

## Berks Co. FFA In Events at Fair

It has been another successful year for the Berks County FFA at the Kutztown Fair. The morning of Friday August 23 was reserved for a county dairy and livestock judging. In the dairy judging contest, a class of Holstein milking cows was judged, along with a class of heifers and another milking cow class. Jeff Miller of RD3 Kutztown, representing the Kutztown Chapter finished first in this contest, with a perfect score in all three classes. Nick Sattazahn of RD1 Womelsdorf, Tulpehocken Chapter, finished a close second with perfect scores on two classes. Robert Gerhart, RD1 Wernersville, Conrad Weiser Chapter; finished third; James Adam, RD2 Hamburg, Hamburg Chapter, fourth; Todd Schroeder, RD2 Hamburg, Hamburg Chapter, fifth; Alfred Adam, RD1 Shoemakersville, Hamburg Chapter, sixth; George Charles, RD1 Womelsdorf, Tulpehocken Chapter, seventh; Craig Grumbine, RD1 Richland, Tulpehocken Chapter, eighth; Roger Imes, RD3 Fleetwood, Oley Valley Chapter, ninth; and Herman Manbeck, RD1 Womelsdorf, Conrad Weiser Chapter, tenth.

In the livestock judging contest participants placed a class of market steers, a class of market swine, and a class of breeding gilts. First place in livestock judging was captured by Luke Krill, RD1 Bernville, Tulpehocken Chapter. Second place went to Marlin Dietrich, RD1 Kempton, Kutztown Chapter; third place - Robert

Stoltzfus, RD2 Elverson, Twin Valley Chapter; fourth place - Harold Zellers, RD1 Wernersville, Conrad Weiser Chapter; fifth place - Darrel Stoltzfus, RD2 Elverson, Twin Valley Chapter; sixth place - Cathy Muth, RD1 Alburdis, Brandywine Chapter; seventh place - Arthur Noss, Wernersville, Conrad Weiser Chapter; eighth place - Edward Wertz, RD1 Shoemakersville, Hamburg Chapter; ninth place - Robert Donkel, RD1 Bethel, Tulpehocken Chapter; tenth - David Staaby, RD1 Womelsdorf, Conrad Weiser Chapter.

On Friday afternoon the county tractor driving contest was held, with the traditional three parts to the contest - four - wheeled wagon, manure spreader, and obstacle course. In this contest, each county chapter is limited to one participant. Robert Stoltzfus of Twin Valley finished first with James Adam of Hamburg and Jeff Miller of Kutztown a close second and third. Robert and Jim will now represent Berks County in the area contest against drivers from Lebanon and Schuylkill county. Other participants were: Myles Angstadt of Brandywine, George Carles of Tulpehocken, Michael Gauby of Oley, and David Staaby of Conrad Weiser.

Northern Lebanon FFA captured first place in the window exhibit class with its exhibit "PROPERTY DESTROYED BY FIRE". Kutztown FFA finished second with - "SOS - SAVE OUR STREAMS". Conrad Weiser's "THE

ENERGIZED FARMER" was third; "SOYBEANS FOOD, FEED, FUTURE" from Twin Valley was fourth; and Tri-Valley's "IS THERE A ROTARY ENGINE IN YOUR FUTURE" was fifth. Other entries were: Annville Cleona, "SAFE FUN ON A WINTER NIGHT"; Berks County FFA, "FFA PREPARING YOUTH FOR TOMORROW'S AGRICULTURE"; Lebanon County FFA, "CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT"; Lehigh County Vo-Tech, "DIGESTION IN A STEER"; and Governor Mifflin, "DON'T BOX YOURSELF IN" Lehigh County Vo-Tech also placed a horticultural exhibit - "DO IT YOURSELF COLD FRAME".

## Growing Degree Days

In Lancaster the average temperature for the week was 63 degrees which was degrees less than the normal for the season.

For crops starting at 4 degrees, the degree days totaled 4235 or 60 over the average. Days totaled 267 for crops starting at 5 degrees which was 36 less than average.

Rainfall for the week was 2.15 inches and measured from April 1 totaled 24.2 inches or 1.78 inches over the average.



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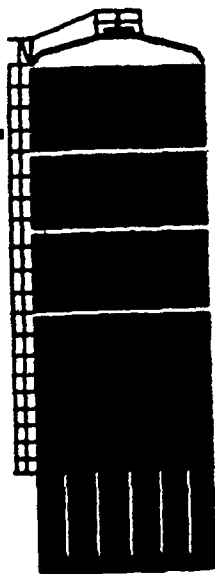
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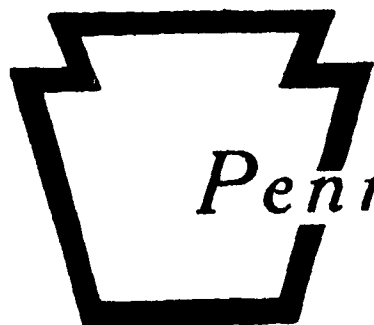
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