

Governor's visit

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and bred by exhibitor at the state show this past year. Sire is Paclamar Astronaut.

The Ag Arena sale, which will feature sheep, hogs, beef, and all breeds of dairy cattle will raise money for the Penn State facility. Half of the proceeds from the benefit sale will go toward the arena.

The walking tour of the Snider farmstead took the governor through the life of a dairy cow, from the calf hutches through the graduated pens of the open-sided heifer barn, the stanchion barn, feedlot area, milk house and wound up in the former juggling retail area, which now is filled with show trophies and banners.

Along the way, Snider and Hallowell filled in Thornburgh on the details of dairy farming — why calves are reared in hutches, feeding techniques, the age-group pens in the heifer barn and field injection of the liquid wastes.

In brief comments, Governor Thornburgh explained that no precipitous action would be taken against fruits and vegetables coming into the state from California.

"Everything coming from California is receiving hands-on inspection," Thornburgh said.

"If we find anything that might affect the integrity of our own fruit and vegetable crop, we'll then take whatever action is necessary."

The governor reiterated that the action of the oil companies in passing along the wholesale gas tax to consumers was behavior not in the public's interest and that the forces of competition will make them take another look at their action.

Thornburgh said the prime



An interested audience, at left, pauses amidst late evening dinner to watch visiting dignitaries on Sniders' Singing Brook Farm in Bedford County. In the front, from the left, are Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell, Obie Snider and

Governor Dick Thornburgh. Later during on-camera TV interview, the governor spoke amidst a chorus of "mooring" to give authentic sound effects to the visit.

needs now are to reduce the inflation rate, restore stability to the economy including the agricultural economy and reduce government spending.

"In Pennsylvania, we've kept the growth of government below the rate of inflation and I support President Reagan in his efforts on the national level," Thornburgh said.

The governor ticked off the actions that have been taken in the Commonwealth in support of farming, such as the recently-signed Ag Areas Bill.

"We're here tonight to keep in

touch with farmers and their problems," he said.

"Then, we can go back to Harrisburg and continue to translate these needs into action.

"We need to preserve prime agricultural farmland, but to do it we must preserve the family

farmer, too."

After an afternoon of threatening skies and a few sprinkles that drizzled on the Snider's cut hay, the evening on the well-groomed lawn amidst acres of corn just beginning to tassel and wheat shoulder-high and ready to be cut

was graced with pleasant weather.

The governor spent the night at the nearby Clarence Bowman home and then moved on to the Sommerfest in Somerset on Friday and to the juggling operation and farm market of Sam Minor near Eighty-Four today.



Obie Snider stresses a point about dairy cattle feeding techniques to Ag Secretary Hallowell and Governor Thornburgh.



Obie Snider tells about cow he's consigning to Penn State Ag Arena Fund Raising Sale scheduled on December 11. Ag Secretary

Hallowell quipped to Governor Thornburgh that he plans to start the bidding at ten thousand.



Farm leaders from Bedford and surrounding counties gather on front lawn of Singing Brook Farm, Imier, to meet and talk with Governor

Dick Thornburgh. Just behind fence, steaks are being barbecued for the group.



Governor Thornburgh signs guest book in the Snider Holstein Trophy Room.