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Snow seems to be a tradition with the Farm Show, and on Thursday night it arrived just in time to pretty things up a bit but complicate transportation. Ac-

ording to the weatherman, early visitors to the big annual show are likely to be greeted by this scene.

Five cousins will show steers at Farm Show

By DIETER KRIEG

LANCASTER - One little, two little, three little, four little, five little Freys will be taking their 4-H steers to the Farm Show today. They are the children of three mothers in southern Lancaster County who themselves are graduates of the 4-H program.

The five cousins - all of them members of the Red Rose Beef and Sheep Club - are Brenda, 16; Bonnie Sue, 12; Jamie, 10; Ernie, 12; and Fritz C., 9.

Brenda and Bonnie Sue are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Adolf ("Pete") Frey, Elfton. Jamie and Ernie are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Frey, Quarryville, and Fritz C. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Frey, Quarryville, and

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Beef production likely to drop

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Beef production in 1977 is expected to decline, and retail prices may be increasing later in the year, the president of the American National Cattlemen's Assn. said on Dec. 31.

Wray Finney explained that the cattle industry is nearing the end of a cyclical period of rapidly expanding beef output, and per capita supplies may begin to decrease in the year ahead.

"As a result," said Finney, "we are likely to see at least some increase in average beef prices in 1977 as compared with 1976. It now appears that production will continue relatively large during the first half of the year, and there may be little change in prices. However, beef production was at a record high level - about 10 per cent greater than in 1975, in fact. This brought a decrease in average cattle and beef prices. In our own survey of supermarkets, the 1976 average price of five cuts was 12 cents per

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Five Freys will be competing against each other in the 4-H baby beef event at the Farm Show. They are, left to right, Fritz C., Ernie,

Brenda, Bonnie Sue, and Jamie. Bonnie Sue, 12, had the reserve grand champion steer a year ago.

Don Rohrer wins Lancaster open tobacco show

LANCASTER - Donald M. Rohrer of Lime Valley Road, Lancaster, exhibited the best tobacco here on Thursday afternoon at the Lancaster County corn and tobacco show. In winning the champion designation, he placed first in long wrappers, long fillers, long binders, and short binders.

In the vo-ag contest, Steve Shertzler of Millersville had the champion tobacco, winning with his entry in the wrapper class. Jere Neff, also of Millersville, won the filler class. Gary Neff had the champion entry for short fillers.

Showing the best tobacco in the 4-H division was Kerry Boyd of Ephrata. He received a perfect score of 25 points for his

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Soleil Farms is Angus competitor

By JOANNE SPAHR

DOWNINGTOWN, Pa. - Soleil Farms, Downingtown, has a subtle air of glamour and wealth about it. Quietly situated at the end of an unusually long lane winding through occasional stands of stark, bare trees, and buffered from contact with unwanted visitors by 800 womblike acres surrounding it, the 300-cow purebred Angus operation goes on like it did for years when it was part of the estate of Mrs. H.A.W. Myrin, the Sun Oil heiress.

At the former owner's death, the estate was handled by Glen Mede Trust Company who was charged with finding a suitable recipient to run the farm for 20 more years as if had been run in the past. This recipient had to be a non-profit, charitable organization. As a result, in 1973 the farm became part of Devereux School, the largest school in the nation to deal with the exceptional child. The foundation also has more land near Elverson.

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