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Consideration given to ethanol production

HARRISBURG - Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell today announced that the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce and Revenue have agreed to meet with investor groups who are willing to begin ethanol production in the Commonwealth.

"These Departments will provide assistance toward helping new energy related businesses begin production in Pennsylvania," said Hallowell. "The production of ethanol will go a long way towards stimulating the economy in Pennsylvania by providing new jobs for our rural areas, more markets

for our farmers and by decreasing our energy imports."

Hallowell said that economic and other implications of ethanol production were discussed in a July 31 meeting attended by representatives of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, General Ser-

vices, Revenue and Transportation, and the Governor's Energy Council and the Public Utility Commission.

At that meeting, Hallowell assured those that Pennsylvania's agriculture could support ethanol production through the use of various agricultural commodities

including forest products and possibly sugar beets.

Hallowell recommended that the Departments of Commerce, Agriculture and the Governor's Energy Council investigate the possibility of funding a research project that would study the economics of ethanol production. The

research would include investigations into new techniques of ethanol production and marketing studies, along with a study of projects already in existence with a tabulation of results.

The task force will meet at the end of the month to discuss their findings and report on advances made.

Lancaster County 4-H'ers bring honors home

By DIETER KRIEG
LANCASTER — A victorious group of Lancaster County 4-H'ers returned home from Penn State Wednesday, having earned some of the top placings in state-wide contests. The most celebrated of the victories was that of the Senior Livestock Judging Team, which captured first place in the popular state 4-H contest. Team members were Barbara Herr of Narvon, Mary Longenecker of Lititz, Wayne Hess of Lancaster, and Deb Greider of Columbia. Miss Herr and Miss Longenecker tied for third place in the individual

rankings. Hess placed seventh.

Lancaster County's 4-H

entomology team also came home with the highest honors. Team members

Virginia Smith, Becky Rohrabough, and Jay Stauffer combined for the

effort. Miss Smith and Miss Rohrabough placed first and second, respectively, on the

individual scoring list.

The 4-H poultry judges from the Garden Spot managed a third place. Leading in the scoring was Glenn Sauder of Mount Joy, who was the third high individual. Jim Kreider of Manheim was sixth, Marcy Gehman of Stevens was 10th, and Dwight Graybill of Stevens was 15th.

Arlen Keener of Elizabethtown, Leonard Stoltzfus of Gap, Stephen Kauffman of Elizabethtown, and Neal Crouse of Stevens, combined their dairy judging skills to lead their team to a third place finish

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Barbara Herr



Deb Greider



Mary Longenecker



Wayne Hess

Arnold Acres shows grand champion at Lebanon

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LEBANON — Arnold Acres and Gem Rock Farm were the big winners at the Lebanon Fair's Open Holstein Show, held Thursday at the Fairgrounds, near here. Judge Genie Francisco of Andover, N.J. judged the highly competitive contest. More than 160 cows and heifers were entered. One of the cattle barns was enlarged earlier this year to accommodate the growing show.

Mrs. Francisco, a well-known judge and breeder of Holstein dairy cattle, chose a powerful Harrisburg Gay Ideal daughter as the grand champion. She was exhibited by Ed and Mike Arnold of Lebanon. The Arnold Brothers operate a 325 acre family farm in partnership with their mother, Mary, and maintain a herd of 75 milking cows. Their 1978 DHIA average stands at 18,700 pounds of milk and 713 pounds of butterfat. The herd is classified, scoring 102.7 B.A.A.

Owners of Arnold Acres Holsteins, the Arnold Brothers have been top contenders for high honors at the Lebanon Fair for numerous years. They were Premiere Breeder at the 1978 Lebanon Fair, although that wasn't known until after a mistake had been found in the original scoring. This year, the Premier Exhibitor Award eluded them by just one point.

Named Premiere Breeder and Premiere

Exhibitor of the 1979 Lebanon County Holstein Show was the Ken Sellers family of Lebanon. They own Gem-Rock Holsteins and are consistently owners of some of the best quality black-and-whites exhibited at this show. Daryl Balmer is herd manager for Sellers.

Chosen as reserve senior and reserve grand champion at this year's contest was a lean Bootmaker daughter owned and exhibited by Dale Hostetter of Anville. She stood at the top of the 2-year old class.

Junior champion honors went to an up-standing senior yearling belonging to the Hubert Miller Estate of Myerstown. She is sired by Elevation. David Bomgardner of Anville, in the show ring with a home-bred junior yearling, captured the reserve junior champion honor.

The placings follow:

Bulls

Champion, Mil-Harv Vahant Matt, sired by C Roybrook Vahant out of Mil-Harv Freda Chief Fern. Bred, owned and exhibited by Harvey Bomgardner of Anville.

The reserve champion, a son of Hanover Hill tripple Threat-Red, owned by Ken Sellers.

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Ed and Mike Arnold are owners of the grand champion Holstein shown at the Lebanon Area Fair this year.

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