

## Weis honors growers

LEWISBURG — At a dinner meeting at the Country Cupboard Restaurant in Lewisburg, more than 100 Pennsylvania fruit and vegetable growers were honored by Weis Markets. The annual Grower-Distributor meeting is held to give recognition to the growers and show appreciation for the efforts and contributions they have made in furthering agriculture.

George Michalak, Vice President for Weis Markets, was joined by Pennsylvania officials and legislators in reviewing the efforts in agriculture during the past year. Michalak stated that the grower, distributor and consumer are all links in a chain that is symbolic of the food distribution system, a system that is the most sophisticated and efficient in the world.

Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell told the growers that, although he and his department are actively working to increase export of Pennsylvania farm fresh products, currently there exists greater potential for marketing local agricultural

products within the Commonwealth. Hallowell presented a Commendation to Sigfried Weis, President of Weis Markets, for the chain's involvement and support of local agriculture.

Weis Markets commitment to agriculture in Pennsylvania was pioneered by Sigfried Weis in an effort to benefit the local farming community and to provide Weis Markets customers with the freshest produce possible.

Other featured speakers included State Sen. Edward Helfrick, chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, and House Reps.

Joseph Grieco, Merle Phillips, and John Showers, all members of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

Michalak concluded the meeting by discussing the "Continuing Challenge of the 80's" and was optimistic for local agriculture in 1983. The positive economic signs, but more importantly the continuing aggressive promotion of agriculture at all levels and the striving for excellence in quality of goods marketed, would provide for the continuance of agriculture as the Keystone of Pennsylvania's economy.

## Mapoval bull to Select Sires

PLAIN CITY, Oh. — Mapoval Belinda-ET, a young bull bred by Mapoval Farms, Inc., Milan, Pa. has been acquired by Select Sires, Plain City, Ohio.

Based on his outstanding pedigree, this bull calf has been selected as one of only 130 Holstein bulls from the throughout the United States to enter the Select Sires' Program for Genetic Advancement (PGA) sire sampling system in 1983.

The dam of this young bull is an Excellent (90), Pawnee Farm Arlinda Chief daughter, Mapoval Linda Kaboda Fan. She has over 200,000 of milk lifetime and three

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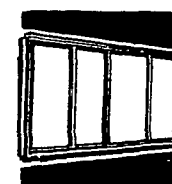
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