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More than 400 young exhibitors converged on the Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus last Sunday through Tuesday for the National Junior Angus Show.

Is there a vo-ag teacher shortage in Pa?

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN UNIVERSITY PARK - As Pennsylvania vo-ag teachers plan to gather for their annual professional institute at Penn State beginning Monday, their ranks across the Commonwealth show at least a dozen openings with less than two months to the reopening of school.



Teachers in Lancaster County location of the largest vo-ag enrollment in the state - discussed the thinning of their ranks this week and decided to express concern to Penn State ag education officials at their conference during the coming week.

In Lancaster County alone, one opening has been filled, but two still exist.

Gerald Wyble, a Lancaster ' County native, is returning after a year of teaching at Tri Valley, which now has an opening.

He fills the opening created by the moving of William Erikson to the FFA Executive Secretary post.

Eastern Lancaster County is accepting applications to fill the environmental ag position made vacant by the move of Phil Ogline to Michigan State University. And, this week Dick Yencer, of

Lampeter-Strasburg, resigned to move to another state.

And while not creating an

opening, veteran ag teacher Lou Ayers, of Ephrata, has moved to ag industry.

A dozen openings statewide are considered quite a high number with the opening of classes some seven weeks away.

Stiff recruitment is now underway between school districts as one attempts to "rob" another to fill an opening. But this only creates another opening.

Also of concern are the movement of teachers outside the state and the lack of top ag education graduates moving into the teaching field. A number of this year's graduates opted for ag industry jobs.

. Highlights of this coming week's institute at Penn State include concurrent training sessions in chainsaws, FFA state and national awards; microcomputers for beginners, introduction to corn

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Junior Angus Show attracts 504 entries



BY JACK HUBLEY

COLUMBUS, OH - A great group of both young people and cattle, was judge Glen Klippenstein's summation at the conclusion of this year's National Junior Angus Show held at the Ohio State Fairgrounds last Sunday through Tuesday.

And the site of the country's largest state fair was a fitting place to stage the country's premier junior Angus event. More than 400 exhibitors from 31 states and Canada journeyed to Columbus with over 500 head of cattle, prompting Ohio Governor Richard F. Celeste to proclaim July 6 through 10 as Ohio Angus Week.

Following opening ceremonies on Sunday morning, the show officially began with the bred-andowned bull competition. Grand champion honors went to Susan Lynn Patton of Indiana, with Iowa resident James C. O'Neill showing the reserve champion bull.

Next on the agenda was the bredand-owned heifer contest with Janna Nelson Herbst of Idaho taking top honors. The reserve grand heifer in this division was shown by Kimberly Sydenstricker of Missouri.

Following the bred-and-owned females was the Angus Steer Classic, this year featuring a new method of evaluation. Steers were judged on-hoof in Sunday's contest, and then slaughtered and evaluated in carcass competition. Each category was weighted equally, with the final verdict arriving at the conclusion of the show on Tuesday. To qualify for final placing, steers were required

to weigh at least 1.7 pounds per day of age on-hoof, and obtain a USDA quality grade of low choice or better, with a yield grade of at least 3.9.

A steer shown by Cindy Houck of Kansas was selected as grand

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BY THE FENCE POST - One of the busiest farming chores this season thus far has been emptying the rain gauge.

Entries from 8 states

A well-worn footpath has been beaten this "Spring and Summer of Storms" from the kitchen door to the rain gauge fence post and back.

And while almost daily precipitation notations have been jotted down in the little notebook, other chores have been delayed. There's still barley in the fields at the same time the wheat is ripe and threatens to sprout. Hav fields both cut and waiting to be cut are damp and musty. Small grain and corn diseases are just waiting to mushroom forth in the humid, musty "incubator-like" atmosphere.

And in some places, the cloudbursts have inundated rural areas. For a Noah-like photo display, turn to Pages A 20-21.

And, the cartoon contest winners are...

BY OTIS

LANCASTER - "Wow, I didn't know I got around so much," was Otis' chief comment about the response to his Original Cartoon Contest held by Lancaster Farming in conjunction with June Dairy Month.

Old Otis was just amazed to see entries come in from eight states. including Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio, Georgia, New York and West Virginia.

'It's very gratifying to find out that you have so many farm friends out there," commented Otis, whose many moods can range from a crusty old curmudgeon to a happy, smiling jolly old elf.

Today, Otis is very happy as he

announces the following winners, not necessarily in the order they were drawn:

Deb Homan, 3736 Lemar Road, Mercersburg, Pa.; Dorothy W.

Wade, 57 Wade Lane, North East. Md.; Kim Happel, 4413 Richmond Road, Easton, Pa.; B. F. England, R1 Williamsburg, Pa.; and Margaret E. Herr, Box 49 R2 Narvon, Pa.

Lancaster Farming will be in touch with each of you early this coming week concerning your selection of a cartoon. And the framed cartoons will be mailed out shortly after that.

"Congratulations all you winners and thanks to everyone who sent in postcards," said Otis.

"It is does me good to know that this little old farm boy has so many friends in so many places.

"Keep on similing," was Otis parting comment.

LANCASTER - Dust the cobwebs off your ice cream freezer and dig out your favorite ice cream toppings, because tomorrow is National Ice Cream Day and people all across the country will be celebrating with heaping scoops of creamy, delicious ice cream.

To help you prepare your own celebration our food editor has provided a number of tempting ice cream recipes on page B18.

There's no need to stop celebrating when Sunday comes to an end though, because the entire week has been designated National Ice Cream Week. In the next few days, Lancaster Farming reporters Laura England and Sue Keene will be touring the county in search of ice cream parlors that serve homemade ice cream. Don't miss the results of their search in next week's issue.