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Egg order approved; No decision on Avian

Yes... but...

Va. ban lifted

DECATUR — Egg producers representing greater than two-thirds of the laying hens in the country have responded to a survey sent out by the United Egg Producers' Marketing Order Committee, according to UEP vice president, Ken Klippen.

Mailed to all known egg producers with a minimum of 3,000 laying hens, the survey asked producers to vote "yes", "yes if", or "no", and include their comments on each of four provisions which are possible for inclusion in a marketing order under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937.

Results were tabulated, both by producers voting and by laying hen numbers represented, since two-thirds of either producers or laying hens can pass a marketing order.

Producers responding voted 68 percent "yes", or "yes if", for the quantity control provision, and 67 percent of the laying hens represented favored the controls. Producers favoring the promotion

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BY JACK HUBLEY
 WASHINGTON, DC — USDA officials announced the lifting of Virginia's avian influenza quarantine on Friday, ending a siege that began with quarantine enforcement on January 27, and resulted in the depopulation of 1.25 million birds in the state's Shenandoah Valley. The last Virginia depopulation occurred on July 27, when a flock showing positive serology (birds having avian flu antibodies but no active virus) was destroyed.

"We're delighted to make the announcement," said Betsy Adams, spokesman for the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, who labeled the end of the Virginia quarantine "a tangible sign of progress".

In neighboring Pennsylvania, where four serologically positive flocks were depopulated since the end of August, officials remain cautiously optimistic about an end to the quarantine.

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Sunnybend Sexy Glitty B Star was named grand champion of the Holstein open dairy show at the York Fair on Thursday. 4-H'er Bridgette Boyer showed her senior two-year-old for the champion title.

'Glitter' shines at York Fair

BY WENDY WEHR and JOYCE BUYP

YORK — On Wednesday Bridgette Boyer "out-showed" her fellow 4-Hers by capturing the champion showmanship award in the York Fair 4-H Dairy Show. But Boyer's senior 2-year-old, Glitter, "outshone" all the other entries on Thursday by taking the senior and grand championship titles in the open Holstein show at the York fairgrounds.

This was Sunnybend Sexy Glitter B Star's second grand cham-

ampionship rosette from the York Fair shows. On Wednesday Boyer, daughter of Tom and June Boyer of Sunnybend Farm, Thomasville, also claimed the senior and grand championship honors in the 4-H dairy show.

Sired by Ocean-View Sexation, Glitter's dam is Sunnybend Dapples Black Star. The homebred 2-year-old has won titles since she was a calf, when she was named junior all-Pennsylvania.

Reserve senior and grand champion in Thursday's open

Holstein show was Kingway I Star Jaybird, bred and owned by Paul and Kathy King of Delta. Not to be outdone by Glitter, Jaybird created a bit of excitement herself by calving just minutes after leaving the show ring.

Paul and Kathy King and Sunnybend Farm took a lion's share of the first and second place prizes in the Holstein show. They captured the junior and reserve junior championships, respectively, as well as blue and red ribbons in the

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Silhouetted against the Susquehanna, the Dauphin Conservation District meets outdoors on river banks at Millersburg to launch \$350,000 fund drive for new Ag Center. In background, ferry approaches for unusual midriver news conference on Chesapeake Bay cleanup program.

Will voluntary Bay cleanup effort work?

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

MILLERSBURG — Pennsylvania's initial approach to farmers to help clean up the Chesapeake Bay will be a voluntary effort, according to Paul Swartz, DER's Director of Soil and Water Conservation.

"Our approach will be a voluntary program unless all such efforts fail," Swartz said Monday night during a unique news conference on the Millersburg ferry anchored in the middle of the

Susquehanna River.

As he spoke in the waning light of a balmy September evening, the placid waters of the Susquehanna flowed by the ferry loaded with municipal and conservation officials from Dauphin, Perry and other nearby counties.

And the water beneath them was likely loaded too — with an excess of nitrates and phosphates from ag runoff. And in this nutrient loading of the river's waters, which make

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Are Pa. farm safety programs paying off?

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

UNIVERSITY PARK — Although farm-related accidental deaths in the Commonwealth have continued to drop for the third consecutive year, this is not a time to become careless and complacent, according to Dennis J. Murphy, Extension Safety Specialist at Penn State.

From a high of 67 accidental farm deaths in 1981, the total has dropped to 48 in 1982, 39 in 1983 and 30 thus far this year.

"We believe that the decrease is due in part to the increased emphasis and the greater number of people and groups becoming involved in farm safety," Murphy said.

"But regardless, it is not a time to relax this emphasis and concern."

As harvesting is about to begin in full scale, which is the reason for the opening of National Farm Safety Week Sunday, the single largest category of accidents still concerns operation of machinery.

Traditionally half to two-thirds of all accidental deaths on Pennsylvania farms are related to machinery.

Tractors are involved in the majority of machinery fatalities and overturns is by far the single

most frequent type of fatal accident.

But a continuing category that ranks high in tractor accidents in Pennsylvania is the extra rider.

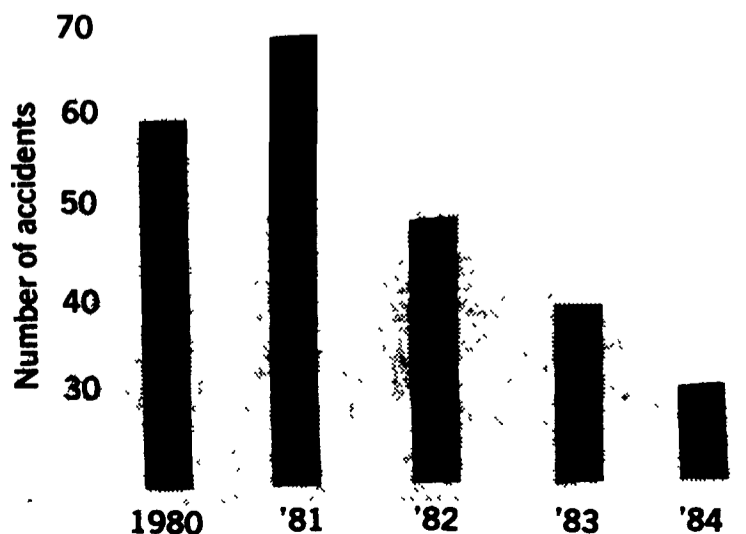
For example, of 15 fatal tractor accidents last year, 10 involved overturns, three extra riders and two with the PTO.

"Recent emphasis has been on ag rescue techniques and

emergency response by both ambulance crews and the family, particularly involving machinery," Murphy explained.

"Rescuers have been trained in techniques of handling victims, shutting off equipment and freeing individuals, while the family has been instructed in what to do

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Fatal farm accidents have shown a steady decline in Pennsylvania since 1981.