

## Philly farmers need tailgate marketers

PHILADELPHIA — Local growers looking for farmer-to-consumer marketing opportunities are invited to join the Philadelphia Tailgate Market Coalition for their 1980 entries of open-air markets scheduled June through December.

The Tailgate Markets, initiated by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Nutritional Development Services in 1977, provide farmer-controlled outlets for local farm products. Growers who have previously participated in the markets report profits 33 percent to 45 percent higher than the farm wholesale price normally received. Likewise, city consumers find that prices are an average of 29 percent less than the local super-market price.

The Tailgate Market Coalition is headed by a newly-formed Executive Committee of farmers who have assumed responsibility for the management of the Philadelphia markets.

The first of the four weekly markets scheduled thus far, will open on Friday, June 6

at St. Cecilia churchyard, Rhawn St. Other locations include: St. Francis de Sales churchyard, Farragut St.; Our Lady of Calvary schoolyard, Knights Rd.; and Immaculate Conception churchyard, Chelton Avenue. A fifth market location is currently under

consideration.

Farmers with quality produce, eggs, poultry, meat products, honey or other farm products may register for as many of the locations as they wish. There is a limit to the number of farmers assigned to each location, however, and interested

producers are advised to register early.

Market registration forms and additional information may be obtained from the Phila. Tailgate Market Coalition, c/o John Shenk, 144 Church Rd., Litz, Penna. 17543, or by calling 215-587-3767.

## Mifflinburg Area FFA wins parliamentary procedure contest

MIFFLINBURG — Eleven Mifflinburg FFA members will advance to regional parliamentary procedure and public speaking contests after capturing top honors in the five-county area competition held recently.

Senior Brian Chuck and freshman Alexandra Purnell placed first and second, respectively, in the conservation public speaking contest. In the general agriculture public speaking category, junior Dawn Fogel placed second, and senior Michael Miller placed fourth. Freshman Tammy

Haines earned a fourth place in extemporaneous public speaking.

Mifflinburg Area's eight-member team took the top award in parliamentary procedure competition. Team members are Greg Shuck, president; Todd Zimmerman, vice president; Naomi Houdeshell, secretary; Ralph Shrawder, treasurer; Andy Wagner, chaplain; Todd Ruhl, sentinel; Ron Delcamp, student advisor; and Ken Beiler, reporter.

First and second place winners advance to regional

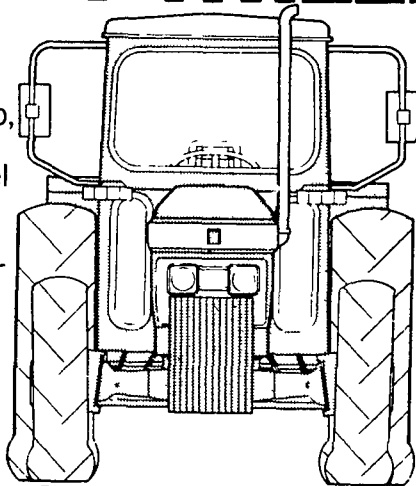
competition May 1 in Montoursville. Regional winners become eligible for the state contests, to be held at Penn State in June.



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