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Swine Producers, State Disagree On PRV Eradication Plan

BY JACK HUBLEY

While the state's pork producers and the Department of Agriculture grope for a workable compromise in the battle to stamp out pseudorabies, the disease has begun its second lap on a course confined largely to Lancaster County.

According to PDA's Bureau of Animal Industry, 19 breeding herds and 13 feedlots are currently under quarantine, with most of them located in the Ephrata area. Five of the producers cleaned up their breeding herds after a bout with the disease, only to experience a second outbreak.

Although swine are the principle carriers of the pseudorabies virus, other livestock, pets and wildlife are also susceptible. The heaviest losses are usually experienced at the beginning of an outbreak, with mortality sometimes reaching 100 percent in newborn pigs. Pregnant sows contracting PRV commonly

abort or reabsorb their litters. Although older animals being finished for market may experience setbacks in weight gain when infected, the disease has no effect on meat and poses no threat to human health. Consequently, producers maintaining breeding herds stand to suffer the heaviest losses.

In an effort to mop up the PRV problem in the southeastern portion of the state, the Department instituted an incentive program in May, reimbursing producers at the rate of \$100 per head for all infected breeding stock depopulated. To date, only eight producers have agreed to sign 243 breeding swine to the program.

Producers are less than enthusiastic about the program simply because they consider the cure to be more lethal than the disease, says Strasburg pork producer John Henkel. To qualify

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Programs To Help Drought Farmers

BY EVERETT NEWSWANGER
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From a phone call to this editor Monday morning the above headline has emerged. "Do you want to help send some hay to our southern farm neighbors who are hurting from the drought?"

According to Dr. Henry Kreider

of Elizabethtown a farm member of his church wants to donate some hay to his hurting fellow farmers. This farmer asked Dr. Kreider to call Lancaster Farming to find out if other farmers in Lancaster Farming Territory might feel the same desire to help. We didn't

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Metcalfs Valiant Beauty-ET had a big week for owner Thomas McCauley. The Beauty cow was named the senior and grand champion of the Lancaster County Holstein Open Show on Thursday after standing in the reserve grand champion spot to a stablemate in the 4-H holstein show a day earlier.

Judge Reverses Lanc. Winners

QUARRYVILLE — The championship stayed in the family at the Lancaster County Holstein Open Show on Thursday. But Judge Denny Patrick reversed the grand champion and the reserve grand champion from the 4-H dairy show a day earlier.

Metcalfs Valiant Beauty-ET, the Valiant daughter, topped the 3-year-old class and went on to be the senior and grand champion. Queen Star Sexy topped the 5-year-old class and was named the reserve senior and the reserve grand champion. Both are owned by 4-H member Thomas McCauley, 15-year-old son of Dr. & Mrs. Allan McCauley, Elizabethtown. The

Beauty cow is Very Good 88 with 20,556 pounds of milk as a 2 year old. And the Sexy cow is working on a 4-year-old record of 23,032

pounds of milk and 1,010 pounds of fat in the first 260 days.

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Judge Genie Francisco congratulates Paul King, center, on his grand champion placing and Shirley Trimmer on her reserve grand champion placing at York County's Holstein Show.

York County Selects Holstein Champions

BY MARTHA J. GEHRINGER

YORK — The top four champion rosettes went to four different breeders at Thursday's York County Holstein Show, indicative of the depth of quality paraded around the ring.

Kingstead Angel Lucy, a 5-year-old, earned the grand champion honors and topped what may have been the strongest class of the day. Owned by Kingway Holsteins, Delta, she is a second generation Excellent and a fourth generation Excellent mammary.

Lucy has produced two records over 20,000 pounds of milk and has

a junior 2-year-old from the Very bull that is working on a record over 18,000 pounds of milk.

Coredale Holsteins' senior 2-year-old, Coredale Creek Nan, stepped into the reserve grand champion position in a close placing for the grand champion. Lucy was granted an advantage in mammary system for more height and width and veination throughout.

This was the first reserve grand champion title for the Thompson family of East Berlin. Nan is a homebred animal from Creek Bluff Elevation Lester. She



4-H club members and leaders load 14 tons of hay in Lycoming county for donation to Statesville, North Carolina, in the heart of the drought area. This act of benevolence is representative of the programs that have commenced across Pennsylvania to help neighboring farmers in need. See accompanying story.

(Photo By Barbara Miller)