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Manheim Caps Fair Season



The Robert Herr family of Narvon R1, swept all top prizes in sheep competition at the Manheim Farm Show this week. Three of the Herr children are shown here with one of their pen of three entries. Christian is on the left, Elizabeth is in the middle and Barbara is on the right.

A hulking 1200 pound Charolais captured top honors at the Manheim Farm Fair baby beef show on Wednesday evening. This continued a trend started by other crossbreeds in the local fairs held in the past few weeks. The steer was shown by ten-year-old Tom Good, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Good of Litz R2.

Tom came in first in breed, 4-H and overall competition.

Tom's sister, Linda, 15 had the reserve champion Charolais, and his brother, Tim, 13, had the third place steer in the same class.

The reserve grand champion of the show went to the FFA champion steer. Miller's steer was first named FFA Hereford champion before capturing overall FFA honors.

Miller is in his third year showing steers and is a senior at Manheim Central High School where is enrolled in the school's vocational-agricultural program.

The reserve grand champion FFA steer was a Charolais cross

shown by Ken Groff of Manheim R2.

Roland Longenecker had the champion 4-H Angus, a steer which also took reserve grand champion honors of the 4-H show.

His brother, Ken, showed the champion 4-H Hereford. The boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Longenecker, of Litz R2.

The lone Shorthorn, and undisputed winner of its class, was shown by Steve Donough, of Manheim R4.

Completing the FFA judging was the champion Angus shown by Earl Geib, of Manheim R4.

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Farm Calendar

Tuesday, October 17

6 p.m. — Berks County Poultry Association annual meeting, Trainers Restaurant, Quakertown.

8 p.m. — Ephrata Young Farmers monthly meeting, "Farm Credit and Finance", vo-ag department, Ephrata Area High School.

Wednesday, October 18

10 a.m. - 12 noon — Chester County Extension Knit Workshop, Cochranville United Methodist Church.

7:30 p.m. — 4-H Roller Skating Party, Overlook.

Thursday, October 19

10 a.m. — Chester County Ex- (Continued On Page 3)

FFA Judging Contest Winners

Lancaster County vo-ag teachers this week completed the massive job of determining the winners for the county FFA judging contest held September 21 at the Solanco Fair.

Close to 700 FFA members turned out that damp Thursday afternoon to compete for both individual and school honors. The top school was Ephrata. Manheim's team took second place, New Holland was third, and Solanco was a close fourth.

Individual prizes were awarded in dairy judging, livestock (hogs, poultry, sheep and beef), and over-all.

Tom Clawson, Oxford R1, was the top point-getter in the dairy judging. Second through tenth places went to Larry Housekeeper, Nottingham; Daniel Kreider, Manheim R1; Fred Lefever, Quarryville R1; Bill Krantz, Quarryville R1; John Zonders, Kirkwood R1; Dave

Bitler, Peach Bottom, Steve Donough, Manheim R1; and Doug Mull, Millersville R1.

Tops in livestock competition was Gary Messner, Narvon R1. Second through tenth: Mike Bollinger, Ephrata; John Garret, Conestoga R1, Donald Wenger, Manheim R2, Barry Wissler, Ephrata; Parke Kauffman, Millersville R1; Dwight Martin, Mt. Joy R1, Lynn Groff, Ephrata R2; Jeff Glockin, Quarryville; and Mike Grube, Elm.

First place over-all honors went to Daniel Kreider, Manheim R1. Second through tenth in the over-all were: Lynn Groff, Ephrata R2, Dave Bitler, Peach Bottom; Jeff Glockin, Quarryville R3; Donald Wenger, Manheim R2, Dave Young, Quarryville, Bill Krantz, Quarryville, Mike Bollinger, Litz R4, Dave White, Manheim R3; and Russell Kline, Reinholds

Norman K. Hoover Honored by FFA

Norman K. Hoover, professor of agricultural education at The Pennsylvania State University, was awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the 45th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America at Kansas City, Mo., October 12. Dr. Hoover joins a group of educators, farmers, businessmen, and civic leaders recognized for their contribution to American youth through agricultural education and the FFA.



Norman Hoover

A native of Lancaster County, Dr. Hoover was a charter member of the Garden Spot FFA Chapter, Lampeter High School; a state officer in the FFA; and a Keystone Farmer Degree recipient. As a teacher of agriculture, four of his students were state officers and outstanding leaders in state and area FFA activities.

Two others selected from Pennsylvania were Donald J. Chattin, coordinator of agricultural education at the

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Three local contestants in national FFA competition were announced as LANCASTER FARMING went to press. The trio competed this week against other FFA members from all over the country during the annual FFA convention in Kansas City, Mo.
Gerald R. Metzler, Atglen, won a gold medal in dairy cattle showmanship. Bronze medals went to John Weaver, Ephrata, and Cliff Charles, Lancaster. Weaver was entered in the meat competition, while Charles competed in the livestock showmanship contest.

Organic Farmer Says . . .

"Jim McHale is A Ray of Hope"

"Jim McHale is a ray of hope. His program for small farmers could be a bellwether for other programs around the nation."

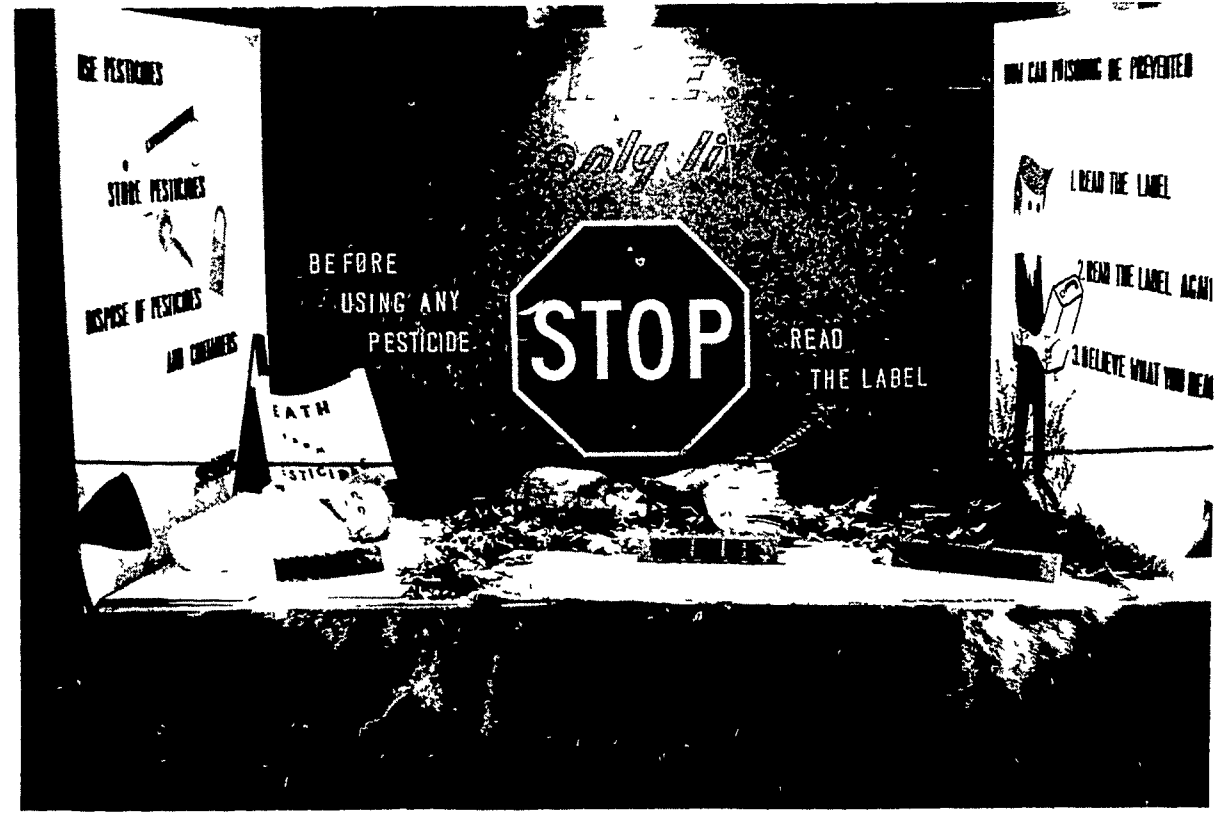
This statement by Jeff Cox could have started riots at some farm gatherings, but it brought only gentle applause from an audience attending the Natural Food, Soil and Healing Arts Convention held this week in Intercourse.

Cox manages an organic farming operation for Rodale Press, publishers of "Organic

Gardening & Farming" and "Prevention" magazines. Cox's farm near Emmaus, Pa., is devoted to testing the ideas promulgated in the company's publications.

In his speech, Cox tore into giant agribusiness firms and the USDA, two favorite targets of Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Jim McHale. Cox said agribusiness was dedicated solely to increases in production

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First prize in the FFA window display contest at the Manheim Farm Show this week went to the Manor Chapter. Their

display explained the hazards from improper use of chemical pesticides.