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Kevin Lengel with his grand champion baby beef Angus at New Holland Fair.

Kevin Lengel, Jim Martin winners at New Holland Fair

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
NEW HOLLAND — Spirited show competition, well-attended lively sales and a deluge of long-awaited rain highlighted the 4-H baby beef and pig feeding round-ups at the New Holland fair on Thursday.

When the rain had settled the dust, top winners were: Kevin Lengel, 15, of R1 East Earl, took the Baby Beef Grand Championship

with his 1140-pound purebred Angus, Midnight.

Jim Martin, 13, of R2 New Holland, won the pig feeding grand championship with his 236-pound Duroc-Landrace-Spotted Poland China cross gilt.

The reserve champion baby beef was shown by Sharon Martin, seventh-grader from R2 East Earl. Her 1130-pound medium-weight was an Angus-

Simmental cross.

The reserve grand champion in the pig feeding competition went to Mike McCauley, of R1 Kinzer, with his 199-pound Chester White.

The long afternoon of competition opened with the baby beef show, which included 19 entries in the three classes. Judge Michael Fourier, Bucks County Extension Agent, reached into the mediumweights for both the grand and reserve champion.

Kevin Lengel's sister.
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Boyd given 4-H alumni award

LANCASTER — Darwin E. Boyd, former Lancaster County 4-H member, was named state winner of the 1980 Pennsylvania 4-H Alumni Recognition Award. Boyd, 39 Knollwood Drive, Akron, currently serves as vice president and director of the agri-finance department of the Hamilton Bank.

The announcement was made as Pennsylvania's 93,000 4-H members get ready to observe National 4-H Week, October 5-11, with the theme "Expanding Horizons". See related stories on pages C-18 and C-33.

Boyd, who was nominated for the award by the Lancaster County Extension office, said, "It is a great privilege to be selected for this award. Four-H has meant a lot to me and I know how important it is to our country. I am grateful to those who nominated me."

According to Nancy Myers, county extension 4-H agent, Boyd will receive a

plaque and will be eligible for selection as one of the top eight alumni winners in the nation. He was chosen from among the quarter-million Pennsylvania 4-H alumni.

"I was surprised - I had no inkling I would be nominated. It is a humbling feeling to be selected for Pennsylvania," Boyd stated.

A native of Ephrata R5,
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Deb Koontz joins Farming staff

LITITZ — Debra L. Koontz, Lancaster, has joined the staff of Lancaster Farming as a staff writer.

Debbie is a native of a small farm community in Bedford County known as Morrison's Cove. She grew up on a dairy farm which her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Koontz, own and operate.

Debbie has come to Lancaster Farming after finishing college at Shippensburg State where she



Deb Koontz

State milk marketing proposal taking shape

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania's proposed milk marketing promotional program which will likely go to a referendum vote among dairy farmers early next year, began to take verbal shape this week.

More than a score of representatives of co-ops, independent producers and statewide farm organizations voiced their opinions concerning what should go into the program at the initial meeting of the Milk Promotion Advisory Committee called on Tuesday by Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell.

Their suggestions are now being put into a preliminary draft form to be considered by the various groups. The draft is expected to be ready for review by the groups at their various meetings which begin about mid-month.

Among various suggestions and comments voiced at the meeting were:

—While there was no consensus on the rate of assessment, the most prevalent figure cited was three-quarters of one percent, or 9 cents per hundredweight, which would yield about \$7.1 million in promotional funds.

—Lehigh Valley Farms is opposed to the referendum because state law prohibits name brand advertising in programs conducted under the Pennsylvania

Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act.

—Eastern Milk Producers Co-Op has not changed its position, favoring a three-quarters of one percent assessment with ask-out provisions. The State Marketing Act specifies mandatory participation.

—Inter-State supports the three-quarters of one percent figure.

—Pennsylvania Farmers Union policy favors an assessment of no more than

one-half of one percent at this time.

—The National Farmers Organization is opposed to the program.

—Bear Lake Co-Op and NEDCO also support the three-fourths of one percent assessment.

The forecast of \$7.1 million in funds, which would be provided by a three-quarters of one percent assessment, is based on last year's

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Several farm bills approved in Senate

BY CURT HARLER
HARRISBURG — It was a banner week for farmers as several agricultural bills moved through the state senate and on to the Governor's desk.

HB 2640, which declares Johnsongrass a noxious weed, passed unanimously and was sent to the Governor for his signature.

HB 1176, the inheritance and estate tax bill which requires farm land be taxed on its agricultural value and not on speculative market value, also passed the Senate. It was sent back to the House for concurrence on some changes made in the Senate.

The bill, drafted by Rep. Reno Thomas, also provides agricultural and forest reserves. It passed with support in the Senate from Franklin Kury.

Farmers troubled by deer spotters at this time of year will be happy to hear that HB 893 also passed the Senate. It limits spotlighting of wildlife.

The measure prohibits spotlighting on buildings, barns or homes and says hunters can not carry a weapon while spotlighting.

A package of two bills, SB 988 and 992 also moved. They upgrade the state surface mining laws and give the Commonwealth rather than the federal government jurisdiction over surface mining operations.

Those bills are seen as important to farmers in Western Pennsylvania where coal companies often want to strip farm land to obtain coal.

HB 34 which allows heavier rear-axle weights on

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At 1981 Farm Show Moratorium lifted on breeding swine

BY SHEILA MILLER
HARRISBURG — The moratorium that recommended no breeding swine shows be held until February, 1981 because of the threat of pseudorabies has been lifted for the 1981 Farm Show, announced a spokesperson for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture on Wednesday.

The moratorium had been placed on breeding swine shows this past June after a pseudorabies outbreak had startled many swine breeders in southeast Pennsylvania.

At the time breeders unanimously agreed to the

moratorium because no one knew how wide spread the problem was, according to Dennis Grumbine, President of the Pennsylvania Swine Breeders Association.

Meeting again on Monday, the representatives of the Bureau of Animal Industries, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, the Pennsylvania Pork Council, the Pennsylvania Fair Funding Association, and the Pennsylvania Swine Breeders Association reviewed the status of pseudorabies in the state and voted to recommend the moratorium be withdrawn.

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