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Top poultrymen named

By DIETER KRIEG
LANCASTER — The Pennsylvania Poultry Federation on Thursday night named two Lancaster poultrymen and an egg producer from Butler County as the Federations' outstanding members. Chosen as Broiler In-

dustryman of the Year was Dale M. Weaver, executive vice president of Victor F. Weaver, Inc., New Holland. Leroy Zimmerman, an independent turkey grower from East Earl, was named Turkey Industryman of the Year. He owns Zimmerman Turkey Farms and is a

former president of PPF's turkey division.

Chosen as Egg Industryman of the Year was W. Robert Park of Valencia.

The awards announcements came at the conclusion of a day-long conference held here at the

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Two Lancaster County poultrymen and their wives were honored by the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation on Thursday night. They were Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Zimmerman of East Earl and Mr. and Mrs. Dale M. Weaver of Leola.

Top dairymen chosen

LANCASTER — A Lancaster County dairy farm has been named as one of three top winners in a competition sponsored by individual cooperatives of the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association, Inc. Judging took place during a convention sponsored by the organization this week at the

Host Farm Resort, east of here.

Steven and Victoria Graybeal, Peach Bottom R1, were named the Outstanding Young Cooperators for the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Association, Inc. The Lancaster County couple farms 900 acres and milks 270 grade cows. Their

1977 DHIA rolling herd average is 14,973 pounds of milk and 571 pounds of butterfat.

Winners of similar competition of the other Pennsylvania cooperatives were Betty and James Stonesifer of 1120 Baust Church Road, Union Bridge, Md. and

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Ag districts considered

HARRISBURG — Rep. W. Wenger, Lancaster, has hailed House passage of a measure he cosponsored to allow for the establishment of agricultural districts in Pennsylvania.

Wenger said the measure, House Bill 2145, would protect agricultural land from condemnation or

unreasonable restrictions by county and municipal governments.

"Farm land is one of our most precious natural resources and agriculture is one of our most vital industries. Therefore, it is important that the Legislature takes every step possible to protect and preserve agricultural land.

This is the intent of HB 2145," Wenger said.

Specifically, the legislation provides that an agricultural district may be created when a person or group of persons who owns at least 500 acres of land, or at least 10 per cent of the land proposed for such a district, submits a proposal

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Stoltzfus wears dairy crown

By SALLY BAIR
Feature Writer
LANCASTER — Joyce L. Stoltzfus, Gap R2, was named the 1978 Lancaster County Dairy Princess at a banquet at the Farm Home Center Saturday. It was an eventful day for the 17-year-old Joyce who graduated from Lancaster Mennonite High School that afternoon. Joyce

is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan E. Stoltzfus of Con-Noll Farm.

Retiring Dairy Princess Twila Brubaker, Manheim R2, crowned her successor and presented her with a bouquet of red roses. At her final appearance, she expressed her gratitude to those who helped throughout her reign, and gave her last presentation with "Hardy"

and "Hardly" who had been her faithful companions for a year.

First alternate in the contest was LuAnn Breneman, 17, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Breneman, who was also named Miss Congeniality, an award voted on by the contestants themselves.

Second alternate was

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Mr. and Mrs. Steven Graybeal, Peach Bottom; and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kulp of Martinsburg finished first and third, respectively, in a dairymen's contest held in Lancaster this week.

Hay season looks good so far

KENDACE BERRY
LANCASTER — Most of the first cutting of alfalfa seems to be good, according to farmers in this week. And that looks good, for the most part, farmers agreed. The main problem with the hay this year seems to be getting it made in

the sunny weather. With the frequent rainy days, some farmers complained that their hay might be too wet to ever get a good cure.

"I've been real lucky" one Lancaster County farmer related. "I got my alfalfa in during that stretch of beautiful weather and it looks good, real good. Now

my neighbor wasn't so lucky. Some of his crop is still out in the field."

Other farmers echoed his words as the main complaint any farmer may have had about his hay was the high moisture content, and there weren't too many of them

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Slaughter steer prices lower

KENDACE BERRY
LANCASTER — The prices for slaughter steers were lower this week at the Lancaster Stockyards, though the slaughter market for other cattle continued steady to slightly higher.

Monday's prices on slaughter heifers were 50 cents to \$1.00 lower, cows were 50 to 75 cents higher,

and and bullocks were steady to \$1 higher. Bulls were firm to \$1 higher.

Compared to Monday, Wednesday's slaughter steers were \$1.50 to 2.00 lower. High choice and prime 3-4 slaughter steers weighing 1075 to 1385 lbs. brought \$4.50 to \$6.00, with a few bringing \$56.10 to \$7.00.

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Spinning is an art which fascinates women like Phyllis Robinson of Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster. Joyce Bupp reports on her and other women's talents, beginning on page 93.