

# New Holland wins top FFA poultry honors

LANCASTER — Eastern Lancaster County, of New Holland, swept the top individual and team honors at the Lancaster County FFA Poultry Judging Contest last Saturday at Weaver's Quality Eggs, Inc., Greenfield Industrial Park.

The top New Holland winners —Randy Musselman, highest individual scorer.

—Team composed of Wayne Zimmerman, Mike Weaver and Steve Ludwig, which captured both the first-place Lancaster County trophy, as well as Tri-County honors.

This marks the fifth year in succession that New Holland teams have won the top county trophy, which is provided by the Lancaster County Poultry Association. One of the trophies was retired to the school after the first three consecutive wins and the FFA'ers from New Holland already are two-thirds of the way home in permanently winning the second trophy.

Winner of the second-place Lancaster County trophy was the Elizabethtown team, which includes Kevin Noll, Darrell Lehman and John Amsbaugh.

A second New Holland team took third place. It was made up of Carl Horning, Randy Weaver and Randy Musselman.

Schools participating in the competition were Warwick, Elizabethtown, Solanco, Manheim, Ephrata and New Holland, Lancaster County, Twin Valley, Berks County, Red Lion and Dover, York County.

A total of 10 different stations, including two new categories, tested the participants' knowledge of poultry and products. The new categories added this year were dressed turkeys and pullet oral reasons.

Finishing behind first-place individual scorer Randy Musselman, New Holland, were Steve Ludwig, New Holland, 2, Mike Weaver, New Holland, 3, Jay Garber, Elizabethtown, 4, Todd Miller, Warwick, 5, John Amsbaugh, Elizabethtown, 6, Randy Greenly, Elizabethtown, 7, Darrell Lehman, Elizabethtown, 8, Wayne Zimmerman, New Holland, 9, and Scott Bailey, New Holland, 10.

Assisting with the conduct of the competition were Jay Irwin, county extension agent, Bob Garland, Hubbard Farms, Jane Gregory and Noah Gehman, Pennfield, Jose Castillo, Gene Hebert and Richard Bennett, of the USDA, Ralph Griffith, Lester Good, Allan Tate and Bill Patterson, of Weaver's, and Leroy Esbenshade, representing the poultry association —DA



Leroy Esbenshade, president of Lancaster County Poultry Association, presents trophy to first-place county judging team from New Holland, including from the left, Wayne Zimmerman, Mike Weaver and Steve Ludwig. The team also received the Tri-County Trophy.



Second-place Lancaster County poultry judging team from Elizabethtown, shown with Bill Patterson, of Weaver's Quality Eggs, is made up of, from the left, Kevin Noll, Darrell Lehman and John Amsbaugh.



Third-place Lancaster County poultry judging team receiving trophy from Ralph Griffith, of Weaver's Quality Eggs, includes, from the left, Carl Horning, Randy Weaver and Randy Musselman.



Top individual scorer in the Lancaster County FFA Poultry Judging Contest is Randy Musselman, of New Holland.



## Livestock survey focuses on N. American Trade

KANSAS CITY, Mo — The value of livestock and meat commerce on the North American continent in 1978 was an estimated \$88 billion, according to a first-of-its-kind survey done for the Continental Livestock Commission.

The Commission, an arm of Livestock Marketing Association, undertook the survey to lay the foundation for its effort to expand and develop livestock and meat commerce on the continent, according to Commission Chairman Ralph K. Bennett, Ottawa, Ontario.

Bennet, a long-time observer of the North American livestock industry, said the survey was the first one of which he was aware that focused on solely North American commerce — including the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Central America.

"When the Commission was founded last year by the Directors of LMA, it was their conviction that expanding North American livestock and meat trade offered as much potential for industry development as did overseas trade," Bennett said. "And the information gathered in this

survey bears out that belief."

Information for the Commission's survey was compiled from various industry and related trade sources by Livestock INTER-MART, an element of LMA specializing in monitoring livestock supply and demand.

The year 1978 was the last one for which complete figures for all countries were available. Highlights from the survey results:

—In relation to the total value of goods and services produced on the Continent that year, the \$88 billion in livestock and meat commerce comprised about 3-4 percent.

—Approximately 1.68 million head of livestock and 533 million pounds of red meat moved in international trade on the Continent. More than 90 percent of the livestock imported by these nations originated on the Continent, but less than 30 percent of the red meat (13-14 percent of the beef, 28-29 percent of the pork, and 1 percent of the lamb and mutton).

—In terms of livestock numbers, production appears to have kept pace with population growth. But the Continent was a net importer of

red meat, as production lagged 4 percent behind consumption.

—There were 143 pounds of red meat produced per capita, and 149 pounds consumed per capita, in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Central America.

—Taken individually, the U.S. produced 176 pounds of red meat per capita and consumed 187 pounds; Canada produced 159 pounds and consumed 162 pounds; Mexico produced 53 pounds and consumed 50-52 pounds; the Central American countries produced 49 pounds and consumed 34 pounds.

—In 1978, there were an estimated 325 million people on the Continent, and 276 million head of cattle, hogs, sheep and goats. The nations on the Continent each have about the same percentage of the total human population as they do numbers of livestock, but there is a considerable difference in the amount of red meat each produces. The reason for this variation is the differing uses of land and livestock among the nations.

—Cattle make up between 60-65 percent of the livestock on the Continent, and beef makes up

about the same percentage of red meat. The predominance of cattle is due to the grassland areas extending from Canada down through most the central and western U.S., and into north central Mexico; and because of the dual purpose of meat and milk for which many of the cattle are raised in Mexico and Central America.

—In Canada, an estimated 15 percent of the cattle population in 1978 was dairy cattle; in the U.S., it was 9 percent, in Mexico, 28 percent and in Central America, 16 percent.

Commenting on the value of the survey, Bennett said it will allow each country on the Continent to relate itself to the entire Continent for an evaluation of potential commerce.

"There are certainly potential barriers to expanded trade," he said, "and these include duties, quotas, health regulations, the rate of money exchange and the need for additional economic growth in certain countries."

"But the identification of the potential for trade is a necessary first step to overcoming many of these barriers."

## Taylor named Berks agent

LEESPORT — Karen E. Taylor has been appointed to Penn State's Extension Service staff as an assistant Extension agent and assigned to Berks County, effective March 2.

Thomas B. King, Penn State associate dean for extension, points out that Miss Taylor is conducting educational programs in the area of 4-H dairy and livestock.

Her position was made possible

by funds provided by the Berks County Board of Commissioners.

A native of Vermont, Miss Taylor received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Vermont in 1980, majoring in animal science.

In Berks County she is associated with Extension Director, Herbert A. Wetzel with offices in the Berks County Agricultural Center, Leesport.