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Ron Kreider, right, Manheim RD5 showed his crossbred animal to the grand championship of the Manheim Community Fair baby beef show on

Wednesday night. Tom Good, Lititz RD2, was the reserve grand champion winner. Both steers were 4-H entries.

## At USDA's Chicago Hearing . . .

# Dairymen Ask For 81¢ Hike

If dairymen from across the country get their wish, they could have an 81-cent per hundredweight boost in milk prices in all 61 federal market orders throughout the U.S. The increase could be effective as early as November 1, according to some observers attending the nation-wide milk hearings conducted this week in Chicago by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Dairy groups have been clamoring for a price hearing for months. The lack of action by the USDA has been credited to the department's belief that bumper crops this year would drive feed costs down and dairymen's earnings up. The summer drought in the Midwest however, changed the picture. And when frost hit big portions of cornbelt country in late September, the hearing was hurriedly scheduled.

Among the area groups giving testimony at the hearing were the Pennsylvania Farmers Association and the Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative.

Speaking for PFA was Charles Dull, commodity director for the general farm organization that represents farmers throughout the state. "In recent month," Dull told the hearing officials, "we have observed a general deterioration in prices paid to producers. All signs at this point indicate even further deterioration this fall and winter. Yet during this period, the prices of a dairy farmer's inputs continue to climb."

Dull told the hearing that even if some action were taken to give price relief to farmers, the relief would be only temporary unless some measures were taken to include the cost of production in the price. Whatever price may come out of the

Chicago hearing, he pointed out, would not take into account the probable increases which will come up in the months ahead.

Discussing the hearing after he had returned to his Philadelphia office, Dr. Paul Hand, Inter-State's chief economist, said that an 81-cent increase would give producers in Philadelphia's Federal Order 4 market area a blend price of \$10.28 in November. "But that's still

65-cents under the price last spring," Hand pointed out. "The situation is getting critical," he noted. "If grain prices go much higher without some price relief for dairy farmers, we're going to see a lot of herds slaughtered. Producers are trying to decide whether or not they'll go on in the face of higher and higher costs."

Asked about the chances for a milk price hike, Hand

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## County Fair Season Closes In Manheim

Lancaster County's fair season drew to a close this week with the annual Manheim Community Fair. Youngsters competed for trophies and prize money with hogs, steers, sheep and cows, some of them repeating triumphs scored at other area fairs. An unusual feature of this year's show was the annual Pennsylvania Pork Producers Cooking Contest held Thursday night.

The contest was won by the Lancaster County Swine Producers representative, Jon McClure. McClure is from Bucks County, is a consumer education specialist with Food Fair, and won the judges' palates with a tasty concoction of fresh sausage, buttermilk

and cheese, done to perfection on a charcoal grill.

Other Thursday evening action saw Russel Kline, Reinholds R1, add even more glitter to what must surely be a bulging trophy case. The 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kline showed his four-year-old Fought-Land Eagle Ingra to capture top prize in both Holstein and best 4-H and FFA dairy competition.

Another big dairy winner was Linda Kauffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kauffman, Elizabethtown R1. Linda walked off with the top fitting as well as the top showmanship award.

Other dairy show winners were:

**Ayrshire**  
Junior Calf - Daryl Martin, Dennis Martin.

Intermediate Calf - Doreen Martin (junior champion).

Senior Calf - Cherry Kupp, Junior Yearling - Teresa Kupp, Mike Breidenstein.

Senior Yearling - Dennis Martin, Daryl Martin.

Junior get of Sire - Teresa Kupp, Cherry Kupp and Mike Breidenstein, first.

Aged Cow - Daryl Martin (grand champion), Dennis Martin.

Daughter-Dam - Dennis Martin.

Produce of Dam - Dennis Martin.

Best Udder - Daryl Martin, Dennis Martin.

**Holstein**  
Junior Bull Calf - Russel Kline, Daryl Bollinger, Paul Horning.

Senior Bull Calf - Linda Kauffman, Ruby Ginder.

Junior Calf - Russel Kline, Steve Kauffman, Martha Gregory, Jim Rutt, Marlin Gruber.

Intermediate Calf - Arlan Keener, Richard Bollinger, Paul Horning, Glenn Kline, Lowell Brubaker.

Senior Calf - Junior Rodgers, Kerry Boyd, Martha Gregory, Ruby Ginder, Daryl Bollinger.

Junior Yearling - Russel Kline, Richard Bollinger, Ruby Ginder.

Senior yearling - Linda Kauffman (junior champion), Arlan Keener, Steve Kauffman, Paul Horning, Kerry Boyd.

Junior Get of Sire - Russel Kline, Paul Horning, first; Lowell Brubaker, Christine Brubaker, second.

Two-Year-Old - Jay Zimmerman.

Three-Year-Old - Robert

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## FFA To Honor Area Teachers And Students

by Melissa Piper

Two area vocational agricultural teachers will be receiving their Honorary American Farmer Degrees when the 47th National FFA convention convenes on Oct. 15th in Kansas City.

Dr. William Fredd, Solano and Neal Burtner, Owen J. Roberts High School, Berks County, will along with 72 other teachers from 31 states will be receiving their awards during the Thursday morning session of the convention.

Dr. William Fredd resides at 410 W. Chestnut St. in

Quarryville with his wife Francis, and has been a vocational agricultural instructor for the past several years at Solanco High School.

Fredd received his masters degree from the University of Delaware in 1965 and recently received his Ph.D. from Penn State in agricultural education.

Under his direction, numerous students have won their American Farmer Degrees or have participated on award winning judging teams.

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## Conservationist Plants Corn in Downhill Rows

Aaron Stauffer planted his corn up and down the hills this year on his Ephrata RD1 farm. It's the kind of planting that seems to go against a basic tenet of conservation farming. And yet, the man with the downhill rows is chairman of the Lancaster County Conservation District board of directors. For two year's he was president of the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, and

he's currently serving as a member of the State Rural Environmental Control Program advisory board. Stauffer has been an avid conservationist for 20 years, his father before him was a conservationist and his son Carl is a believer in conservation techniques.

Is Aaron Stauffer, then, a conservation backslider? Not on your life.

"I'm convinced you can

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This group of conservationists was photographed Thursday morning walking through Aaron Stauffer's downhill corn rows. Stauffer, Ephrata RD1 is chairman of the Lancaster County Conservation District, and planted his corn rows with the slopes this year in an attempt to conserve crop and fuel.

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