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Pennsylvania Holstein breeders honored

GETTYSBURG - A number of Holstein breeders were honored Thursday at the annual meeting of the Pa. Holstein Association, held here. Recognition took place during the morning session of the annual meeting.

Plaques were given to

consignors of top-selling animals at Holstein Association-managed sales. Ajay Farm, Spartansburg, owned by Marion Alsdorf and Sons, received the award for the top selling female consignment to the State Calf Sale, Ajay Elevation Wallie Marge, that

sold for \$2,700 in April. Keystone Farm, Donald Seipt, Easton, received the award for the top selling male consignment at the State Calf Sale, Keystone Jolly Hi Fi, that sold for \$3,200. The top selling cow was consigned by Clyde Wilson, Rushville, Splendor-

Ridge Texal Serena, which sold for \$3,200.

Erinwood Farms, LeRoy, New York and Donald A. Seipt, Easton, received a similar award for the top selling bull at the September Pa. All-American Invitational Sale. Lienroc Joyous Matt sold for \$8,000.

Receiving recognition for consigning top selling females at the Invitational Sale were: Fred Strouse & Associates, Centre Hall, & Providence Haven Holsteins, Inc., Carlisle; and Ross E. Smith, Jr. & Sons, Monkton Md. They sold for \$12,500 and \$4,500 respectively.

Production awards were presented to Clarence & Kenneth Mowry, Roaring Spring, for the World Record Milk Champion, Mowry Prince Corinne; J. Mowery Frey, Jr., Lancaster, for the Living Lifetime Fat Leader,

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McHale's future may be decided next week

By Dieter Krieg

HARRISBURG - James McHale's fate as Pennsylvania's Secretary of Agriculture may be decided as early as Monday morning, according to sources at the State Capitol.

Hearings concerning the controversial Secretary's performance and policies were held earlier this month and the matter is currently laying before the Senate Rules Committee. A death in the family of one of its

members has caused a delay on Senate confirmation or rejection of McHale, but the issue is likely to be taken up next week, possibly as early as Monday morning, according to a spokesman for the State Senate.

The chief of the public information office within the Pa. Dept. of Agriculture, Jack Freed, said in a telephone interview on Thursday that "none of us know for sure" what

McHale's future in the Department might be.

McHale, as readers may recall, was rejected by the Senate last July and Governor Shapp immediately resubmitted his name.

The hearings which took place earlier in the month were "pretty evenly divided," said Freed, "which is the way most hearings go." McHale is reportedly "content" with

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Lost farmland is economic blow

By Melissa Piper

LANCASTER - Losing prime agriculture land to industrial and housing interests would be a severe economic blow to Lancaster County and Pennsylvania in general, according to Hays B. Gamble, professor of Agricultural Economics at Penn State.

Gamble delivered his

grave remark during a talk on land use planning in Lancaster County late last week at a Farmer's Day meeting of the Lancaster Rotary.

Noting that Lancaster County exports much of its agricultural bounty, the economist explained the need for keeping farming land intact.

"The dairy products alone which are produced in this area," are enough to feed five times the population of Lancaster county," he remarked.

Gamble also told the audience that agriculture in the area had provided a great quantity of jobs for people who might otherwise be unemployed.

"There are many jobs in the county not directly related to farming but which depend on the agriculture," he stated.

"For every farmer working in the field there is at least one other person employed to work in industry created by agriculture."

The economist stated that 12 percent of the total em-

ployment of Lancaster County was dependent on agriculture with 11 percent of the total income resting on agriculture.

While many economists seem to see more relevance in securing prime agricultural land for industrial use of housing,

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