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Although this young calf doesn't look much like the American bison, yet he was sired by an animal with buffalo blood. The calf is one of the first-born in the state, and is the

beginning of what is hoped to be a purebred Beefalo herd at the Graterford Prison in Montgomery County.

Beefalo Calves Are First In Pennsylvania

by Dick Wanner

The sons and daughters of an American legend are walking the grounds of Graterford Correctional Institute in Montgomery County. They're only calves, but they are descendants of the massive buffalo herds that once thundered through the Great Plains.

If the advance publicity is to be believed, animals like these young calves will soon be making a thunderous noise in the marketplace. Would you believe a beef animal that weighs 1000 pounds at 10 months, an animal that can convert four pounds of grass into a pound of beef - without any grain supplement - an animal with a lean carcass that dresses out at 63-percent of its live weight, meat that is 10 percent higher in protein than beef, and meat that is said to be more tender, juicier and tastier than beef? Would you believe all that? Would you like to order a truckload of feeders?

Well, we can't verify the claims for Beefalo - the first American "exotic" - and we can't tell you where to get

any feeders. But when Nick Kohut, Graterford's farm manager, called us and said he had brand new Beefalo calves, we drove over to take a look. Kohut, who lived in Lancaster for several years while he managed the Jet Age Swine Breeding operation, is trying to see how well the Beefalo animals live up to their advance

publicity. And if they come close, Kohut plans to develop a purebred Beefalo herd sometime around 1980.

Beefalo animals, which are not yet considered a recognized breed, are the result of 15 years of work by D. C. Basolo, Jr. Basolo now has a 5000-head Beefalo herd in California. He began

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Irwin Honored at Poultry Fete

Jay Irwin, Lancaster's Associate County Agent, was honored for his outstanding contributions to the poultry industry during the Lancaster County Poultry Association's annual meeting held on Thursday, November 7th at Good 'N Plenty Restaurant.

John R. Huber, Jr., Lititz, president of the board of directors presented Irwin with an attractive desk set and clock in appreciation of his work.

"Jay Irwin," Huber explained "has put in long hours of work for the Lancaster Poultry Association often working many hours at night and on weekends to aid our group."

"We want to honor him for this time and effort, tonight."

John Hoffman, representing the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation gave a report of the State organization's work and called upon the Lancaster Association to continue its

outstanding work in the educational and promotional fields.

Lancaster County's Poultry Queen, Michele Melhorn, then addressed the guests, explaining the functions that she has been involved in during her reign in the county.

Directors elected at the meeting for the coming year were: Melvin Shumaker, representing Victor F. Weaver's, New Holland; J. Leroy Esbenshade, Manheim; Ed Moshier, Lititz and John Melhorn, Mount Joy.

John G. Fish, Plant Engineer at Sperry New Holland, was Keynote Speaker for the event. Along with his address, Fish showed a slide presentation. Master of ceremonies for the evening was Ed Moshier, a poultry producer from the Lititz area, with entertainment being brought by the Good Brother's Quartet of York.

Farmer, Grain Dealer Clash Over Contract

by Dick Wanner

Disagreement over contract terms, contract language and production supplies between a Maryland farmer and a York County grain dealer saw the two locked in a court battle last Thursday in Gettysburg in the Adams County Court House. The dealer, Kenneth Hostetter of the K & D Grain Co., Hanover, lost the jury trial, but says he plans to appeal. The winner in the case, Charles Campbell, is a grain farmer who operates several farms with his father, Christopher, just across the Maryland line.

The dispute between Hostetter and Campbell arose in November of last

year, when Campbell delivered a load of soybeans to Hostetter's plant. Prior to that delivery, the farmer had delivered some 10,000 bushels of corn, in July, to partially satisfy a contract to deliver 20,000 bushels at a price of \$1.70 per bushel. The market price at the time of delivery was \$2.95. He had also delivered 1500 bushels of wheat on a 3000-bushel contract at \$2.15.

Campbell delivered the entire 1000 bushels of soybeans called for in the contract, which called for a payment of \$7 a bushel. Market price at the time of the November delivery was about \$5 a bushel.

As the corn and the wheat

were being delivered in June and July, Hostetter paid for their grain. But when they came to claim their soybean check in November, he withheld it, saying they still owed him 10,000 bushels of corn and 1500 acres of wheat.

Campbell then sued Hostetter for the soybean check. Hostetter, in turn, countersued, claiming that Campbell's non-compliance with the corn and wheat contracts had caused him a monetary loss of some \$14,000. That claim was based on the difference between the contract price and the market price on the last day for delivery under the contract terms. In order

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Dave Gerhart, New Providence, wants to continue farming especially raising small grains and dairy animals, when he graduates from Solanco High School this spring.

Dave Gerhart

Farming Will Be His Career

by: Melissa Piper

David Gerhart, is a young man who is interested in farming after he graduates from high school this coming spring. "Not such a desirable career you say?" Well, Dave thinks so and is anxious to begin raising his own dairy animals and small grain crops.

David has had lots of practice as he has been active in the Solanco FFA Chapter of Solanco High School. During his FFA work David has taken dairy, grain, hay and corn projects.

His dairy animals have been a success to him as he

has shown prize-winning animals at the Solanco Fair, District Dairy Show and at the State Dairy Show. One of his most prized awards was winning the reserve junior champion award at the District show with his Guernsey dairy cow.

Not only has he been active with dairy projects, but Dave also served as photographer for the FFA and participated on the Small Gas Engine team and in the County Soil Judging contests.

He also participated on the initiation committee and has

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