls have been designated Silver Medal Production Sires by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. They are:

Sequoia Jo Pilot (GP) whose 19 daughters averaged 16,606 lbs milk and 612 lbs butterfat. Mistyvale Master Duke whose 40 daughters averaged 15,806 lbs milk and 605 lbs butterfat. Yaiba Admiral Triumph (GP), whose 19 daughters averaged 15,146 lbs milk and 605 lbs butterfat. All bulls are owned by Atlantic Breeders Cooperative, Lancaster.

Red Rose Winterthur Was Leader (VG), owned by John W. Eshelman & Sons, Lancaster. His 11 daughters averaged 16,803 lbs milk and 644 lbs butterfat.

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## ACP Deadline Nov. 30 County ASCS Reminds

Limited funds are available for fall conservation practices, according to Miss Dorothy Y. Neel, manager at Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation office. Farmers interested in fall lime or fertilizer practices are advised to take soil tests and enroll immediately.

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## Week's Fairs Come Up Wet But Sun Shines On Winners

### "Phase Feeding" Neppco Feature

HARRISBURG—A system of feeding laying birds at different nutritional levels throughout their laying life will be the subject of a feature presentation at the 29th Annual Northeastern Poultry Producers Council (NEPPCO) Exposition at the Farm Show Building here October 4-5-6.

The discussion of phase feeding by three well-known university experts is but one of a number of topics for panel discussion expected to draw peak interest at the show. Other topics will include wire-rearing of pullets as cage replacements, new CRD control programs, the latest in broiler housing and egg oiling systems, federal activities affecting the industry and other talks on poultry health, management and marketing procedures.

Dr. Floyd W. Hicks, Penn State University poultry specialist, will moderate a discussion of the subject by Dr. Edwin Sangsen, head of the University of Connecticut Poultry Science Department, and Dr. Edward C. Naber, Ohio State University poultry nutritionist.

Formal presentations by the three experts will be followed by a panel discussion and a

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The new Fair Season got underway this week despite the best hexing efforts of the weatherman. Rain scattered cows and contestants at the Solanco Dairy Show on Wednesday, seriously threatened the Solanco Steer Show on Thursday afternoon — but didn't really let loose until about a half hour after the show was completed, and combined with the band music at the Ephrata Fair Steer Show on Thursday night to keep the cattle and showmen on edge.

But as of press-time, we are happy to report that all shows survived and delivered the usual number of young winners. The Ephrata Dairy Show, scheduled for Friday night, would seem at this time to be assured of dry skies and ground as the storm center moves out of the area.

Next week's fair activities will be highlighted by steer, dairy and hog shows at Lampeter and New Holland.

At Lampeter on Wednesday, 1 p.m., hogs will be judged. At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, the baby beef show will begin. On Thursday, at Lampeter, the junior dairy show will be held at 10:30 a.m., followed by the open class dairy show at 1 p.m.

At the New Holland Farmers Fair, the baby beef and hog shows will be Thursday's main youth attraction. These will be held at 1 p.m. and about 2:30 p.m., respectively. A tractor driving contest at New Holland will be held on Saturday at noon, October 1st.



**GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS** at the Solanco Fair Steer Show, right and left, respectively, were an Angus named "Whitey" shown by Robert Groff of Peach Bottom R2; and a Hereford called "Pete" exhibited by fifteen-year-old Kay Weaver, Quarryville R2. The winners will be featured in further steer competition later in the season at Harrisburg. L. F. Photo

## Farm Calendar

September 26 — 7:30 p.m., Red Rose FFA Chapter at Solanco High School

September 27 — 27th-30th, West Lampeter Community Fair

— 7:30 p.m., Lancaster Landowners Assn. at American Legion Hall Honey Brook

September 28 — 28th-October 1st, New Holland Farmers Fair

— 1 p.m., Swine Show at Lampeter Fair.  
— 7 p.m., Baby Beef judging at Lampeter Fair.

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