

Farmers throw weight beh

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praises and thanked them for their vocal support in his reelection effort. He equated his feelings for Pennsylvania's agriculture to a "family affair" and related experiences shared by First Lady Ginny and him as they visited farms across the state. He extended this "family" feeling to include the Department of Agriculture secretary, Penrose Hallowell, and staff.

"The family farm is more than just an economic unit," stressed Thornburgh, further defining it as

a "quality of life and values that has played an important part in the history of Pennsylvania." He boasted of Pennsylvania's largest rural population and attributed the state's ability to weather current economic storms to its citizens' "toughness and perseverance."

Thornburgh once again confessed to being a "city boy" but was quick to point out he had learned about agriculture from the grass roots level — "from the ground up." Through town meetings he heard what was on the minds of family farmers, he said.

With enthusiasm rising in his voice, Thornburgh proudly proclaimed the state has experienced "four straight years of a balanced budget with no tax increases." Meanwhile, as if not to be drowned out by the political rhetoric, a bass-pitched lowing was heard coming from inside the barn.

"A moo of applause," exclaimed Thornburgh, praising the cow for her good timing and sense, only to learn the vocal accompaniment was the sentiments of a beckoning bull.



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Undaunted, Thornburgh confessed he is proud of his administration's record in agriculture and expressed his desire to "carry on what we've started."

"We've had an auspicious beginning," he stated, while mentioning his hopes of keeping the "farm partnership" going four more years. During another term he predicted another 30 "pro-farm" bills could be enacted into law.

Areas of concern, he said, include exports, interest rates, and the ultimate lowering of farm costs and raising of farm income.

When queried by an Associated Press reporter about the possibilities of Pennsylvania taking part in a dry milk giveaway program, Thornburgh turned to Hallowell for confirmation that Pennsylvania was not currently in the federal hand-out program. Hallowell said Pennsylvania is not one of the three pilot states



Governor Thornburgh poses next to Lancaster County Dairy Princess LuAnn Breneman of Mount Joy, and is introduced to the county's alternate princesses, LuAnn's sister, JoAnn, left, and Gail Ginder of Elizabethtown, center.

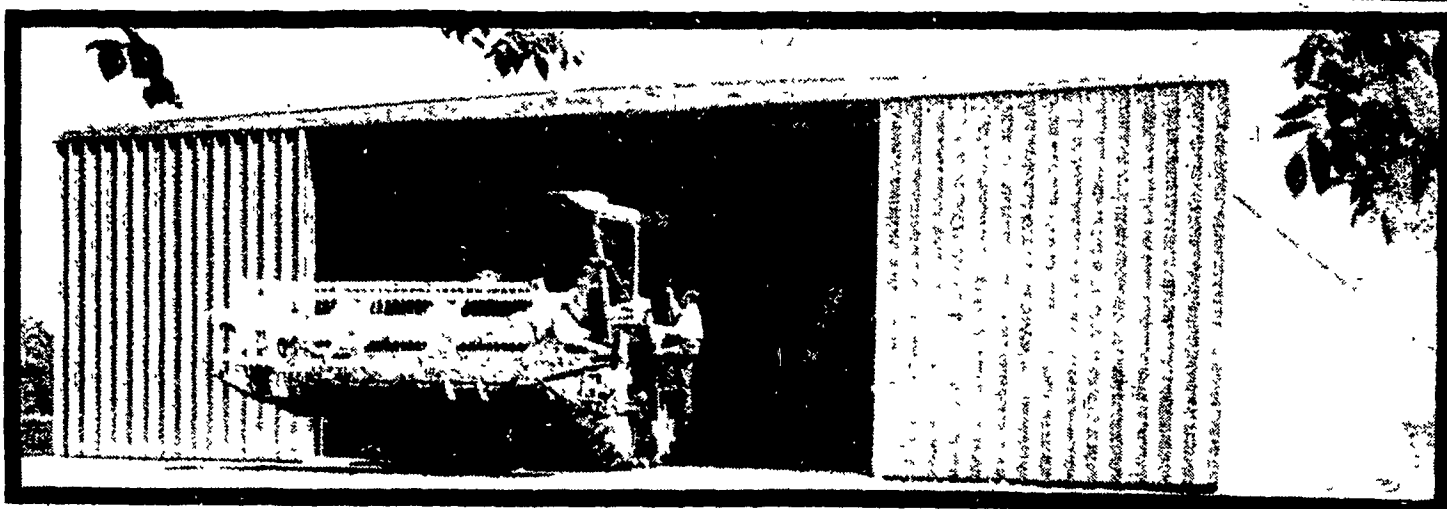


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