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Elizabethtown's Best

Michelle and Scott Mylin were two happy exhibitors after their Hampshire ewe was named supreme champion of the Elizabethtown Fair on Thursday night. Coverage of the fair's livestock and dairy shows can be found on pages A24 and 25.

Lyng Names Espy, Cope To Beef Promotion Board

BY JACK HUBLEY

While champions of red meat may have differing opinions on how to get the job done, most agree that stepping up promotion efforts is the key to rejuvenating the beef market. But getting the story to the public costs money.

Cattlemen will begin stoking the kitty this fall when the \$1-per-head checkoff goes into effect, probably some time in October, according to USDA Livestock and Seed Division spokesman David Hallett.

"Basically, every time an animal is sold the seller pays one dollar and the buyer has the responsibility of getting that money to the state beef council," says Hallett, pointing out that the way the program is set up, one animal may generate more than a dollar because of multiple sales. All state programs will be incorporated into the national effort, with state beef councils taking 50 cents of each dollar and the other 50 cents going to the national board.

The checkoff will continue for 22 months, at which time a nationwide referendum will be held to assess producer acceptance of the program. During this 22-month

trial period, cattlemen may apply for a refund of their contributions, but if the nation's cattlemen vote in favor of the checkoff, the program becomes mandatory.

Funds accumulated through the checkoff will be administered by a 113-member Beef Promotion and Research Board, with represen-

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Robert Kindig (left) and his 9-year-old son Andy visit with Congressman Robert Walker Wednesday during the Congressman's farm tour.

Walker Visits Farmers

Congressman Robert Walker held his annual tour of area farms Wednesday to meet with farmers in informal settings for "town meeting" style discussions. "What impacts on ag policy is not just production farmers but the total agribusiness community," Walker said. "I'm not sure it's a cheap food policy that motivates

government officials so much as the power that comes to those bureaucrats and committees that run agriculture out of their hip pockets. If we reduce farm programs, you would have a demolition of the amount of power that occurs in their hands. My fear is that there is momentum in

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Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the office of the Lancaster Farming will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1. Mailbox Market & Sales Register deadlines have been extended until Tuesday at 5 p.m. Have a nice holiday!

Lancaster Co. Holstein Day At Welk Farm

PEACH BOTTOM — It rained all morning but the Lancaster County Holstein Field Day at the family farm of Paul Welk here still featured the annual judging contest, noon meal, and a short program after lunches. Lancaster County Dairy Princess Pam Kendig brought Teddy the stuffed bear she uses to help her make speeches for milk. Teddy reminded Pam several times to tell every one to drink more milk.

Glenn Shirk Lancaster County Extension Agent said he looked forward to a stabilized dairy industry that has become reasonably healthy. "There is a market for milk," Shirk said. "And reasonably priced feeds should help the net price. Forages may be a bit short in Southern Lancaster County," Shirk said. "And with a possible lowering of quality, farmers should make adjustments in their feed rations to compensate for any lack of quality in forages. As you put up your forages, that's the time to control quality," Shirk said. The county agent also noted that Johnson grass was overrunning many fields. And farmers should be careful that weed seeds did not come onto their farm by custom operators or in

feed purchases.

Winners in the judging contest were, men's division: H. Landis Weaver, 98 points; David Kolb, 97 points; and Arland Keener, 96 points. The winners in the women's division were: Kim Stoud, 88 points, Carol Best, 84 points; and Millie Groff, 81 points. The winners in the youth division were: Denise Best, 90 points; Fred Ranck, 85 points; and Sara Hess, 85 points. Judge for the event was Bob Knutsen, Rising Sun, Maryland.

Drought Hay Fund Reaches \$18,103

The 1986 Summer Drought Hay Fund has received a total of \$18,103 to date. 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.



At the Lancaster County Holstein Field Day is (left to right) Jay Ranck, committee chairman; Kim Stroud, women's division winner; Denise Best, children's division winner; and Bob Knutsen, dairy judge.