



One of the farms which Larry Weaver operates is this one, owned by his father, Lester. The hog barn is on the left, steer facilities on the right, and an elaborate shop for repairs in the center.

Pennsylvania Jaycees choose top farmer

Positive attitude keeps Weaver on success track

By DIETER KRIEG
NEW HOLLAND, Pa. - For ten years, Larry Weaver has gone through the ups and downs in farming. Anyone who has raised hogs and steers during the last ten years knows there have been some bumps, bruises, and scratching to do. And then there are taxes, inflation, urban sprawl, and the ever-present cost-price squeeze to contend with.

But Larry Weaver hasn't let any of that get him down. He can't afford to. Consequently he has maintained a positive attitude about his chosen profession and he continues to look forward in an optimistic way - living, planning and working to do his best. Perhaps the New Holland Jaycees noticed that when they chose him as their outstanding young farmer earlier this year. For years

some Jaycee members had been urging the young farmer to enter the program, but he always modestly declined. This year the 31-year old beef, hog, and corn producer decided to give it a try. The New Holland R1 farmer won the contest and went on to participate in the state contest, which was sponsored this year by the Quaker State Oil Company. Last Saturday Weaver

found himself in a fancy meeting room of a King of Prussia, Pa. hotel. Approximately 800 people filled the room. It was time to present the Outstanding Young Farmer Award to one Pennsylvania farmer. Weaver received the high honor, becoming the second Lancaster Countian within two years to win the award. Last year's winner was Charles Rohrer of Paradise. Aside from young men being

honored at the luncheon, the state Jaycees also presented brief slide shows about the winners' operations and duties. Placing second in the contest was Jerry Burkin, a young farmer from Martinsburg, Blair County. In third place was another Lancaster Countian - Ken Zurin from Salunga. In Weaver the Jaycees found a young farmer who takes his downs along with

the ups. They're a part of life and work. Interested in farming for all of his life, Weaver never did expect things to come easy. It's a career which he knew would take lots of hard work, long hours, risks, high investments, and low returns. It's a field in which corners can't be cut, where careful management is a must and where dedication is as

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