

Lancaster Farming

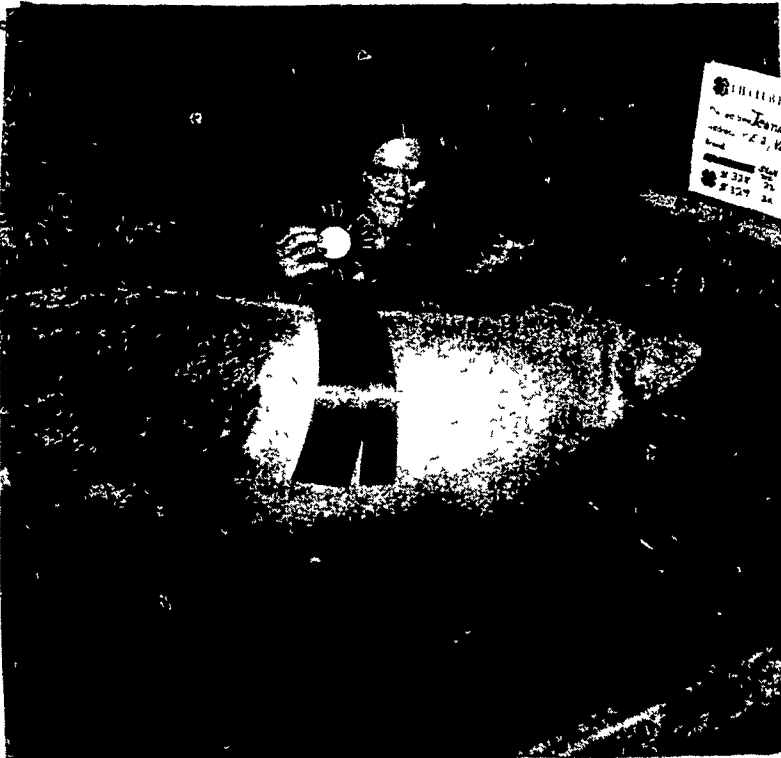
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\$2.00 Per Year



The grand champion steer at the New Holland Fair was shown by Twila Snader of East Earl R2. The steer sold after the show for \$1.00 a pound.



Ten-year-old Jeanie Martin took the grand champion hog prize on Thursday afternoon at the New Holland Fair. It was Jeanie's first year of competition, and she won with a 210 pound crossbreed.



Flashing a beaming victory smile, Mrs. Harold Stuber of Schoeneck stepped into the winner's circle at Friday night's Ephrata Fair. She'd just pulled her way to a resounding victory in the annual cow milking contest, beating out three men in the process.

New Holland, Ephrata Fair Winners Named

Lancaster County's fair season went into its third week with the New Holland Fair which began on Wednesday Last Friday and Saturday saw the closing events of the Ephrata Fair. The Manheim Fair begins on Wednesday, October 11, and will close out the season.

Earl Stauffer entered his last dairy show on Friday night at the Ephrata Fair, and finished his career of FFA competition with a sparkling performance Stauffer turns 21 soon, the mandatory retirement age for FFA competition. He won both the grand and reserve Holstein Championships at the Junior Dairy Cattle Show, third place in senior calf competition, first in junior yearling, first and second in three-year-and-over, and grand champion showman.

Other Holstein winners were: Russell Kline, Reinholds, junior calf; Jay Zimmerman, Ephrata R1, intermediate calf; Richard Bollinger, Lititz R4, senior calf; Ken Groff, Leola, senior yearling; Russell Kline, two-year-old. Ken Groff was the junior champion, Yvonne Stauffer was reserve junior champion.

Winners in the Guernsey competition were: Connie Balmer, Lititz R4, intermediate calf; John Miller, Manheim, senior calf, Dennis Nolt, junior yearling, Jesse Balmer, Lititz R4, senior yearling; Cindy Balmer, Lititz R4, 2-year-old, Jesse Balmer, Lititz R4, 3-year-and-over. Jesse Balmer showed the junior champion, and the senior and reserve senior champions which went on to take the grand and reserve breed championships.

Ayrshire winners were: Ray Martin, New Holland R1, senior calf, Daryl Martin, Stevens R1, junior yearling, Dennis Martin,

Stevens R1, senior yearling, 3-year-old, Daryl Martin. Daryl Martin took grand champion honors with his 3-year-old cow, and Dennis Martin took the reserve champion ribbon.

In Brown Swiss competition, Donald Wenger showed the top junior yearling, two-year-old and three-year-old, and took both reserve and grand champion honors. Kerry Boyd had the top senior yearling.

At the New Holland Fair, grand champion honors in the baby beef competition held on Thursday went to 17-year-old Twila Snader of East Earl R1.

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Wolgemuth Bros. Fighting Pa. Sales Tax Imposition

Wolgemuth Brothers, Inc., Mount Joy feed dealers, are fighting a sales tax case that's being watched carefully by poultrymen all over the state.

The Bureau of Taxes for Education is a part of the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue. The Bureau is responsible for collecting and disbursing all the sales taxes in the state. Back in April of this year, Wolgemuth Brothers were informed that their contract broiler operation was not really within the realm of farming.

Therefore, the Bureau said, the company had to pay a six percent sales tax on all feed, fuel and litter bought to feed chickens being grown by farmers under contract to Wolgemuth.

"This whole thing is really a matter of definition," Guy J. DePasquale told LANCASTER

FARMING in a telephone interview. "We say that if a company contracts with a farmer to grow that company's chickens, then the company isn't engaged in farming. They therefore aren't entitled to a farming exemption from the sales tax. If the farmer bought the feed, he wouldn't have to pay the sales tax, because he's obviously farming. But how can a company that doesn't even own any farmland claim to be farming?"

Jay Wolgemuth said that his company hasn't yet begun to pay the sales tax. "We're waiting until the Bureau's decision is reviewed by a tax board. If the board rules against us, we'll take it to court. I don't see how the tax people can get away with it."

Asked if he knew of any other poultry operations threatened by the sales tax, Wolgemuth said, "Not as far as I know. I think we're their guinea pig."

Kenneth Longacre, president of H. W. Longacre, Inc., and the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, said that he feels a six percent tax on feed could drive the poultry industry out of Pennsylvania. "Right now," he said, "I think we've got about 85 percent of all the chickens in the state being grown under contract. If the companies doing the contracting get socked with a big cost increase, they're going to have no choice but to move out."

The sales tax law has been in effect since 1962, and this is the first time the revenue department has gone after contract farm operations. If they succeed with the poultry industry, it will wipe out a source of earning for many small farmers throughout the state.

One industry spokesman said he feels that other firms which contract for the growing of hogs and grain crops will also be threatened.

Industry leaders seem to feel generally that the state has a pretty weak case. But as one poultryman said, "We can't count on winning."

Farm Calendar

Saturday, October 7

8 p.m. — State Grange talent elimination, Kutztown Grange Hall.

Sunday, October 8

1-5 p.m. — First annual Apple Festival, Menges Mill.

Monday, October 9

7:30 p.m. — Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District board meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Fulton Grange meeting, officer installation, Oakryn.

8 p.m. — Lancaster County Poultry Association meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Tuesday, October 10

10 a.m. — Soybean meeting, Southeast Research Farm, Landisville.

1-3 p.m. — Lancaster County Gourmet Cooking Workshop, Farm and Home Center.

8 p.m. — Farm and Home Foundation board of directors meeting, Farm and Home Center.

45th National FFA Convention, Kansas City, Mo., October 10-13.

Wednesday, October 11

Manheim Farm Fair, October 11-13.

Chester County sewing course for Men's Fashions, Paoli Presbyterian Church.

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Manheim Fair Schedule

Wednesday, October 11

2:30 p.m. — Sheep and Swine Show

5 p.m. — 4-H and FFA Baby Beef Show

7 p.m. — Parade

8 p.m. — Tractor Pulling Contest following Baby Beef Show

Thursday, October 12

6 p.m. — Baby Parade

6:30 p.m. — Dairy Show

Friday, October 13

10 a.m. — FFA Tractor Driving Contest

2 p.m. — Adult Tractor Driving Contest

8 p.m. — Market Hog Sale

8:15 p.m. — FFA Beef Sale following Market Hog Sale