

# Lancaster Farming

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\$7.50 Per Year

## Ag Progress Days draws largest crowd ever

BY CURT HARLER  
 ROCK SPRINGS — Penn  
 State's 1980 Ag Progress  
 Days concluded Thursday as  
 a record 252 commercial  
 visitors and an estimated  
 100 visitors headed for  
 the fair after the three day

event. It was the largest  
 turnout ever.

With the exception of two  
 showers Wednesday the  
 weather held fine as farmers  
 watched \$20 million worth of  
 farm equipment and  
 machinery in action.

Following the show's  
 theme "Penn State  
 Agriculture—125 Years of  
 Progress" were numerous  
 livestock exhibits, home  
 economics demonstrations,  
 and field displays.  
 Grand championships in

both the state hay crop  
 silage show and the state hay  
 show once again went to  
 long-time winners.

Milton HERSHEY School  
 Farms, Hershey, showed the  
 grand championship hay  
 crop silage sample. The first

cutting WL 311 sample was  
 made at early bud on May 24  
 and stored in a 40 year old  
 tile silo.

The sample had a pH of  
 4.7, 23 percent crude protein  
 and 65 percent TDN.

Reserve champ sample  
 was shown by C. Richard  
 Criswell, R1 Lewisburg, a  
 low moisture legume-grass  
 mixture.

Division winners included  
 Herman Espy, Spruce  
 Creek; Minch Brothers, R1  
 West Alexander; and

Morgan Glo Farm,  
 Bridgeville.

The hay show gold ribbon  
 went to Jay McCarrell,  
 Eighty Four, who showed a  
 heat finished later cutting of  
 Conestoga alfalfa to the top  
 spot.

Reserve championship  
 went to Paul Bollinger, R2  
 Meyerstown, who exhibited  
 a field cured later cutting of  
 alfalfa.

With 71 entries in the  
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## Pequea wants strict farm zoning

BY PAT KAUFFMAN  
 WILLOW STREET —  
 A stringent new zoning  
 ordinance governing the  
 operation of farms and  
 allowable numbers of  
 livestock are proposed for  
 Pequea Township.

What this ordinance  
 would do is create a lot of Old  
 McDonald's Farms in  
 Pequea Township," At-  
 orney James Thomas said  
 the recently proposed  
 ordinance revisions.

Thomas has been hired by  
 a group of farmers to protect  
 their interests in the an-  
 ticipated zoning battle.

Hearings on the proposal  
 are planned for Thursday  
 evening, September 4, at  
 7:30 p.m.; and Wednesday  
 evening, September 24, at 7

p.m. Both the meetings will  
 be at the Township Building.

Karl Hess, Vice Chairman  
 of the Pequea Planning  
 Commission, said the  
 Planning Commission ex-  
 pected zoning revisions, but  
 "if the proposed agricultural  
 revisions go through, all that  
 will be left of agriculture in  
 the township will be cash  
 grain farming."

What has farmers in an  
 uproar is a set of proposed  
 zoning regulations which  
 Thomas termed "extremely  
 restrictive."

In effect, the proposals  
 would require special ex-  
 ceptions for any poultry  
 houses or confined livestock  
 operations provided certain  
 conditions are met.

One of those conditions,

Item 3, states: "No new  
 structure shall be con-  
 structed nor existing  
 structure expanded when  
 such structure will be  
 utilized to house more than  
 five hundred (500) poultry  
 birds or fifty (50) pigs or  
 hogs."

Item 5 states, "there shall  
 be no more than 3 head of  
 livestock per one (1) acre of  
 farmland."

The revisions further state  
 "the Zoning Hearing Board  
 shall have the right to direct  
 the timing, regularity and  
 manner of removing wastes  
 from such building."

Any structure for con-  
 finement housing of animals  
 over the 500/50 numbers  
 would not be permitted  
 without a variance.

Frank Myers, a farmer  
 and member of the planning  
 commission, said that while  
 the planning commission  
 helped to formulate other  
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Spring-Belle Apollo Arise topped the Wintercrest sale in New York State this week at \$24,000.

## '24 once, twice, \$24,000;' Lancaster heifer tops sale

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN  
 WILLOW STREET —  
 Roger Mills, herdsman and  
 partner in Spring-Belle  
 Farm, 1343 Gypsy Hill Road,  
 has a tape recording he'll be  
 playing to children and  
 grandchildren for years to  
 come.

The end of the tape runs  
 something like this:

"I have 24. Do I hear 24-5?"

"24 once. 24 twice. 24 gone."

"Sold to Herbert Hait of  
 Relay Farm for \$24,000."

That's the price paid for a  
 home-raised Lancaster  
 County Holstein heifer,  
 Spring-Belle Apollo Arise,  
 at the Wintercrest In-  
 vitational Sale in Pratts  
 Hollow, N.Y., this week.

The \$24,000 price tag  
 topped the sale and bested  
 the second highest price by  
 some \$9000.

"We had been offered

\$15,000 at the farm and were  
 asking \$20,000," Mills ex-  
 plained.

"So, you can see that we  
 weren't too far off on our  
 price."

"We took a tape recorder  
 along and got the bidding all  
 down. Now, we can look back  
 and play it from time to time  
 for the children."

Mills and his wife are  
 partners in Spring-Belle  
 Farm with Fury H. Frey and  
 sons.

Another Lancaster County  
 Holstein, Len-Lyn Jerry  
 Katrina-Et, consigned by  
 Galen Crouse, of Schoeneck,  
 brought \$8500 at the sale.

Spring-Belle Apollo Arise  
 is out of Spring-Belle Arline,  
 2E-92, by Hilltop Apollo  
 Ivanhoe. As a five-year-old,  
 the dam produced 29,338  
 pounds of milk, 1195 fat at 4.1  
 percent.

Two maternal sisters are  
 Spring-Belle High Hope and  
 Spring-Belle Elevation  
 Pearl. High Hope was an All-  
 American and is now owned  
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## At 3rd Pa. Tested Boar Sale

### Dutch Valley buys top boar

BY SHEILA MILLER  
 STATE COLLEGE — The  
 top-selling, high-indexing  
 boar at Pennsylvania's 3rd  
 Performance Tested Boar  
 Sale will be coming to  
 Lancaster County.

Mark Nestleroth, of Dutch  
 Valley Farm near Manheim,  
 paid \$1475 for the Yorkshire  
 boar bred by Richard D.  
 Miller, Millers Yorkshire  
 Farm, R1 Spring Grove,  
 York County. The boar came  
 out of the top pen of four  
 boars entered in this year's  
 sale.

Placed by the second place  
 boar in the 1978 Delaware  
 Boar Test, the top boar

completed the Penn State  
 test with an Average Daily  
 Gain of 2.67, taking 123 days  
 to reach 230 pounds. The  
 Miller Yorkshire's statistics  
 for loin eye was 5.47 square  
 inches, with the percent lean  
 cut coming in at 60.9.

Said Nestleroth, "I believe  
 in test records — not what  
 you see when you're looking  
 at the hog. The less you have  
 to feed, the less money you  
 have to spend for pound of  
 gain. It's what finally gets in  
 the checkbook that counts."

The high-indexing  
 Yorkshire will go to work in  
 the Dutch Valley com-  
 mercial herd, said

Nestleroth. "When you  
 market 5000 hogs a year, you  
 look for growth and feed  
 efficiency." Also in the  
 purebred Duroc and Lan-  
 drace swine business,  
 Nestleroth said the  
 Yorkshire boar will be added  
 to get a three-way cross for  
 their commercial feeder  
 pigs.

Dutch Valley also pur-  
 chased the second high  
 selling boar at the Wed-  
 nesday evening sale. This  
 Yorkshire came out of the  
 second high indexing pen  
 bred by Joel R. Stern, of Red

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## Lehigh Valley faces severe crop losses

NAZARETH — Six weeks  
 of hot dry conditions across  
 Lehigh and Northampton  
 counties may result in crop  
 losses of up to 50 percent in  
 the usually fertile Lehigh  
 Valley.

The last soaking rain in the  
 county area was in June.  
 Since then only scattered  
 showers have been  
 reported.

The National Weather  
 Service at the Allentown-  
 Bethlehem-Easton Airport  
 recorded a total of July  
 rainfall of 1.50 inches. This is  
 1.5 inches below normal. In  
 August only .83 inches has  
 been recorded to date. It  
 could be 2.49 inches.

Showers have doused  
 fields in one area and left  
 others only a few hundred  
 yards away standing dry.  
 Generally farms located in  
 the northern sections have  
 fared better.

The National Weather  
 Service records only the  
 rainfall at the airport.

Judith Noyales of the  
 Northampton County ASCS  
 said she expects 50 bushel  
 per acre corn in some areas.

"We've had a lot of inquiry  
 about the ASCS programs  
 available," she said. Twenty  
 applications for low yield  
 insurance have been  
 received already, and she  
 expects many more to be

filed as farmers begin  
 looking more closely at their  
 fields.

Last year only two such  
 applications were received.

Ivan Handwerk of the  
 Lehigh County ASCS office  
 also reports more than usual  
 interest in ASCS programs.  
 He pointed out that, at the  
 moment, ASCS programs  
 are only applicable to corn,  
 wheat, barley and sorgham.

David Dunbar, extension  
 agent in Lehigh County said  
 that potatoes may be the  
 most seriously affected crop  
 in his area. Growers are  
 expecting a yield of one half  
 normal. Peaches, he said,  
 have also been hurt.

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