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1980 Farm Show opens Sunday

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HARRISBURG — The 64th annual Pennsylvania Farm Show opens at the Farm Show Complex here on Sunday at 1 p.m.

The 1980 Show will continue through Friday January 11. Doors will be open daily from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m.

The Complex is located just off Interstate 81 on Cameron Street.

The Show this year honors the Commonwealth's 59,000 farm families, including 5000 in Lancaster County. Show's theme is "Pennsylvania Farm Families Producing the Finest Quality for Your Table."

Underlining the family farm connection is the scheduled unveiling at the Show's Sunday opening of a new Pennsylvania Farm Product symbol.

The logo and slogan will be presented by Governor Richard Thornburgh during ceremonies which are open to the public.

In past years, the Sunday opening ceremonies were closed to the public and a ticket was required for admission. This year no ticket will be required.

The farm logo will be showcased all week long at Farm Show. It will be used throughout the coming years to identify and promote Pennsylvania farm products.

Unlike last year's show, all classes of livestock will be at the 1980 Show all week long.

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About 4200 farm animals — including dairy cows, beef cattle, sheep, swine, and poultry — will be on display. Exhibitors will compete for ribbons and cash awards in numerous classes.

There has been some cutback in the number of livestock to be displayed at the Show. Commercial exhibitors also were cut back by as much as 10 percent of their last year's exhibit space.

Farm Show Director Hugh Coffman said Thursday there were no major problems with the reassignment of space to commercial exhibitors.

He said 245 commercial exhibitors were setting up on the Farm Show floor at that time. All will be agriculture-related exhibits.

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Canadian questions legality

Bucks-Mont broiler growers iced by chicken cartel

number of years from Montgomery-Bucks and suppliers in other states including Delaware, New Jersey, Indiana and Michigan. Day said Canadian chicken growers just do not produce enough broilers to meet consumer demands. Michael Zapach, who heads up Montgomery-Bucks, said the co-op members have been selling

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The tagging of the 1980 Junior Beef Steer champion, to be announced on Thursday afternoon, will be one of the major highlights of the 64th Pennsylvania Farm Show. Last year's winner, "Moose",

was a 1210 pound Angus-Chianina crossbred exhibited by Steve Long, Peach Bottom. Pictured are Steve's brother Sam, at halter, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Long.

School exhibits discontinued

FHA Chapters drop out of Farm Show

BY DEBRA STRICKLER

LITITZ — Three years ago the Pennsylvania Department of Education made a decision that gravely affected the Farm Show's home economics exhibits.

Specifically, it affected the involvement of a vocational organization, the Future Homemakers of America.

The administrative decision discontinued the school exhibits at the State Show. The open and 4-H classes remained.

As a result of the decision, FHA members have been

required to enter their sewing and food projects in the open, adult class competition.

This decision, according to Carolyn Kratz, state home economics supervisor, was purely an administrative decision. The Department of Education needed to put their priorities in the proper perspective.

Understandably many home economics teachers and students were upset when the state ended a vital aspect of the FHA and Farm Show programs.

"I wish home economics teachers could see the situation from another angle. They bought their students' exhibits to the Farm Show, they left, and they didn't realize what was involved," states Kratz.

Kratz cites the staff, its salary, rental costs security, and transportation costs as contributing to the excessive cost of the program.

Staff members were required to work evenings and weekends. This meant time and half time for their wages.

It took a staff of at least 25 people to register and manage the exhibit areas. Now there are only two people on our staff, Glendean Davis and myself, noted Kratz.

Mary Gardner, a Manheim Central home economics teacher explained how area teachers volunteered to assist in the registration of projects and other aspects of the school exhibits.

Their efforts were to no avail. The Department of Education upheld its decision.

Carolyn Kratz offered a second major reason for the withdrawal of the school exhibits.

Gasohol Comm. holds first meeting

EPHRATA — The State Gasohol Commission, Inc. held its first meeting Thursday afternoon on the Mules and Morton Fry farm near here.

A packed greenhouse heard half a dozen speakers address questions ranging from operation of farm stills to financing multi-million dollar alcohol facilities.

About 400 persons from Pennsylvania and neigh-

boring states attended the organizational meeting.

The State Gasohol Commission, according to Board Chairman Edmund Reynolds, will provide a voice for all parties interested in gasohol production.

He said the group will distribute information on gasohol production on the farm and on the factory level.

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