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Pa. livestock take high honors at KILE

BY DEBBIE KOONTZ
HARRISBURG — Termed "one of the top livestock shows on the East Coast" by Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell, Pennsylvania's 25th Keystone International Livestock Exposition got underway last Friday with over 3,400 top beef cattle, sheep, swine, and horses competing for \$75,000 in premiums.

For stories and results of the cattle, sheep and horse competitions, look throughout this issue of Lancaster Farming.

Over 475 breeding swine and barrows were entered in com-

petition this year — a surprising number considering the more stringent health regulations imposed on breeding swine since the pseudorabies outbreak in Pennsylvania and current hog industry economics.

Dennis Grumbine, president of the PA Swine Breeders Cooperative and KILE exhibitor termed the show "decent, considering health regulations could have stagnated the numbers."

He pointed out there were more hogs entered in the carcass class this year than ever before, with 242 hogs being slaughtered. This was

up from last year's 200 head.

There were no breeding stock shown last year due to pseudorabies precautions. This year's entries were down slightly from previous years — not coming close to the numbers shown during the hog hay-day of six years ago, however.

"This follows through with what's been happening at most fairs in the state and follows the economic trends of fewer numbers in the hog industry," Grumbine explained.

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This Yorkshire, shown by John Strawbridge of Strawbridge & McClearly, was awarded grand champion honors at the Open-Barrows On-Foot Show at KILE, Monday. Find more winners on page A22.

Pam Yeagley's lamb tops Manheim

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
MANHEIM — What 4-H is all about was graphically illustrated Thursday night in the Manheim Fair's sheep competition.

When 13-year-old Pam Yeagley accepted the grand champion market lamb trophy with tears of joy trickling down across her

broad smile, it was a reincarnated scene of her father, Elvin, some three decades ago.

In just her first year of 4-H, Pam, of R1 Elizabethtown, brought her 115-pound Suffolk-Hampshire cross, "Jumbo," into the winners circle.

Back in 1947, her father, Elvin,

had a grand champion lamb at the Farm Show when he was in 4-H. He also had a couple of reserve champion steers.

And Thursday night it was difficult to determine who relished Pam's win more — the daughter or father. For one, it was the sweet taste of a first victory. For the other, it was a victory relived.

Since the father's 4-H victories as a youth, the family has moved off the farm and now live "in the country" next to the farm of major league pitcher Gene Garber.

The winning lamb was purchased in July out of the flock of Lancaster breeder, Clyde Brubaker.

"I named him Jumbo because of his size," Pam explains.

"He was always bigger than the rest."

Pam cared for the lamb, plus a couple of others along with her younger brother, Phillip, on the acre of land at the family home.

"I'd walk and run him a mile to a mile and a half each day," she said.

Also, we had this little jump made out of part of a swing and used it."

Actually, Jumbo was a joint animal of Pam and Phillip, who also had separate animals. This was Pam's second show. She was at Elizabethtown last week and had two class firsts and a second.

In capturing her first big 4-H win, Pam bested the Suffolk entry of a more veteran showman, Barry Martin, of R1 East Earl.

In Pam's immediate future now

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Pam Yeagley and her grand champion lamb of Manheim Fair.

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House Committee blocks Block Voting bill

BY SHEILA MILLER

HARRISBURG — During their meeting of the House Ag Committee here on Tuesday, a full-member session blocked the Block Voting bill by a vote of 18-5.

All 23 members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs were present for the vote on controversial HB 767. The motion to report the bill from committee was soundly defeated.

Prior to the official record call, Representative D. R. Wright amended the bill and removed all the sections except those that addressed the block voting issue, such as the reduction of time from five to three years for the Secretary of Agriculture to call a referendum, and the two-thirds vote.

The 18-5 vote directly reflected the central issue — block voting versus non block voting by farm cooperatives. The proposed elimination of the modified block

voting system presently used in Pennsylvania was killed, and co-ops will be able to continue to cast votes for their non-voting membership in marketing referendums.

Pennsylvania Farmers Association, the State Grange, several major dairy cooperatives, and the Department of Agriculture had gone on record at previous hearings testifying against HB 767. Favoring the bill was the Pennsylvania Farmers Union and former Secretary of Agriculture Kent Shelhamer.

The issue of block voting and the other sections of HB 767 are now "dead" unless reintroduced by the legislature.

Tuesday's committee meeting also considered the newly introduced Right to Farm bill, HB 1823, sponsored by Lancaster's Noah Wenger.

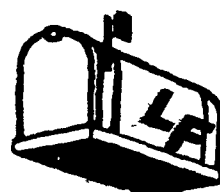
The bill, which is only three pages long, attempts to: protect farms that follow normal management practices from local ordinances that would interfere with these normal practices; and protect those normal farmers from public nuisance suits brought against them by non-farm citizens complaining about noise, dust, odor, or the hours of operation.

According to Wenger, this bill would not protect farmers who do not comply with existing state laws, such as the Clean Streams law. "This bill gives farmers protection without protecting the sloppy farmers," he explained.

HB 1823 remains in committee, held over for further action. However Wenger expressed optimism that the bill would be favorably reported out of com-

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A new national apple queen has been crowned - Sandra Williams of Arkansas. First runner-up was a local girl from York-Heather Staubach. Find details on page...A20.

He has a talented, creative mind and voice, but did you know that Wendell Woodbury of WGAL-TV also has talented milking fingers, turn to B18.

More than five million 4-H'ers in every state plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam observed National 4-H Week this past week. For state winners, see...D2.