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George Sheypuk stands behind "Dolly", a Shey-land Farm home-bred levation daughter. Brother Paul handles the excellent cow's halter. She made 25, 167 pounds of milk and 898 of fat as a three year old, and currently produces \circ ver 115 pounds a day.

Shey-land Farm tops state butterfat list

unk about Lackawanna ounty and Northeastern ennsylvania, most people ink of coal and snow. But, re is something else at's black and white up in at neck of the woods, and at's Shey-land Farm's rd of registered Holstein riesi**ans.**

Shey-land Farm, located

I-81, is run by two brothers, George and Paul Sheypuk. This year their herd had the highest average butterfat production ever recorded among Pennsylvania DHIA members with herds of over 60 cows.

The Sheypuk's herd of sixty-five Holsteins averaged 21,605 pounds of milk and

SCRANTON — When you north of Scranton next to gave 836 pounds of fat to capture the top honors in the State.

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This is not the first time

Call for better farm prices

Two local men testify at ag structure hearings

BY CURT HARLER

MT. JOY - A Mount Joy farmer and a representative of Pennsylvania Farmers Union testified Tuesday before the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Structure of Agriculture hearings.

Gerald N. Erb, R 3 Mount Joy, and Leonard Zemaitis, administrative director of the Pennsylvania Farmers Union, both agreed in seperate statements that farmers need fair prices for their products and that the family farm is of prime importance to American agriculture.

The hearing, held in Montpelier, Vermont, was one of 10 such seminars to be held before year's end

around the nation.
U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland said the purpose of the hearings was to obtain suggestions and comments from farmers on the economic and social issues affecting the structure of American agriculture and

Erb, a dairy farmer, travelled to the hearings at his own expense.

He told the panel, "Agriculture is being undermined by inflation which is government-contrived through cheap money and social services.

"Land prices are being rtificially stabilized to put value behind our dollar," he continued.

If land prices keep inflating with at the 16 percent packer in Philadelphia.

rate forecast for 1980, the only one who will be able to afford land is government, he said.

Erb said less government is better government. He said the government's policy of cheap food and its ability to tolerate people who will not work for their daily bread is "a damnation upon all Americans."

He said,"The American dream is still there and

always will be as long as there is a free America...the freedom of choice that my forefathers had callous hands, stooped shoulders, and died to preserve."

Erb pointed out that Uncle Sam has over three dozen financial programs available for farmers. He pointed to the number of social services in our society.

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Local market strong despite Cross closing

LANCASTER — Livestock buyers expressed optimism Thursday that local markets would remain strong despite the loss of a major cattle

Those markets trended steady to higher at week's end despite the closing of Cross Bros. Meat Packers,

Observers had several theories to offer on why Cross Bros. closed.

Bernard Cross, president of Cross Bros., Inc., announced late Friday afternoon, November 16, that the company was ceasing slaughter operations.

Citing the increasing costs and limited supply of livestock available, Cross Bros. of Philadelphia closed their doors.

Operating since 1920, Cross Bros. was the last beef

In his November 16 press release, Mr. Cross noted in recent years all the beef packers located on the East Coast, with the exception of a few small companies, have closed due to inherent economics disadvantages of such operations in competing with the large slaughterhouses located in the midwest close to the source of supply.

Despite the closing of Cross Bros., a major Lancaster cattle buyer, the local market trended steady to higher the past two weeks.

Commenting on the affects of the Cross closing, John Stoudt of the Johnson Cattle Company noted that receipts are always light during this time of year.

"It will be four to five months before the actual affects will be known. By

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Hear about saving farmland at Thursday evening meeting

Farm Show deadline around the corner

LITTIZ -- The annual ANCASTER PARMING arm Show issue will be utributed on January 5, at before the 1980 Show

Our editors already are reparing material to give ar readers the largest, most P-to-date, and most comrehensive coverage of the arm Show.

This notice is to remind pders and advertisers te to gather up material interest for submission. Our Farm Show issue will have advance publicity on all of the action at the Show. biographies on the Future Farmers of America's Keystone degree winners, a list of Farm Show exhibitors, new product releases, and much more.

Dates for this year's Farm Show are January 6 to 11, at the Farm Show Complex in

Harrisburg. Please contact LAN-CASTER FARMING, Box 366, Little, PA 17548, 717/626-2191, if you have something to contribute.

LANCASTER - Farmland Preservation in Lancaster County for the 1980s will be the topic of an educational meeting scheduled for Thursday evening.

Roy A. Brubaker, Lititz, said the meeting will be held December 6 at 7:30 p.m. m the Auditorium of the Farm and Home Center in Lancaster.

Brubaker, chairman of the Farm and Home Foundation's educational committee, said the meeting will feature a panel discussion on the proposals presently being considered by county farmers.

First speaker on the panel will be John R. Ahlfeld, of the County Planning Commission. He will talk about coordination of land preservation efforts.

Amos H. Funk, R 1 Millersville, will outline the deed restriction approach to saving farm land.

This is the method by which farmers would insert a clause in their deed guaranteeing its use in agriculture for all time.

If a prime piece of farmland were to be sold for non-agriculutral use, the county would be allowed to purchase the property for \$1 more than bid price, insert a

restriction, and resell the land to the highest bidder.

Next panel member will be H.H. "Billy" Haverstick, Jr., Lancaster. He will

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outline his proposal for elimination of inheritance and capital gains taxes.

By eliminating the tax burden facing a family farmer there would be continued incentive for a farmer to remain in business rather than to sell out.

The inheritance tax often forces a farmer's heirs to sell land they would rather keep and farm. By eliminating the tax bite which forces the farm out of agriculture, this program would seek to keep farm land in agriculture without any legal ties.

David Landis, Warwick

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