

Lancaster Farming



Paul, left, and Mark Welk stand with Lancaster County Holstein grand champion Welk-View Valiant Tiffany.

Premiers-Fultonway & Con-Noll

Welk entries sweep Lanc. Holstein Show

BY LAURA ENGLAND
QUARRYVILLE — The Lancaster County Holstein Dairy Show, held Thursday at the Solanco Fairgrounds, was a clean sweep for the Paul and Mark Welk family of Peach Bottom.

Placing well in their individual classes, the Welks were rewarded with both the grand championship and reserve grand championship honors. The winners placed first and second in the 3-year-old class and were named the senior class champions.

The grand champion, owned by Paul and Mark Welk, was Welk-View Valiant Tiffany. Sired by SWD Valiant, Tiffany received the best udder award in her class. The reserve champion, owned by Paul Welk, was a Sharclale Arlinda Cheif Jemini daughter, Welk-Crest Jemini Belinda.

In junior class competition, a senior heifer owned by Karen Kauffman was named grand champion junior heifer. The winning heifer was Sukavin Persuzdar Holly. An entry owned by Jennifer Stoltzfus, Kinzers, was named reserve grand champion junior heifer. An intermediate calf, Dumon-Acres Simon Kathy took the title.

Futurity show winners, all 3-year-old cows, were also named. The champion futurity entry was Con-Noll Superior Olivia, owned by Nathan E. Stoltzfus, Gap. Taking second was Con-Noll Marvex Shawna, also owned by Stoltzfus.

Named the show's premier breeder was Con-Noll Farms, Gap. Fultonway Farms, Willow Street, was the premier exhibitor.

Judging the show was A. Doty Remsberg, of the Remsberg Auction service, Maryland.

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Following are the top three finishers in each class:

- Lancaster Holstein Show
Junior Heifer Calf
1 Sandra Kauffman 2 Susan Barley 3 Norie Wivell
- Intermediate Heifer Calf
1 Jennifer Stoltzfus 2 Susan Barley 3 Cindy Barley
- Senior Heifer Calf
1 Karen Kauffman 2 Fultonway Farms 3 Brent Brubaker
- Junior Yearling Heifer
1 John Burkholder 2 Penn Springs Holsteins 3 Bright Meadows Farm
- Intermediate Yearling
1 Stonehurst Farms Inc 2 Nathan Stoltzfus 3 Daniel Weik

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Look for Blue Mold

BOWMANSVILLE — Blue Mold has been confirmed in a tobacco field at Bowmansville, according to John Yocum, of the Penn State Southeast Research Farm.

A fungicide was not used in the field in which it has been confirmed, Yocum said.

Air-borne spores have apparently blown into Pennsylvania and the damp weather has contributed to the first confirmed infestation. It is believed there may be other instances in the area. It was reported a week ago in Maryland and North Carolina.

Yocum recommended that tobacco growers check their fields and utilize Ridomil where necessary.

Direct marketers to be surveyed

If you're missed in the study...

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
UNIVERSITY PARK — A comprehensive fact-finding survey will be sent out by Penn State researchers during the coming week to direct marketers throughout the Commonwealth.

The survey is the first phase of an extensive three-year Penn State study of the direct marketing of ag products throughout the Commonwealth being funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in consultation with the Pa. Farmers' Association and the State Grange.

Survey forms will go out to about 400 direct marketers whose operations are known to the PDA. They range from large farm market operations to smaller roadside stands.

Coordinator for the study is

The Penn State Roadside Direct Marketing Survey is being sent to as many operators as are known to the PDA.

But it is expected that many will still be missed — particularly the operators of smaller stands who sell a limited number of products off the farm.

Harry Vroomen, of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at Penn State, "In this first phase, we want to find out as much as we can about the present status of roadside direct marketing in Pennsylvania," Vroomen explains.

"The survey is designed to tell us what we have today."

Researchers would like to have their opinions, too.

So, if you're a direct marketer and don't receive a survey in the next week or so, you can get one by writing to:

Harry Vroomen
104A, Weaver Bldg.
University Park, Pa.
16802

A second survey to be made in the near future will be directed at consumers who buy at roadside markets, testing their attitudes (Turn to Page A32)

Farm Bill review

Total of million cows still must be eliminated

BY JACK HUBLEY
HARRISBURG — "Our current dairy policy favors continuation of a basic price support program with the support level automatically indexed to Commodity Credit Corporation purchases," said the American Farm Bureau's Michael Durando.

Durando addressed members of the press and Pennsylvania Farmers' Association staff concerning the 1985 Farm Bill during a meeting at PFA headquarters on Tuesday.

Following this initial session, the spokesman for the country's largest agricultural organization met with Pennsylvania ag organization leaders in an effort to inform them of the Bureau's policy as well as to obtain feedback concerning the Farm Bill.

Turning to the subject of the diversion program, Durando noted "a bit of dismay" among producers over the program.

"I don't see a strong movement to continue the diversion program," he observed. "The other side of the coin is the need for funding such a program, which would require some form of assessment."

PFA president Keith Eckel acknowledged the lack of support for the program, stating that his organization's voting delegates would most likely not be supportive.

"The key to agriculture's success has been the farmers' willingness to compete and not a willingness to find a place for everyone in the industry," Eckel

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BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
STATE COLLEGE — Calling for more active involvement in the legislative process, Gerald Strickler, of Eastern Lebanon County, began his term this week as president of the Pennsylvania Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association.

"We have three main areas in which we want to stress our priorities to the State Legislature," Strickler said as he assumed the presidency at the Annual Professional-Technical Education Institute for Vo-Ag Teachers held at Penn State.

These three areas include:
Field Consultants — The vo-ag teacher group wants concentration placed by the Bureau of Vocational Education of the Pennsylvania Department of Education on ag backgrounds for the area consultants positions, in which a retirement turnover will occur in the near future.

Length of Employment — The vo-ag group wants a return to emphasis on 12-month contracts so

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Vo-ag to stress legislative goals



Gerald Strickler, Eastern Lebanon, president of Pa. Vo-Ag Teachers Association.