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Strong family ties and a progressive outlook keep the farm business rolling at the Titus Beam Farm in northwestern Chester County. Beam, above, appreciates his family farming operation and recently made some changes to conserve costs and energy.



Northcroft Ella Elevation, an exceptionally large 4-year old Holstein, is Paul Knight's consistent grand champion. An All-American, she has won honors for her owner ever since he purchased her three years ago. Knight, who is 6 feet, 1 inch tall, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Knight, Airville.

Harmony and efficiency keep Beam's future in focus

By DIETER KRIEG
ELVERSON — Titus Beam, a Chester County pork producer, is counting on old traditions and new management practices to keep pace with an increasingly competitive swine industry. Appreciative

of family ties and aware of ever-increasing energy costs, Beam strives for uncommon harmony and efficiency in his business. With his wife, Violet, and three children by his side, and the cooperation of his brother, Omar, the Beams

farm 300 acres and fatten 1500 hogs and 200 head of cattle annually. Strong family ties are only a part of Beam's strategy for better business. He is also a strong believer in cost-saving ideas. His recent

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LeHi drops refinancing plan

— ALLENTOWN — The Board of Directors of Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers Wednesday withdrew the recapitalization proposal that its farmer members have been considering for several weeks.

In a letter sent to farmers Wednesday, Chairman Alpheus L. Ruth said, "It is evident that we do not have

the clear commitment necessary to proceed. I have talked with 650 of our 900 members; although the majority of them are in favor of the plan, many are concerned about the possible economic hardship on our smaller and younger members."

Ruth indicated that the dairy expects to make a

minimum profit of a half-million dollars in the next six months. He pointed out that many members felt that they should enjoy several profitable years before making decisions about the retirement of the company's stock.

The proposal had called for the redemption of nearly

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Slaughter steer prices up

By KENDACE BORRY
LITTITZ — Slaughter Steer prices continued steady to firm this week in Lancaster County, with instances of prices being slightly higher than last week.

A smaller supply of steers last week sold higher in the area with prices closing \$1.50

to \$2.00 higher than the week previous. The shorter supply of cattle able to command a higher price.

On Monday of this week, compared to last Wednesday, slaughter steers were reported fully steady, with instances 50 cents higher on early sales of choice and prime. Compared

to last week's 958 cattle marketed, this week there were 1053 reported at the market on Monday.

Prices quoted at Lancaster included high choice and prime steers, grading 3-4, at 1150 to 1350 pounds, 54.00 to 55.25, with a few late grade 4 to 5, weighing 1300 to

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Knight wins Holstein show

By DIETER KRIEG
HARRISBURG — Paul Knight, an 18-year old York County Holstein exhibitor, has captured four grand championship titles in less than two weeks. His latest and most prestigious victory came here on Wednesday when his All-American 4-year old, Northcroft Ella

Elevation, was named grand champion of the South-central Champion Holstein Show. The event was held here at the Farm Show Complex.

Knight is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Knight Jr., whose "Woodbine Holsteins" are well known in

Holstein circles around the country.

The young exhibitor's recent string of triumphs in the show circuit began two weeks ago at the York Fairgrounds where both the County and 4-H Holstein shows were held. Paul and Ella won both. A third vic-

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Potato harvest looks good

By KENDACE BORRY
LITTITZ — Just about all of the early potatoes in the area are harvested, according to reports received by Lancaster Farming and the crop looks "good".

In fact, potato farmers are pretty optimistic about the entire potato crop this year, saying that they hope for a

good harvest, especially having high quality in the potatoes they're bringing in. The potatoes seen so far, have been good sized and of good quality, and yield per acre has been anywhere from average to what a potato farmer will simply call "very good".

George Wolfe, Stewart-

stown R2, in York County, related that his early crop was what he termed good, and he still has about ten acres left to harvest of that crop. He has around 150 acres planted in the different varieties of potatoes and he noted that he was happy with

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