

Twin Valley places at Reading Fair

ELVERSON — The Twin Valley Future Farmers of America was one of the many groups represented at the Reading Fair held on October 20-25.

Their FFA Window Exhibit received second place. It demonstrated the use of dairy manure to produce methane gas for generation of electricity.

Also, the display of the corn for the test plot at Calvin Kurtz's received a variety of placings. Each ear was judged on the maturity of the ear and kernel, freedom of disease and damage, size, shape and color.

The varieties were placed as follows: Eastland and Pioneer, first; Northrup King, second; Doebler, Trojan, and Funks placed third.

Scott Stoltzfus, 16 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilmer Stoltzfus, also entered corn in this contest placing third.

In the egg contest, David Noyes, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Noyes placed second. Bertha Zerr, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Zerr placed fourth. Each set of eggs were judged on the basis of shell texture, color, shape, size and weight.

The Twin Valley FFA also participated in the livestock judging held on October 23.

In the senior division Kim Noyes, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Noyes, placed fourth while Tim

Hornberger, 15, son of Mrs. Sandy Hornberger and Scott Stoltzfus placed sixth and seventh respectively.

The senior team consisting of the three named above captured the first place.

In the junior division, Don

Kercher, 14, son of Mrs. Mary Kercher, placed fourth.

The team of Don Kercher, Pam Trostle, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Trostle, and Dave Sowa, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Frederick Sowa, captured fourth place. Other contestants were Gwyn Fultz, Gene Fultz, and Cooper Stumb.

The dairy judging was held on October 24.

In the senior division Kim

Noyes captured first place. While the team of Kim, Don Stoltzfus, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stoltzfus, and Tim Kurtz, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Kurtz obtained fourth.

In the junior division

Cooper Stumb, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Stumb, placed third with the team also placing third. The team consisted of Cooper, Mike Klune, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Klune, and Dave Sowa.

Henley to receive FFA proficiency award

COCHRANVILLE — Kennard Henley, 19, R1 Cochranville has been selected a National Finalist in the Agricultural Dairy Proficiency Award Program.

Kennard, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Henley, is

a member of the Octorara FFA.

He will be going to the National Convention in Kansas City as a guest of the National FFA Foundation.

This award, bestowed to only 88 FFA members this

year, is given for outstanding accomplishments

by a student in his or her performance throughout the years of FFA in high school, including efficiency in record keeping and dairy herd management.

Government to study mushroom industry

AVONDALE — The U.S. Department of Agriculture will begin a study of the current needs of the U.S. domestic mushroom industry, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture P.R. Smith said last Thursday.

Smith said the study, by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, is designed to help the domestic mushroom industry to compete with imported canned mushrooms. USDA's action followed President Carter's decision to increase tariffs on imports of canned and other prepared

mushrooms for three years, Smith said.

USDA is part of a White House task force which will work with the American Mushroom Institute, mushroom cooperatives and other industry representatives to provide appropriate technical and financial assistance to help make the industry more competitive, Smith said.

"There is no doubt that our domestic mushroom industry has difficulties," Smith said. "Now with increased tariffs on imports for three years and with the expertise of government

marshalled, we are in a unique position to help the industry face these problems.

"Three years of increased tariffs allows breathing time for the industry," Smith said, "but we must move quickly. Agricultural Marketing Service officials are already working on the study and will be consulting with industry representatives later this week. They have the capability and authority to work with farmers and their cooperatives, to assist with market development and promotion and to make



Kennard Henley shows one of the many dairy projects which have helped him win the FFA Agricultural Dairy Proficiency award.

recommendations on market facilities.

Smith said there is great potential for market improvement for mushrooms in the United States. "Per capita consumption of mushrooms in the United States is not high as in Canada and Europe, and we must look for ways to en-

courage better markets here," he said.

U.S. mushroom production has increased in recent years but imports have grown at a faster rate.

Pennsylvania, the leading state, produced 45 percent of the U.S. 1979-80 crop, compared with about 60 percent in the early 1970s, Smith said.

INTER-STATE'S 63rd ANNUAL DELEGATE MEETING



November 11 and 12, 1980

HOST FARM RESORT
Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, Pa.

Tuesday, November 11

**9:45 AM
OPENING SESSION &
PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**1:30 PM
GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

**6:00 PM
BANQUET**

Wednesday, November 12

**7:30 AM
YOUNG COOPERATOR
BREAKFAST
(Featuring The Phillies "TIM McCARVER")**

**9:00 AM
DELEGATE RESOLUTION
SESSION**

ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND!