

Wenger named Star Agribusiness person

FARM SHOW — Glenn T. Wenger, a 17-year-old Lebanon County youth, was named State Star Agribusiness Person for 1981, the highest award possible through the Pennsylvania FFA.

Glenn, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl I. Wenger of South Race Street in Myerstown, Lebanon County, received the award at the Pennsylvania FFA's 52nd Mid-Winter Convention in the Forum of the Education Building, held in conjunction with the 65th Farm Show.

Glenn is a senior at Eastern Lebanon County High School and is a member



Glenn Wenger

of the Eastern Lebanon County FFA Chapter. He is vice-president and assistant manager of Wenger Farms. The farm has a 60-cow dairy herd in addition to beef cattle and hogs. He farms 400 acres of corn, wheat, barley and alfalfa. Glenn

also serves as president of his local FFA Chapter.

The Star Agribusiness Award puts Glenn in the running for additional honors later this year. Glenn 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 Glenn this year for the State Star Agribusiness title were

John B. Punako of R2, Lewisburg, Union County, North Central Region, Beverly Keith of R2, Cherry Tree, Indiana County, Western Region, and Abbe Lynn Johnson of Airville, York County, South Central Region.

CCC calls corn from grain reserve

LEESPORT — Farmers who have corn stored in the farmer-owned grain reserve will be required to repay their price support loans within 90 days of notification by county ASCS offices, according to Mark Balthaser, Chairman of the Berks County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

Ray Fitzgerald, Vice President of Commodity Credit Corporation, announced the call on December 30, 1980.

Currently, about 665 million bushels of corn are in the farmer-owned reserve, he said.

Balthaser said repayment of reserve corn loans has been called by CCC because the five-day national average market price for the commodity has been at or above the \$3.26 per bushel reserve call price for corn for five consecutive days. The daily adjusted price for corn also has been above this level for five days in a row.

The call of corn loans does not mean that farmers are required to sell their grain. The call requires them to repay their loans within 90 days of the date they are officially notified of the call. County offices of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization

and Conservation Service will officially notify producers whose loans have been called.

All reserve grains except barley and wheat are now in call status, Balthaser said.

Under the farmer-owned

grain reserve program farmers are eligible to place feed grains and wheat into a reserve when farm prices are below call prices. In return, farmers receive CCC price support loans on the grain in reserve as well as

annual storage payments. The corn reserve was begun in December 1977.

The call level for corn under the reserve program is 145 percent of the \$2.25 per bushel national average loan rate, or \$3.26.

Dairymen honor

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King made a plea for contributions to the Ag Arena scheduled to be built by public subscription sometime in the coming year. Donations from all quarters are solicited.

Lew Mix, director of farm management for Agway, told dairymen the combination of oversupply and decreasing population in the Northeast are among factors which could put a big dent in farmers' pocketbooks.

Mix said it is likely 80 percent of parity will be extended for one more year, but added that he expects to see a trigger point inserted in the parity arrangement.

When government milk purchases reach a certain level, the support rate would be dropped.

At today's production levels, considering supply and demand, dairy parity probably should be between

70 and 72 percent, Mix told the dairymen.

It will cost farmers roughly 90 cents per hundredweight for every five percent drop in parity.

But even with a cutback to 75 percent of parity on October 1, 1981, dairymen could average nine to ten percent better blend prices than in 1980. However, Mix sees costs increasing 11 to 12 percent, so net income will decrease.

Mix also urged farmers to support a casein import quota and spoke of the dollar damage done to farmers by artificial and substitute dairy products.

Every dairyman in the state lost over \$300 last year to sales of artificial dairy products, he pointed out.

Also on hand to live up the evening were several county dairy princesses who served a milk punch before the dinner.

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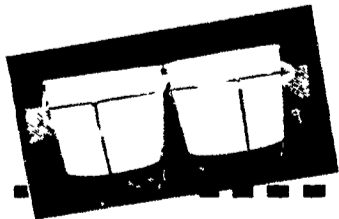
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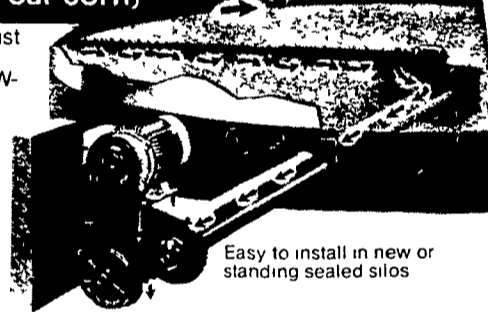
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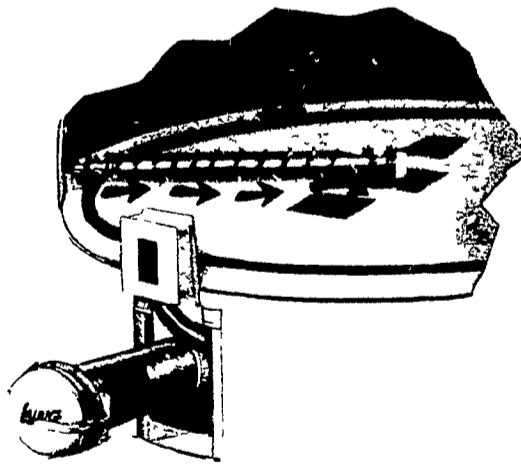
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