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Millersville vegetable grower Amos Funk, right, accepts the Pennsylvania Farmer's Association's Distinguished Service Award from PFA President Keith Eckel.

PFA honors Funk for 'distinguished service'

BY JAMES H. EVERHART

HERSHEY — Longtime agricultural land preservation advocate Amos Funk of Millersville has been awarded the Pennsylvania Farmer's Association's "Distinguished Service to Agriculture" Award.

The honor was presented to Funk Tuesday at the PFA Annual Convention at the Hershey Motor Lodge and Convention Center here.

In his more than 30 years of soil conservation and land preservation efforts, Funk has served on national, state and local boards.

A member of the Lancaster County Conservation District board of directors since the early 1950s, Funk has also served three governors on the Pennsylvania Soil and Water Conservation Commission and has been on the national advisory committee to the U.S. Soil Conservation Service since 1974.

He is currently president of the Lancaster County Agricultural Preservation Board, and a member of the board of the newly formed Friends of Agricultural

Land Preservation, a private group attempting to preserve Lancaster County's best farmland.

"As a member of the Pennsylvania Farmer's Association for many years, I have seen the growth in membership, the growth in services rendered, the growth in legislative activities and the growth in public relations," he said.

The award puts Funk in select company. Past winners include former Secretaries of Agriculture Kent D. Shelhamer and Leland Bull, past PFA president Gerald A. Biggs and M.E. Knouse, president of Knouse Foods in Adams County.

"I assure you I will cherish it," Funk added.

PFA's convention was kicked off Monday with an appearance by Pennsylvania Governor Dick Thornburgh, who was welcomed warmly despite a recent clash with PFA leadership.

Early last month PFA President Eckel had testified before a State Senate Committee, in opposition to Thornburgh's nomination of Dr.

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House Ag Committee head says 'dairy unity' will pass

BY JAMES H. EVERHART

LANCASTER — The so-called "dairy unity" plan has a good chance to become part of the 1985 Farm Bill, according to the Chairman of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee.

Speaking at an informal press conference following a speech to the annual meeting of Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative, Texas Congressman E. "Kika" de la Garza admitted that the 1985 legislation won't be the landmark revision of ag policy that the Reagan Administration had hoped for.

"This is not long-term, permanent type of legislation," he said. "You really can't make drastic changes when the patient is critically ill."

Noting the defeat in the Senate of the Hawkins amendment, which would have reduced the milk support price 50 cents in January, de la Garza said "just reducing the support price isn't going to remedy the situation."

The Texas Democrat said he really doesn't know how the Ad-

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Congressman E. "Kika" de la Garza, chairman of the Agriculture Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, makes a point before the crowd of 1,100 Thursday at the Host Inn Resort in Lancaster.

Valiant daughter draws \$34,500 at Kingstead Farms dispersal

BY JOYCE BUPP
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DAMASCUS, Md. — More than sixty years of registered Holstein history came to an end Wednesday, as the nationally-known Kingstead Farms cattle went on the auction block in a complete herd dispersal.

Sale topper at \$34,500 was the EX-91 Kingstead Valiant Suzie, 1984 All-Maryland senior two-year-old, by S-W-D Valiant. An embryo package of three pregnancies in recipient dams, by Arlinda Rotate, also went along to buyers Daniel A. Rohrer, Jr., Boonsboro, Md., and Arthur Rhoderick, Art-Acres Holsteins, Hagerstown, Md.

Scoring her EX-91 classification at three years, 6 months of age, Suzie carries an index of +801, +\$120 and CTPI +633. In her 2-0 lactation, the Valiant completed a 365-day record of 18,760 milk, 913 fat with a 4.9 test.

Although she had suffered the unfortunate loss of twin calves prior to the sale, Suzie sold with the guarantee of ten transferrable eggs.

Her dam was the EX-90, 5 yr., Kingstead RORAE Suzie-ET, honorable mention All-American junior yearling in 1982, and All-Maryland junior two-year-old in 1982, with second lactation records over 32,000 milk and 1000 fat. Second dam was an excellent, Gold Medal Paclamar Astronaut, with high testing records over 28,000.

Second high seller, at \$10,000,



A fond farewell. Harold King, representing the King family, poses with the Kingstead sale topper. Kingstead Valiant Suzie, Ex-91, sold for \$34,500 to Maryland breeders Daniel A. Rohrer Jr and Arthur Rhoderick

was Kingstead RORAE Buffy-ET, VG-88 as a two-year-old. By the noted Elevation, and bred to the popular Valiant, Buffy was an offspring of one of Kingstead's best known families.

Her dam was Kingstead Fond Bobbie, EX-91, and second dam the 4E-92-GMD Kingstead Bess Bobbie, named honorable mention All-American two-year-old in 1967. Third dam was Kingstead Pontiac

Bobbie, VG-89, GMD, and honorable mention All-American Two-Year-Old in 1962.

Buffy sold to Pintail Point Livestock Partners, a herd now being established at Queenstown, on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Pintail Point is owned by Lewis Schaefer and managed by Walter and Carol Johnson. Aim of the new operation is a 60-head herd of top

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PFA President Keith Eckel, left, greets Pennsylvania Governor Dick Thornburgh at the PFA annual convention Monday in Hershey.