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## Shoppers given 'a little bit of country'

LANCASTER — "A little bit of country" was on display at Park City Mall this week, including live animals from local farms.

Monday was the grand opening of the agricultural show with exhibits of all types featuring activities in rural Lancaster County.

Present for the opening

were, Secretary Kent Shelhamer, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture; U.S. Congressman Robert Walker; Raymond Herr, Lancaster County Commissioner; Max Smith, Earl Newcomer, president of the Lancaster County Farmers Association; Richard Scott, Lancaster mayor, and Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Brenneman, co-

chairmen of the week-long event.

President Newcomer said the purpose behind the Park City exhibition "is to give our city 'cousins' a little taste of country life and the business of farming."

Special events were scheduled for the entire week including a special visit by Betty Groff, author

of "Good Earth and Country Cooking," on Friday.

Mayor Scott, speaking on behalf of the citizens of Lancaster, commented that the city folks were the farmers' biggest supporters.

Commissioner Herr remarked about how important farming is to the Garden Spot and that land-use planning is vital for

agriculture's future. He asked the assembled farmers for advice and opinions on the matter.

Walker said government policies are often well-intentioned but derived from faulty information. He praised the Lancaster County Farmers Association for doing their part in promoting understanding.

He said: "People often have the best of intentions but the very worst ideas of what farming is and how it should be regulated."

Speaking about farm productivity and problems, Shelhamer gave praise for efforts taking place both in the field and at promotional events such as was witnessed at Park City this week.



The corn harvest is progressing favorably in most areas, but there are a few problems. Many are waiting for the crop to dry in the field to avoid costly drying.

## Moisture delaying promise of good corn harvest

By DIETER KRIEG  
LANCASTER — The corn harvest is progressing slowly but surely. Reports from various portions of southeastern Pennsylvania indicate that the crop looks

excellent and yields are living up to expectations in most cases. Prices, however, aren't where farmers with corn to sell would like to see them. Several dealers in the

Lancaster County area quoted prices ranging from \$2.20 to \$2.35 per bushel, delivered to the mill. The Pennsylvania grain summary for southeastern Pennsylvania shows a range

of \$2.07 to \$2.30 per bushel, with an average of \$2.20.

The major concern of the harvest in most areas is moisture. Much of the corn is still wet, and farmers who store their crop in shelled

form are delaying the harvest in hopes of saving drying costs.

In York County, however, the moisture concern may not be as significant as stalk rot and corn borers, ac-

cording to County Agent John Smith. He notes that stalk rot is as bad as he has ever seen it, and the corn borer is the worst it has been in several years. He urges

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### Vaccination of backyard flocks urged

## Poultrymen alerted to potential LT outbreak

By DIETER KRIEG  
HARRISBURG — With the arrival of cooler weather and a very recent history of disease outbreaks in southeastern Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Animal Industry in Harrisburg is issuing advice and caution notices con-

cerning laryngotracheitis. They're aimed at everyone involved in the poultry business, and backyard flock owners in particular.

Dr. E.T. Mallinson, chief of the avian health division in the Bureau of Animal Industries, says that his department

has compiled information regarding the disease and urges everyone to do his part in preventing outbreaks this year. Cases of laryngotracheitis caused alarm in Lancaster County last year, where the disease affected an estimated

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## Pumpkin, squash harvest excellent

By KENDACE BERRY  
LITITZ — "It's just a good year for pumpkins and squash" is the way one grower put it. And other farmers echoed his thoughts.

Franklin Kreider, Lancaster, will start harvesting his Hubbard squash next week, and he said the fields "look good." "We had a lot of rain at the

right times this season," he noted. "There were no real problems, even the weeds were kept under control."

He stated that he expects to harvest for about three

weeks, and his main concern will be possible frost damage.

"If the temperature gets down to 25 or 26 degrees, the

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