Ag areas bill

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The bill provides for public hearings on the proposal to be held within the ag district or at a point readily accessible to the proposed area.

An eight year review period is established under HB 143.

If it becomes law, the measure would allow an ag area to be terminated after eight years by filing a notice of termination with the recorder of deeds and the planning commission At the same time the ag area could be modified in the same manner as new areas are established

While the district is in effect, the bill says "No municipality or political subdivision shall exercise any of its powers to enact local laws or ordinances within an agricultural area in a manner which would unreasonably restrict or regulate farm structures or farming practices in contravention of the purposes of the act unless such restrictions or regulations bear a direct relationship to the public health or safety.'

In a word, that is the carrot for farmers They will be protected from nuisance ordinances

The bill also provides that Commonwealth agencies encourage farming within those areas. The section is written to discourage taking of farmland for highways.

No land could be condemned unless a land condemnation committee agrees to the land's taking The procedure for condemnation is outlined in the

The bill establishes a program allowing the purchase of easements by counties

It authorizes a county to use money from its general fund or to incur debt to obtain money to buy development easements in ag areas

It also allows the county to sell development easements acquired under the act provided the sale is approved by the local governing body and that the present land owner has first right of refusal to buy the easement.

In short, the latter section of the bill would allow a county, like Lancaster, to implement its ag district plan complete with purchase of development rights But no county would be forced to do the same thing

Most observers on the Hill see HB 143 as giving local governments a handle with which to work when starting to struggle with farmland preservation projects

Prime sponsor Noah Wenger, Lancaster County, said the measure does not offer a guarantee that farmland will be saved but should encourage farmland preservation

Grangers objected to the bill because they said it provides little that farmers can't gain under other laws nuisance protection already is provided, tax relief for farmland is on the books. some places like Warwick or Ephrata Townships in Lancaster County are going their own routes with ag districts

Supporters point out HB 143 gets the legal wheels turning and provides the groundwork which will be needed for any future farmland preservation

Farm Show champ steer grades good

BY SHEILA MILLER

CARLISLE - In just a few days, diners here at Dusan Bratic's Western Sizzlin' Steak House will be able to sink their teeth into a Farm Show grand champion steak But, for those expecting to eat a prime piece of beef, or even a choice piece, the grand champ beef just won't cut the mustard (or steak sauce)

According to Robert Finkenbinder, owner of the Country Butcher Shop, R4 Carlisle and Dillsburg who slaughtered the steer shown by Blain Clowser of Armstrong County, the champ only graded at the top of the good grade with a yield grade of 2 6.

This grading was not done by a Federal grader, Finkenbinder explained, but by Penn State's Jim Watkins using USDA standards The butcher said he doesn't have a federal grader at his retail

"I thought when I saw him at the sale at Farm Show that he wouldn't grade choice." recalled Finken-

"The champ just didn't show enough brisket or fat cover to finish out any better than good For a steer to grade choice, that brisket has to have a little bounce that's my first indication it'll have the marbling

Although he didn't bid on the grand champion, Finkenbinder said he did buy six other Farm Show steers, four of which graded choice by his standards He explained he bought one Hereford steer, one Limousin crossbred, and the rest were black Chianina x Angus steers

Finkenbinder, who has been in the butchering business for 17 years, voiced his opinion about the recent trend to exotic crossbred steers

"These calves are too heavy," he exclaimed

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"They get too big

"I'm in the retail meat business, selling quarters and sides for the freezer trade A side that weighs 375 to 400 pounds costs too much money - it's too big

"I'm used to handling big frame cattle, but I even keep my Holstein steers at 700

pounds dressed weight Otherwise the retail cuts get too big '

Finkenbinder said he sympathizes with buyers of the Farm Show champs, like Danny George of Bethlehem, who depend on those steers grading choice

"When you buy the

champion baby beef, you want it to grade choice otherwise it's just plain baby beef," he observed

It could have been the same story with the reserve grand champion steer, shown by Erme Frey of Lancaster, purchased by (Turn to Page A39)



Red meat output rises

HARRISBURG - Commercial red meat production in Pennsylvania during December totaled 87.4 million pounds, up eight percent from December

Cattle slaughter at 62,000 head was up 16 percent while calf slaughter at 23,100 head was up 22 percent from last year

Hog slaughter at 301,200 head remained unchanged from a year ago The number of sheep and lambs slaughtered total 13,900, up 18 percent from December

Nationally, commercial red meat production during December totaled 3 35 billion pounds, an increase of nine percent from December 1979 Beef production at 1 86 billion pounds was up nine percent while veal production at 35 million pounds was up 17 percent

Pork production totaled 1 43 billion pounds, up eight percent from December 1979

Lamb and mutton production increased 22 percent to 28 million pounds

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470.00	1,388	7	9'0''	5'4''	1,500
570.00	1,735	7	12'0''	5'4''	2,000
770.00	2,432	7	17'11''	5'4''	3,000
950.00	3,130	7	23'10''	5'4''	4,000
1,540.00	4,484	1/4''	13'7''	8'0''	5,000
1,690.00	5,123	1/4"	16'2"	8'0''	6,000
2,095.00	6,475	1/4"	21'6''	8'0''	8,000
2,495.00	7,825	1/4"	26'10''	8'0''	10,000
2,250.00	6,956	1/4"	17'0''	10'0"	10,000
2,630.00	8,074	1/4"	20'6''	10'0"	12,000
2,525.00	7,900	1/4"	18'7''	10'6''	12,000
3,825.00	11,857	5/16"	23'2''	10'6"	15,000
4,790.00	15,105	5/16"	31'0''	10'6''	20,000
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