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Bruce Betts, left and his father LeRoy pose with Bruce's Dorsets that won Del. Fair Grand Champion Ram and Ewe over all breeds, as Judge Cheryl Fairbairn looks on.



Joyce and LeRoy Bupp accept Premier Breeder and Exhibitor awards at the York Holstein show from York County Dairy Princess Heidi Von Lange and Alternate Princess Sharon Taylor.

Del. Fair & York Holstein champs crowned

Betts wins twin grands

BY TRISH WILLIAMS
HARRINGTON — The Delaware State Fair was a bustling place Wednesday. With open show competition in dairy, swine and sheep, it seemed almost like a three ring circus to a spectator running between trying to keep up with the champions.
 Capturing the Grand Champion Ewe and the Grand Champion Ram over all breeds were two Dorsets exhibited by Bruce Betts of Hickory View Farm in Maston's Corner.

Bruce, a member of the newly formed Delaware Sheep and Wool Producers Association, made quite a showing Wednesday not only in the Dorset breed, but also with his Southdowns. Chester County Livestock Extension Agent Cheryl Fairbairn, served as the official judge for the open sheep show. Fairbairn awarded 14 first places to Betts Dorset and South Down entries.

In FFA livestock judging competition earlier in the week, Betts also did well, placing fifth in the state.

Judge Fairbairn said that considering the small number of sheep in Delaware, the quality of animal being shown was quite good.

Assistant Superintendent of Sheep, John Hukill, said the number of sheep and the quality of

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Sire summary

Attention dairymen:
 The July, 1983 AI Sire Summary of the USDA-DHIA can be found on pages D14 through 21.



Talking tobacco at Penn State's Southeast Research Farm at Landisville are, from left, Jay Irwin, Lancaster County Extension Director; Sam Smith, Ag College Dean; Obie Snider, ag trustee; Bryce Jordan, new university president; Ag. Sec. Penrose Hollowell; and John Yocum, farm's superintendent.

Taking crash course in Pa. ag

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
LANDISVILLE — The Ag Advisory Council this week gave new Penn State president, Dr. Bryce Jordan, a crash course in Pennsylvania agriculture.

If the course were in the university's curriculum, it might be listed as Pa. Ag 506, or something like that.

And, more important, the new university head was very receptive to what he was learning about farming in the Commonwealth.

On Tuesday, Council, University and state personnel started Jordan out at one end of Commonwealth farmland in Erie County and ended up nearly at the other end in Lancaster County.

Dr. Jordan commented in all honesty that his previous trips to Pennsylvania had primarily been to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh and he just wasn't aware of the breadth and diversity of agriculture in the state.

He also admitted initially he was a bit surprised at learning it's the state's Number One industry.

Already, it was evident that Ag

Dean Dr. Samuel Smith, Ag Secretary Penny Hollowell and others like Penn State ag trustee

Obie Snider were doing quite well in their instruction in agricultural (Turn to Page A33)

10 Avian cases diagnosed

LANCASTER — Avian influenza has now been diagnosed in 10 poultry flocks in Lancaster County, primarily in the Manheim area.

The first diagnosis was made in April and the latest confirmed cases were reported mid-July.

While most cases have occurred in the Manheim area, one flock in the Akron area was also affected. An unconfirmed case was being mentioned this week in the Mount Joy area.

The rather rare flu has hit all types of poultry operations, including broilers, layers and starter pullets.

A curious factor in the outbreak is that many of the affected operations are top-notch and practice good management, according to Jay Irwin, county extension director. The original source or carrier of the flu has not

been determined.

The virus causing the disease is described as quite fragile and exists for only 14 to 21 days. Thus, the flu is self-limiting and recovery is spontaneous. Also, it does not have lasting effects on either eggs or the poultry meat.

It can be transmitted from flock to flock by humans, dogs, cats or even wild birds.

To control it, Irwin is still recommending the following of the security-sanitation measures developed for the LT outbreak in 1978.

"Our poultry people have been doing an excellent job in practicing the health security measures," he said.

It is believed that the rare Avian flu, which is more common in turkeys, may last have been involved in a large outbreak in the mid-1920's.

Bupps take top honors

BY TRISH WILLIAMS
YORK — Bupplynn Farms of Seven Valleys claimed both the Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor awards, Thursday at the York County Holstein Show. Leroy and Joyce Bupp excited over their victory said, it was a family effort that helped to win the coveted honors. Their son, Richard, and daughter Patty exhibited their 4-H heifers that added points to the Bupplynn tally.

"Cows are given twice the number of points that heifers are," said Bupp, "so our big point winners were our mature cows. Our dry cows did very well, winning first, second and fourth in the Dry Cow 4-Years and Under class, and first in the Dry Cow 5-Years and Over class."

But the biggest point winner was Bupplynn Topper Capsule, who won first in the 5-Year-Old class, and Best Udder. Capsule is rated excellent at 91, with milk records of 22,900 pounds of milk and 700 pounds of fat.

York County Dairy Princess, Heidi Von Lange, and Alternate Dairy Princess, Sharon Taylor presented the Bupps the prestigious premier awards.

Donald Seipt of Keystone Farm in Easton, served as the judge for the show. Seipt is active in the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, and is presently

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Getting ready for the fair?
 The Pennsylvania county and community fair schedule is on page D10.