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Ag Progress Days Has Water Quality Theme

All roads lead to Rock Spring this week when Pennsylvania agriculture has its yearly summer fling near State College in Centre County. Ag Progress Days begin Tuesday, August 19, and run through Thursday, August 21. With many features of interest to all segments of agriculture, the theme of APD 1986 is "Water Quality in Your Life" with a dozen exhibits reflecting College of Agriculture research and extension programs. Exhibits in the theme building include:

- Sulfur and Iron Removal—featuring an original PSU designed

working home water treatment system that can hook into well or municipal water systems.

- Spray Nozzels and Water Quality— Safe chemical application for farmers.

- Protect Your Groundwater—How to.

- Livestock Lot Runoff— Model showing recommended drainage procedures to control runoff from livestock pens.

- Animals and Water— Quality and quantity water needs of dairy cattle, poultry, and swine.

- Water, At What Price?— Puts water costs in perspective com-

pared to other services and products. Also shows the costs of not having good water such as the costs of giardia outbreaks.

- Acid Rain in PA Its Effects—

Facts and figures.

- Insects and Water Quality Assessment— Will feature two live stream environments to demonstrate that microscopic insect life

in streams is an early indicator of water quality. When certain insects begin to die, that is the earliest indicator of a drop in

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Lieutenant Governor William Scranton visits with the Don Hoffer family Wednesday (left to right) Kent, Scranton, Hoffer, Mrs. Hoffer and Kristen.

Names Ag. Committee

Scranton Wants To Expand Farm Markets

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LEBANON — "We are a state with a diversified agricultural base and a strong family farm heritage," said Lieutenant William Scranton Wednesday. "And we deserve a government that will expand upon the efforts made in recent years to get Pennsylvania produce and farm products to the markets—markets not only in Pennsylvania, but into other states in the region and abroad. That will be one of my top priorities."

These remarks were made when the Lieutenant Governor visited the Lebanon family farm of Donald Hoffer to announce the formation of a statewide agricultural committee in support of the Scranton/Fisher ticket for governor in the fall elections. "Ag is number one in Pennsylvania but it can grow. It must grow," Scranton said. "Anyone who would govern Pennsylvania must address not only the concerns and problems of agriculture, but must also address the opportunities we all see."

In addition to marketing, the Governor listed the preservation of prime farm land and animal health as top priorities. "Our prime farm land is a treasure Pennsylvania must maintain," Scranton said. "First of all it's a nonrenewable resource and we must protect it against development. We need to be able to hand farms down from generation to generation. And we must keep it in production. If that means reducing tax burdens, issuing development rights or expanding markets, we must do it."

We must gear everything state government does to preserve the family farm and the vitality of the soil," he said.

A group of family farmers, animal health professionals and representatives from agribusiness gathered at the Lebanon R4 farm to hear the Lieutenant Governors

remarks. Later Scranton and Hoffer toured the barn, and surrounding fields. The state "Agriculture for Scranton Committee" announced at the farm visit included the following persons: Dr. Mark Allam, Swarthmore; I. Hershey Bare,

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Lancaster Co. Holstein Club Sale

Alligen Valiant Twinkle, the VG88 show cow with embryo guarantee from D. Lamar Witmer, sold for \$5,100 Thursday evening to Arlen Keener and Larry Wenger at the Lancaster County Holstein Sale held at the Lampeter Fairgrounds. In addition, the Twinkle cow was milking right at 100 pounds and had records to 31,580 milk and 1,098 fat.

The red cow Marlu Alban Prissy ET from Stonehurst Farm sold to Elam Stoltzfus for \$3,100. The Prissy cow was G+ out of an Excellent cow with a string of records to 25,420 milk and 971 fat. In all 43 head sold for a total of \$62,900 and averaged \$1,463. Mike Weimer was the auctioneer and Jay Howes read the pedigrees. Members of the Lancaster County Holstein Association worked the ring and cared for the animals in the barn.

Carolina Jersey Breeder Tells About Drought

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MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Gene

Harris surveyed the rain-soaked field where only a week earlier his four-foot, earless, corn had stood. He apologized for the amount of Johnson grass still growing there, but explained that he and his brother Bill, with whom he farms, had spent \$5000.00 this year for weed control, but without rain they had gotten poor results. They now plan to leave the Johnson grass grow, cut it, and bale it for hay.

The Harris brothers had to cut their corn for silage to feed their 200 head Jersey herd. Within a week, the sky finally let loose the first measurable moisture they've had since Thanksgiving. The

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The 1986 Summer Drought Hay Fund now has a total of \$9,780. If you want to contribute to this drought hay fund, make your checks payable to 1986 Summer Drought Hay Fund. Then send your check to Lancaster Farming newspaper, 22 East Main Street, P.O. Box 366, Lititz, PA 17543, attention Hay Fund or attention Editor.

'Awful Heavy 'n Nice'



Although many of his tobacco stalks were twisted from this summer's violent thunderstorms, overall, Manheim farmer Clarence Metzler (on wagon) was tickled with his robust crop. Earlier this week, Barry Rowe (left), along with half a dozen other friends, helped Metzler get his crop into the barn. At 76-year old, Metzler's been farming tobacco for nearly 60 years. "Work'll never kill you, but worryment will," he advises.