# **Adams County fruitgrowers trying for repeat win**

#### BY J.B. ROTH BENDERSVILLE

Fruitgrowers in Adams County are once again spending today selecting and polishing apples for the Farm Show.

Jim Bucher, vice president of the Adams County Fruitgrowers Association and chairman of the

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farm show exhibit committee, said that seven varieties of apples will be included this year's display.

Adams fruitgrowers, according to Bucher, have participated in the Farm Show, since the state agricultural exhibit began. Last year for the first year, Adams County won the top county prize for

the apple and apple product exhibit. Franklin County had been the traditional winner for many years.

The fruit exhibit is evaluated on the quality of the apples and the educational message. The display includes apple products, in addition to the Romes, Red Delicious, Red Stamen, Golden Delicious and Red Yorks. There will be 10 to 12 bushels on display.

Planning for the Farm Show begins prior to apple harvest. Bucher explains that each of the participating farms - and there are seven this year go out and select apples while they are still on the trees. With about 25,000 acres of apples to choose from, this is not the easiest task, Bucher said.

The fruit is displayed in the main lobby of the farm show building. "A lot of people go into the farm show and completely miss our exhibit," Bucher said. After the farm show is over, the exhibit, including the apples are sold. Last year the display went for \$100.

"This year's competition is a rematch with Franklin County. For years, Franklin has been number one and we were number two. We should be number one because we lead the state in apple production,' Bucher said.

Bucher predicts that Franklin County will spare no expense in trying to recapture first place, but Adams County farmers are just as determined.

This year's crop because of the severe drought is a little smaller than usual, but Bucher said it was a good crop. "We came up short on bushels this year. There were some big apples, but on the whole it was not a great year," he said.

The display this year, as it was last year, was designed by Gale Kane. The display lists the nutritional information about

apple industry and the related processed products. Among the processed products are samples of apple juices, sauce

and pie fillings from MFP Musselmans in Biglerville; Lucky Leaf Orrtanna; and Duffy Motts, Bendersville. The apples have been kept in

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atmosphere controlled rooms and will be as fresh as if they were just picked, Bucher said.

There will also be Adams County apples and apple products on sale at the state horticultural booth, Bucher said.

This year, the apples are being provided by El Vista Orchards, near Fairfield; Hollabaugh Brothers Fruit Farms, near **Biglerville; Mountain View Fruit** Farms, near Biglerville; Pitzer Brothers Fruit Farms, near Aspers; Pleasant Valley Orchards, near Bendersville; Bear Mountain Orchards, near Bendersville; and Paul Lerew Fruit Farm, near York Springs. The county fruit business is well represented, Bucher said.

One thing for sure, these fruit farmers' teachers would be proud today to see them polishing apples.



## **MID WINTER AYRSHIRE MEETING**

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1983**

3:00 P.M. Room C. Farm Show Building

AGENDA - Report of 1983 Sales

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In front of last year's winning display are Jim Lerew, left, president of the Adams County Fruitgrowers Association; and Jim Bucher, vice president and chairman of the Farm Show display committee.

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### The Meeting Schedule Is As Follows:

Place: Leola Family Restaurant, basement Time: 7:30 Prompt! Dates: As shown below

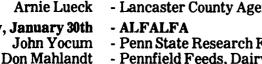
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- 2. Monday, January 30th - ALFALFA
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