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A farm east of Lancaster is silhouetted against the western sky, symbolizing the end of another harvest season and the coming of winter.

Dairyman named outstanding young farmer

By Melissa Piper
HERSHEY - While many farmers seek answers to the problems of agricultural production, "good management is the key in any farming enterprise," according to Jay Brandt, recently selected as the outstanding young farmer in the state.

Brandt, a Dauphin County dairyman, received the honor after being selected as the outstanding young farmer in the southeastern portion of Pennsylvania. While believing that management is important, Brandt has spent many hours putting his theory into practice. The young man

began his farming enterprise 10 years ago with three cows, some used machinery, an older barn and a lot of hope. "I didn't really know that much about cows, before I began my operation," Brandt explained. "I had taken dairy projects in FFA during high school but not to the extent of

making it a full time enterprise." Brandt was prepared for his work however, after having been the State Star Farmer in dairying in 1965. Two years later the dairyman was to be named an American Farmer for improvement in agriculture under the FFA program.

"It took awhile, but I did build up a herd of Holsteins," noted Brandt. "At first when I had three cows, I didn't even see the need to join DHIA but as my herd grew I got into the program." Brandt's herd has shown outstanding improvement going from three cows and no recorded herd average to

65 head of milking Holsteins and a herd average of nearly 15,000 pounds. The Hershey R1, farmer has a comfort stall barn with a milk transfer system. "The barn was remodeled five years ago," Brandt

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National Grangers adopt 75 resolutions

WASHINGTON - National Grange delegates from 38 states convened recently in Columbus, Ohio for the purpose of developing Grange policy for 1976. Over 600 resolutions were considered and the following positions adopted:
 - The Grange supports . . .
 - target prices and loans as market-stabilizing and loss reduction mechanisms
 - conservation cost-sharing practices applicable nationwide and adapted locally by elected committees
 - broad scope disaster insurance program
 - elimination of tax incentives which favor non-farm conglomerate corporations
 - amendments to the Grain Standards Act which would require reorganization of the Federal Grain Inspection Service
 - price of manufacturing

milk be supported at 90 percent of parity and that it be reviewed on a quarterly basis
 - legislation to increase Farmers Home Administration staffing to provide for additional field personnel and funds for farm loan programs

-national referendum for cattlemen to vote on a system for industry financing of a research and information program
 -legislation to limit the Corps of Engineer's permit system for dredge and fill operations to "navigable

waters" as traditionally defined by the Corps
 -renewing quota system to control the entry of aliens into the U.S.
 -amendments to the Federal Land Bank regulations to allow the making of new Federal Land Bank mortgage loans as

separate transactions without recalling outstanding mortgage loans and including them in the new mortgage
 -immediate preparation by Congress of an emergency standby energy plan
 -state and national administrative flexibility in

deadlines for meeting ambient Air Quality standards
 -provisions to protect local prerogatives and initiatives in land use and transportation from usurpation by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
 -five year extension of the present emission standards for automobiles
 -recycling of reclaimable materials
 -development and construction of dams and reservoirs for multiple uses
 -efforts to resist growing federal control over water
 -strengthening the authority of states to manage, protect and use waters arising within their borders
 -multi-use management concept of national forests as used by U.S. Forest Service
 -a review of the Organic Act to update management

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\$10,800 awarded to Pa. 4-H'ers

CHICAGO, Ill. - Thirteen 4-H members from Pennsylvania claimed \$10,800 in scholarships at the 54th National 4-H Congress here this week. Each was named a winner in programs arranged by the National 4-H Service Committee and supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service. Selected for their accomplishments in 4-H projects and activities, leadership development and

growth in personal, community and civic responsibilities, 253 youths nationwide, shared \$203,500 in educational grants. Pennsylvania's national winners were:
 Jo Ann Bastaroli, 18, of McDonald; Karen Raubenstine, 18, of Hanover; Alice Slippey, 18, of Ducansville; Susan Renee Benner, 18, of Gettysburg; Dorothy Minshall, 19, of Avondale; Jeffrey Little, 17, of Danville; Cathy Yanoz, 17,

of Douglasville; Neva K. Smith, 19, of Bellefonte. Ronald Merisko, 18, of Harveys Lake; Maribeth Dailey, 17, of Cochran; Donna McConaughy, 17, of Smicksburg; Ann D. Linton, 17, of Reading; Lynne Ann Goddard, 18, of Hollisopple. See details on each Pennsylvania winner on 20 and 21. Themed, 4-H '76 . . . Spirit of Tomorrow, the program for the 5-day event added to America's Bicentennial

observance. A patriotic emphasis at the opening session was followed by Eastman Kodak's multimedia show - Profile '76 and Westinghouse Electric Corporation's - Celebration '76 . . . a Bicentennial Tribute. The Congress closed Thursday evening with the naming of six presidential award winners, banquet and farewell party in the Conrad Hilton Hotel's International Ballroom.