

# Pennsylvania 4-H'ers attend National 4-H Conference in Washington

UNIVERSITY PARK — Ten Pennsylvania 4-H'ers attended the 1986 National 4-H Conference at the National 4-H Center in Washington D.C. this week.

The conference allows 4-H members, volunteer leaders and staff to give input to 4-H program development at the national level. Participants meet with government officials and 4-H sponsors to update them on 4-H activities at all levels. The conference also encourages an exchange of programming ideas among states.

The ten representatives from Pennsylvania are:

• Margee Wolff, New Alexandria, is the 18-year-old daughter of Boyd and Margaret Wolff. She has been a 4-H member in Westmoreland County for 10 years and has completed projects in dairy, soil and water conservation, leadership and international foods.

A member of the New Alexandria Agricultural and Home Economics clubs, she has held the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

She has participated in fashion revue, demonstration night, teen leader retreat and dairy judging contests. She has also attended Capital Days, Leadership Congress, State Achievement Days and the Pa. Dairy Judging School. She was a 1984 Keystone winner in achievement and dairy. She is a junior at Greensburg-Salem High School.

• Wendy LaMont of Troy, is the 19-year-old daughter of Wayne and Barbara LaMont. She has been a 4-H member in Bradford County for 10 years and has completed projects in dairy, clothing, photography and riflery. A member of East Canton 4-H Club

and Bradford County Council, LaMont has held the offices of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and news reporter.

LaMont has attended county fairs, round-up and 4-H camp. She has participated in demonstration nights, fashion revue and regional dairy shows. She attended Capital Days, Leadership Congress and State Achievement Days. LaMont was also Bradford County's Dairy Princess.

She is a freshman at Penn State majoring in dairy production.

• Ashley Jones of Schwenksville is the 18-year-old daughter of Chris Ludt. She has been a 4-H member in Montgomery County for nine years and has completed projects in skiing, horse and personal improvement. A member of Perk-Penn Horse Club and Montgomery County Exchange Club, Jones has held the offices of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and reporter.

Jones has served as a teen leader in the skiing and personal improvement projects. She has attended county fairs and round-up, regional and state horse shows and fashion revue. She received champion and reserve champion at the state horse show. She also attended Capital Days, Leadership Congress and county exchange trips.

Jones is a freshman at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania majoring in fashion merchandising.

• Ann Grumbine of Myerstown is the 17-year-old daughter of Ray and Martha Grumbine. She has been a 4-H member in Lebanon County for seven years and has completed projects in vegetable

gardening, flowers, cooking and leadership. A member of Lebanon County Horticulture Club and the Lebanon County 4-H board of directors, Grumbine has held the offices of president, vice president, director and membership chairman.

She has served as a teen leader in the gardening, flowers and cooking projects. She has attended county fairs, officer's training, demonstration nights and teen council. She has participated in State Days, Leadership Congress and the National Junior Horticultural Association.

Grumbine is a senior at Elco High School and plans to attend Penn State University in the fall to study horticultural research.

• Kirk Fisher of Oley is the 19-year-old son of Steve and Marjorie Fisher. He has been a 4-H member in Berks County for 10 years and has completed projects in beef, swine, horse, dairy goats and citizenship. A member of Saddlites Horse Club and Berks County Council, Fisher has held the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Fisher has served as a teen leader in the horse project and has attended Leadership Congress for five years. He has participated in state and regional livestock judging events and the national 4-H poultry contest. He has also participated in county round-ups and fairs. He was named Berks County's Outstanding 4-H Boy.

Fisher is a freshman at Penn State majoring in agricultural science.

• Pam Ross of Marion Center is the 17-year-old daughter of Roger and Linda Ross. She has been a 4-H member in Indiana County for 10

years. She has completed projects in entomology, clothing, money management and leadership. A member of Marion Center Handy Helpers and Indiana County Council, Ross has held the offices of president, vice president, secretary and news reporter.

Ross has served as teen leader for Cooking with Pam, a club she organized. She has attended fashion revue, officer's training and State Days. She has participated in Leadership Congress and the National Poster Contest. In 1984 she was Indiana County's outstanding foods member.

Ross is a senior at Marion Center High School and plans to attend college to study international relations.

• Bret Reyburn of State College is the 17-year-old son of Jerry and Helene Reyburn. He has been a 4-H member in Centre County for 10 years. He has completed projects in forestry, geology, rocketry and citizenship. A member of Happy Valley 4-H Club and Centre County Council, Reyburn has held the offices of president, vice president, news reporter and recreation leader.

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## Vultures

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been growing to the point that they now make up a third of Gettysburg's vulture population — and they've only been around since about the mid-1950s.

### Bountiful Food Supply

In talking about vultures, however, the question of food always recurs. The area surrounding the roost contains large numbers of livestock: in 1983, Adams County, in which Gettysburg is located, included 34,500 cattle, 10,100 dairy cows, 2,400 sheep, and 24,000 hogs. There also is a substantial number of white-tail deer; 1,242 were legally shot and 347 were killed on the highway in 1983.

The large quantities of livestock, deer, and other wild animals provide an enormous food supply for the vultures. Coleman and Fraser found that the two species varied in their food-hunting strategy.

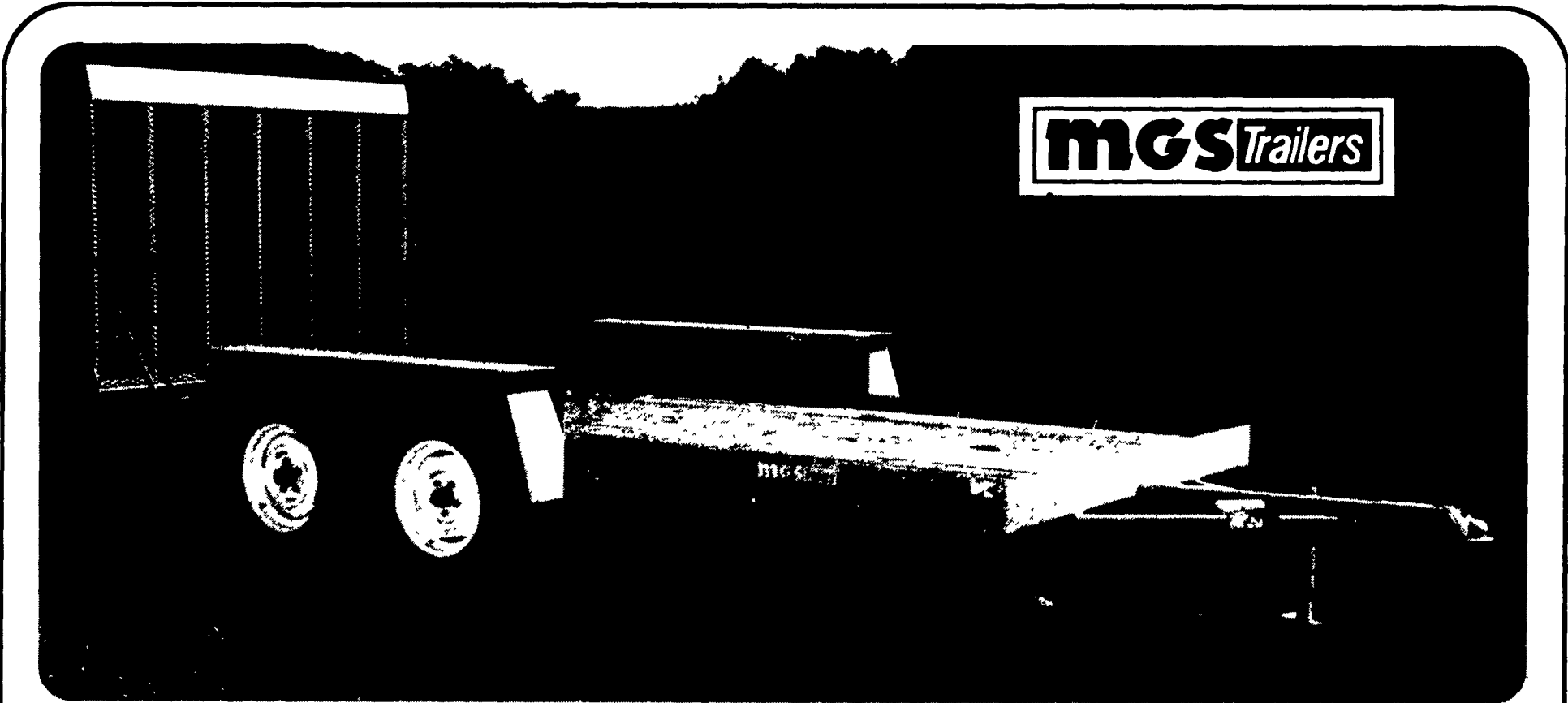
Black vultures prefer large

carcasses, often of domestic livestock, and return to them day after day until they are picked clean. Turkey vultures prefer small wild-animal remains and treat each day as a new adventure, rarely returning to the same source.

The combination of ample food sources, a perfect roosting area, and ideal nesting conditions makes Gettysburg National Military Park a virtual vulture paradise. And, say Coleman and Fraser, this, and not the 1863 battle, is what brought the birds here in the first place.

"I feel confident that turkey vultures have been around since people have farmed the area," says Coleman. "Some may have come that year just because of the battle, but birds don't hang around just to be there; the food and resources have to be there. They were there after the battle, and they probably were there before it, too."

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