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## Heat 'burns' farmers

By DIETER KRIEG  
LANCASTER - The heat wave, which weathermen say is to end now, took its toll on just about all aspects of agriculture. Hardest hit were poultry and swine producers where animal survival was heavily

dependent on artificially created environments. There are several reports of flocks suffocating to death from the intense heat and some other animals having been lost due to the oppressing heat and humidity. Crops suffered also in

some areas, particularly those which had received little or no rain in recent weeks.

According to reports received by Lancaster Farming, most of the tragedies and severe losses

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## Beef program defeated

LITITZ - Lancaster Farming learned Thursday evening that the Beef Referendum, has been defeated both nationally and in Pennsylvania. Although a complete tally of the vote has not yet been made, the prediction is that only about

58 to 60 per cent of those voting favored the self-help promotion program. Texas, the nation's number one beef producing state, failed to pass the referendum too, with only 64 per cent of the voters giving their approval. A two-thirds (66 per cent)

approval was needed for the Beef Referendum to pass.

In Pennsylvania, the measure was split about evenly, with half of the voters favoring the program, and the other half opposing. According to Harry Stam-

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## Environmentalists hit

DENVER, Colo. - Sweeping social and economic changes recommended by leading environmentalists would mean smaller food supplies and sharply higher food prices for consumers, the president of the American National

Cattlemen's Association said recently.

ANCA President Wray Finney also pointed out that the "labor intensive" agriculture proposed by the environmentalists would require countless people to leave their homes and jobs in

urban areas and become farm workers.

Finney's comments were made in connection with ANCA's recent review of a task force report, entitled "The Unfinished Agenda," which was prepared by

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## Berks 4-H Center planned

By LAUREL SCHAEFFER  
Berks County Reporter  
LEESPORT, Pa. - Work has been underway for the first phase of Berks County's proposed 4-H Center. When completed, the 4-H Center will consist of two horse rings, an exhibit or multi-

purpose building housing an auditorium, conference room, rest rooms, and food preparation facilities, and a livestock building which will be a pole barn with a show ring under roof.

The extravagant complex will be built on a 10-acre site,

rented from the County on a 99 year lease for one dollar per year, according to Mae Bleiler, assistant home economist and 4-H coordinator. This land lies behind the present Agricultural Building. The grounds will

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