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Jim Brown, a Perry County beef farmer, was one of the peaceful NFO'ers on hand in Harrisburg Monday morning for a sale of NFO hamburger directly to consumers.

Some 800 customers showed up and carted away more than 13,000 pounds of lean hamburger in one hour and 20 minutes.

800 At NFO Hamburg Sale

In just one hour and 20 minutes last Monday morning, National Farmers Organization members from Perry and Dauphin Counties sold at retail over 13,000 pounds of lean ground beef. When they opened the doors of their trailer, the NFO'ers were greeted by a crowd of hundreds, lined up to buy five-pound bags of hamburger for \$5 apiece, just under 91-cents a pound. The first person in line was a 71-year-old lady to buy her package. Altogether, about 800 buyers showed up and left with single packages, arm loads, 50-lb. boxes or trunk loads.

Some 25 NFO members were on hand to help with distributing the meat, taking the money, and promoting the product. "You can't get meat like this in the stores," a man in an NFO cap shouted as he walked through the crowd. "Stock up while you can. We used everything - the steaks, the roasts - not just the trimmings. Get your 80-percent lean hamburger right here,

folks. It's going fast." On hand to record the sale were representatives from local papers and wire services, and local and network TV cameramen. There was also a surprise visit from the Dauphin County Bureau of Health. The inspectors found nothing amiss with the sale. A month earlier, at the Pennsylvania Farm Show the same NFO group had set

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Hans Herr Chapter Celebrates First Nat'l. FFA Week

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The observance of National FFA Week will take place this coming week (Feb. 15-22) and for the newly organized Hans Herr FFA chapter in Lancaster County, it will be the first occasion to mark the event.

The Hans Herr FFA Chapter, which was organized at the Willow Street Vo-Tech school in southern Lancaster County, was granted their charter during the state FFA Mid-winter convention held in Harrisburg during Farm Show Week.

Two advisors, James Kerr, horticulture instructor and Charles Patterson, floriculture instructor, head the organization which presently has a strong membership of 42 students enrolled in both areas of study.

To be chartered in the State and recognized at the National level, the chapter had to draw up a constitution and present a work program for the coming year.

"The students took an interest and did most of the

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Chester DHIA Annual Meet

Chester County Dairy Herd Improvement Association members held their 16th Annual Meeting last Thursday evening at the Guthrieville Fire Hall. During the meeting, the members approved two amendments to their bylaws, elected three new directors for three-year terms on the board, and honored two of their number with production awards.

This year's top award for butterfat went to Jefferson D. Yoder, Elverson R1. Last year, Yoder's 53.3-cow herd of Registered Holsteins averaged 688 pounds of butterfat, while compiling an average record of 17,386 pounds of milk.

The high milk production award went to Earl M. Weir, Cochranville R2. Weir's 33.6 Registered Holsteins produced an average 17,684 pounds of milk, while

producing 672 pounds of fat. Chester County agent Robert Powers pointed out to the group that there were ten

herds in the county this year averaging over 600 pounds of fat. Only seven herds topped

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Gerald Keller

Young Hog Farmer Wins County Award

by: Melissa Piper
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For a young man just 16 years-of-age, Gerald Keller, Lititz R2, has taken on much responsibility as he has been in partnership with his brother raising market feeder pigs for sale. Gerald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Keller.

Gerald began his swine operation three years ago as a project for his freshman

FFA class. For the next two years, Gerald raised market hogs to sell but as a junior, added a new dimension to his program by beginning a swine breeding operation.

Gerald now has 20 sows that he rotates in 4 groups for a breeding schedule. He raises the young pigs to 8 weeks of age and sells them as feeder animals usually to his father who then raises

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Discussing plans for the coming year are officers of the newly chartered Hans Herr FFA chapter. Seated (from left) Kathy Moyer (sitting in for Kathy Hamm), news reporter, McCaskey; Dawn Hershey, treasurer,

Pequea Valley; Diane Skethway, secretary, Pequea Valley; standing (from left) Chris Miller, president, Penn Manor; Keith Herr, sentinel, Penn Manor and Sam Fonzi, chaplain, Penn Manor.