

Jeff Miller, State Star Farmer

Happiness is farming

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Berks Co. Correspondent
VIRGINVILLE — Jeff Miller, FFA State Star Farmer of the year, really enjoys farming. In fact, he says, "I wouldn't give it up for anything else in the world. I just wouldn't be happy doing anything else."

Jeff, who lives and works with his parents on their Kutztown R3 dairy farm, also finds time for winning various ag-related and scholastic awards.

He won the State Star Farmer award by managing 42 dairy cattle and two 250 acre crop farms. The major crops being: corn, barley, alfalfa and oats.

In the past he has won three gold medals for his project books, a first place in county public speaking competition and first place state and fourth national for dairy judging.

This past summer he showed the grand champion Holstein in the Junior Dairy competition at the Allentown Fair.

While attending Kutztown High School he was a member of the National Honor Society. During his junior year he was chapter president of the FFA. He then went on to become county president. In addition, he also won first place in the FFA tractor driving contest while in high school.

His other activities include membership in the Berks Junior Holstein Association, Kutztown Young Farmers, American Institute of Cooperatives, treasurer of the Zion United Church of Christ Youth Fellowship Group, Virginville 4-H president and membership in the Virginville Grange.

Jeff credits his success to his father and several FFA advisors. "I just couldn't have done it without them. You just don't go out somewhere and start farming. You need a lot of help and guidance," he says.

Jeff enjoys the FFA and all its related activities. "Before I joined the club I



Berks Countian, Jeff Miller, has won numerous awards during his years as a member of the Kutztown FFA chapter, the latest one being the State Star Farmer Award for 1975. He says he wouldn't be happy doing anything else but farming.

was out of the state maybe twice. Since I've joined I've been travelling all the time," he remarked. "It's a good way to see a lot of places and people and learn a lot of new things," he added.

Jeff says he was travelling so much this summer, to various competitions and fairs, that his father had to hire someone extra to help around the farm.

His plans for the future include a lot of hard work on his parent's farm. Farming is his life and he wants to make the most out of it.

Later this month he will be going to Kansas City to compete for the title of National Star Farmer.

Cox addresses Kiwanians

ELIZABETHTOWN — National Central Bank, Director of Public Relations, Dennis F. Cox, addressed a meeting of the Elizabethtown Kiwanis Club here Monday evening.

Cox told the group that although the banking industry is and will likely remain involved in the financing of pollution control measures, the ultimate cost of cleaning up our environment will fall to the average American taxpayer.

He pointed out that already established ecological goals will cost the nation staggering amounts in the immediate future and that while debate continues over techniques and methods there seems to be no question that pollution control has become national policy.

According to the Lancaster bank executive, it will cost \$40 billion a year for the next 25 years if we are serious about cleaning up the environment and keeping it clean.

He reported to the group that the banking industry is already and will continue playing a major role in financing pollution control measures. "The industry is accomplishing this through support of municipal bonds and through private sector loan activity," he said. "However, regardless of methods of financing or techniques of pollution control, the middle income taxpaying-consumer will ultimately pay for environmental efforts through taxes, price increases, and other social tolls such as unemployment and reduced productivity growth."

Cox, 1015 Kreps Road, Lancaster, is a graduate of Penn Manor High School and earned degrees in journalism and political science at Pennsylvania State University. He came to National Central from Sperry New Holland, Division of Sperry Rand Corporation in 1974.

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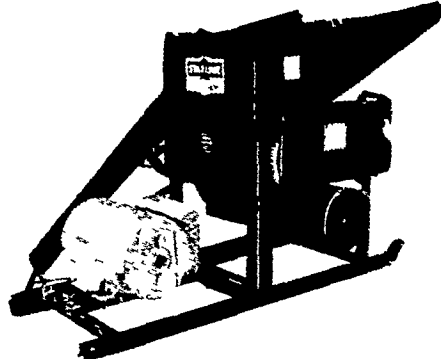
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