Arlen Keener named State Agribusiness person

HARRISBURG - Arlen A. Keener, an 18-year-old Lancaster County youth, was named State Star Agribusiness Person for 1980. Keener, the son of Mr and Mrs. Walter L. Keener, of R1 Elizabethtown, received the award at the Pennsylvania FFA's 51st Mid-Winter Convention in the Forum of the Education Building, held in conjunction with the 64th Pennsylvania Farm Show. This is the highest award possible through the Pennsylvania FFA.

Arlen is a graduate of Elizabethtown Area High



Arlen Keener

School and is a member of the Elizabethtown FFA Chapter. He is employed as assistant herd manager of Penns-Springs Holstein Farm owned by Robert H. Kauffman. The herd consists of 60 registered Holstein cows. In addition, Arlen owns two cows, two yearlings and three heifers, all registered Holsteins. He served as Chaplain in his local chapter. He is very active in local, county, district and state contests and dairy shows.

The Star Agribusiness Award puts Arlen in the running for additional honors later this year He will represent Pennsylvania

in September, competing for the title of Star Agribusiness Person of the North Atlantic Region, against similar

winners from the sixteen northeastern states

Competing against Arlen this year for the State Star Agribusiness title were: Cindy Reed of RD 1 Clearfield, Clearfield County,

North Central Region; Teresa L. England of RD 1, Williamsburg, Blair County, South Central Region; and James R. Kearns, Jr., of RD 1, Avella, Washington County, Western Region.

Zook named to dairy post

Joseph Zook

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FARMERSVILLE -- Agri-Inc. of R4 Ephrata announced its expansion into the dairy industry with the recent hiring of Joseph Zook, a dairy specialist.

Zook's major responsibilities will include designing buildings and

converting to the free stall systems, according to Zook, free stalls enable more pounds of milk to be handled per man hour.

Joseph Zook comes to Agri-Inc. with a wealth of

dairy knowledge. He worked on a 100 head dairy operation in Mifflin County until 1968. After leaving the farm, he continued to assist dairy farmers through offering equipment suggestions.

Two years ago, the Zook family moved to Schaefferstown where they currently reside. Zook does not foresee moving closer to Farmersville. He finds Schaefferstown conveniently located within a 100 mile radius of Agri-Inc.'s customers.

Presently, the dairy division of Agri-Inc. is working to update the Oregon Dairy and Ted Rhoad's New Oxford operations.

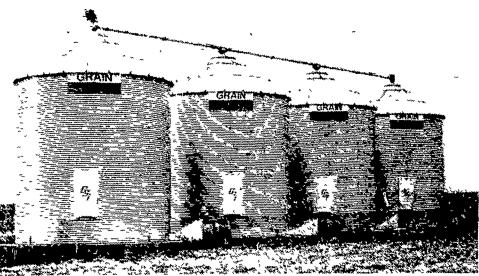
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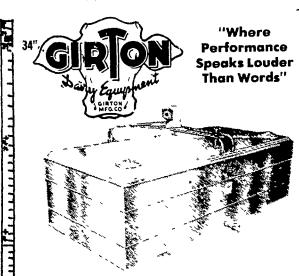
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