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The countryside around Woodstown, N.J. is as cold as most anywhere in the Middle Atlantic area, but the owners of this dairy farm are fired up nonetheless about what is going on in Washington. See the story on page 17.

Machinery exposition starts March 8

HARRISBURG - Another Farm Show in March? Actually, the First Annual Farm Equipment Exposition is more like a farmers' show", according to Agriculture Secretary Clarence Hallowell.

About 200 commercial exhibitors are expected to be on hand at the Exposition, which is scheduled for March 8-10 at the Farm Show Building here.

Hallowell said that the Farm Equipment Exposition should "give farmers and farm equipment dealers a chance to see new alternatives in their lines. The show is being geared especially for our farmers,

to cater to their needs in supplies and production machinery." There will be no livestock or poultry at the show, only farm equipment and service companies.

Farmers have tradi-

tionally come to have Farm Show as a chance to not only exhibit their prize farm products, but also to get a look at what's new in equipment lines for the coming year. "The March

Farm Equipment Exposition should provide them with some alternatives, and will give them a chance to get good used farm equipment at a reasonable price at

Saturday's Farm Equipment Sale," he said.

Many of the commercial exhibitors who will be at the Farm Equipment Exposition are dealers and companies who have been unable to

show at the State Farm Show because of space restrictions.

Exhibit space at the Farm Show is meted out on a seniority basis. "When an exhibitor shows his line one

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Feeder pigs to show 'cash over costs'

By JOAN LIESAU

HERSHEY - The grain supply is "abundant", prices are "reasonable", the demand is "excellent" and the carry over of grain is "too much." "For you as feeders of livestock, it will probably be good news."

These were the words of Lou More, Extension agricultural economist for the Pennsylvania State University. Moore made these comments in regards to the outlook of feeder pigs at the Keystone Pork Congress held at the Hershey Motor Lodge, Hershey, on February 16th. Moore cited that with beef production down an estimated five to six per cent in 1979, this will be the

"biggest single factor influencing the hog market." Poultry, he said, would be increased eight to 10 per cent in 1979. Pork is estimated to increase three to four per cent, January through March; six to eight per cent April through June; and 10 to

14 per cent in the second half of 1979.

Why so optimistic for the pork industry in 1979? Moore feels many factors revolving around different livestock enterprises, feed, and weather conditions blend to

give these positive estimates.

There are many agricultural uncertainties he said. "This weather is one thing that really leaves an uncertainty." Last year it left a big impact on hog

producers and it wasn't as severe as this Winter."

"Land prices over the long pull have been going up." The past few years it has jumped extremely high.

"Total net farm income in

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Pork meeting highlights hog health

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HERSHEY - Controlling health problems in newly purchased feeder pigs was one of several topics discussed at the Keystone Pork Congress, held February 16 at the Hershey Motor Lodge, here. The

Pork Congress, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council, attracted over 1400 hog producers from Pennsylvania and nearby states interested in hearing more about their swine enterprises. On hand to cover various topics related to

swine production were several Penn State staff members and various guest speakers.

Extension Veterinarian for Penn State University, Larry Hutchinson reviewed the major diseases causing problems for pork producers in Pennsylvania, briefly

describing their characteristics and symptoms, but stressed, perhaps more importantly, what to do about them.

Above all, producers should be concerned about avoiding diseases. Preventing them, diagnosing

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