Top Stories Of 1986

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FEBRUARY 22

Lindon Hepler won the PPC Pork All-American Award, and Lancaster Farming won the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Inc. Award. MARCH 1

Art Baxter was elected president of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association at the annual meeting in Pittsburgh. Baxter is a registered holstein breeder from Mercer county. MARCH 8

Federal funding for the Pennsylvania Extension Service has already been cut. This has Extension personnel concerned that services may also need to be curtailed. MARCH 15

Everyone watched as the herd buyout bids were opened and assessed. Participation proved greater than expected.

Lieutenant Governor William Scranton told the Future of Agriculture Conference in Harrisburg that the best years for agriculture are ahead. The conference brought together several hundred state ag leaders to discuss the issues facing agriculture today.

MARCH 29

James Kreider of East Drumore Township was named the Lancaster county conservation district's outstanding cooperator. Christian Smucker, Caernarvon Township, and Martin Greenleaf, Jr., Colerain Township, were recognized for their no-till farming practices.

APRIL 5 More than 1100 dairymen throughout the five-state Mid-Atlantic region were reported among the 13,988 U.S. farmers participating in the whole herd buyout program according to USDA. The Mid-Atlantic Region's participation was substantially lower than the national average with Pennsylvania's 2.75 percent rate falling below all other major dairy states. APRIL 12

A Lancaster county senior four-year-old registered holstein set national milk records for both 305 and 365 day divisions milked two times a day. Pack-Herd Jemini Brigade in the Fertrell herd at Bainbridge produced 40,527 pounds of milk, 3.9 percent fat and 1,590 pounds of fat in 305 days and 46,900 pounds of milk, 3.9 percent fat and 1,846 pounds of fat in 365 days. The official DHIA records were confirmed by the National Holstein Association in Brattleboro, Vermont.

James Meyer, Lititz, shared his thoughts about participating in the whole herd buyout program. Meyer said he was convinced there was a national milk surplus but found the information available to make bidding decisions very limited.

Four hundred members of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association visited the halls of the state legislature. State President Keith Eckel said the group took the opportunity to express grass roots concerns directly to the legislatures.

PennMac Cooperative acquired the Shamokin Packing Company according to Keith Eckel, president of PFA. The cooperative consists of 64 central Pennsylvania hog and cattle producers who incorporated to control the processing and marketing of their farm production.

The Chernobyl disaster pushed the Grain Futures upward. When the nuclear disaster occurred at the Soviet power plant, the immediate and the long-range effects on the world food supply were not known. **MAY 17**

David Norman, Liberty, was elected president of the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club at the annual meeting in Meadville. Norman with his family set high goals for their registered Jersey herd and he wants to keep communications open within the state Jersey Club. **MAY 24**

Dr. Kenneth Robinson, Cornell professor, spoke to the northeast ag communitors and told the farm writers that part-time farmers were sociably acceptable. Response in Farm Forum in subsequent weeks showed that not all Lancaster Farming readers agreed with the professor.

MAY 31

Tobacco planting progressed nicely as Donald Rohrer and family planted two acres on the day Lancaster Farming editor caught up with the operation. The Rohrers plan to be about half done by the end of the JUNE 7

The Pennsylvania Power and Light Company announced plans to place perpetual deed restrictions on 620 acres of company-owned farm land along the Susquehanna River. Later in the year, the land was sold back to farmers at public auction with the ag restrictions in place.

Research on bovine somatotropin was reported proceeding into the second lactation of the testing program by Dr. William Chalupa, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. When the new protein becomes available for on-farm use around 1989, the small dairy farmer will benefit just as much as the owner of a large dairy herd, according to the doctor. JUNE 21

The Pennsylvania Holstein Association has become especially strong in its reputation for export sales and its youth program. An interview with Bill Nickle, executive secretary; Ken Ramey, director of membership; and Jeff Harding, director or sales, showed the increasing roll of the state breed organization in the dairy industry. JUNE 28

Gerald Garber, Willow Street, won the national Tarbell Trophy from the American Guernsey Cattle Club. The award came at the annual meeting in Peoria, Illinois, for having the breed's highest 305 day twotime mature equivalent butterfat record. Grassland Nev Julia produced 22,107 pounds of milk and 1,264 pounds of butterfat at fives years of age for the honor. JULY 5

The first choice of males from a flush to Arlnda Rotate by Ron-De-Ro Genie Wayne Spring brought the top price of \$76,000 at the national sale held in conjunction with the National Holstein Association's annual meeting in Milwaukee. Second high price was \$73,000 for Hilltop Hanover B Damara ET with five pregnancy guarantees. JULY 12

The new president of the American Farm Bureau, Dean Klechner, told the local farm press that we will not likely see prices as high as in the '70s but farming will become profitable again. "I see this as the most opportune time for young people to get into farming," Klechner

JULY 19

Vo-ag teachers were encouraged to tell high school counselors and the community about the opportunities in the vo-ag program at their convention in State College. Rosemary Kolde urged the instructors to help dispell the belief that vo-ag programs prepare students only for production agriculture. JULY 26

Metcalfs Valiant Beauty ET had a big week for owner Thomas McCauley. Beauty was named senior and grand champion of the Lancaster County Holstein Open Show after standing reserve to a stablemate at the 4-H Holstein Show a day earlier. **AUGUST 2**

The 1986 Summer Drought Hay Fund was opened through the Elizabethtown Brethren in Christ Church to receive funds to help farmers in other areas to cope with the severe drought. A total of \$24,635.35 was sent in for administration by the Pennsylvania Farmers Association. The benefits of the generosity are still being realized as late as the last week in December when a shipment of hay from Pennsylvania was planned for needy farmers in Maryland. **AUGUST9**

RCMA had a meeting in Williamsport to start again the effort to sign independent milk producers into the over-order pricing coop. This effort continued through the year with every major milk coop and farm organization endorsing the program.

Although violent hail and thunderstorms worked havoc on many (Turn to Page A38)

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Meeting Set

CHAMBERSBURG - The 69th annual meeting of the Franklin County Agricultural Extension Association has been set for Friday, Jan. 23, at Kauffman's Community Center, according to Fred E. Rice, president of the Association. A social hour, starting at 6:15 p.m., will feature Franklin County's four Agricultural

Commodity Queens. Dinner will be

served at 7 p.m. Directors to represent Quincy, St. Thomas, Warren, Southampton and Washington townships will be elected by those present. The annual report of the Cooperative Extension Service in Franklin County will be distributed to those in attendance. All Franklin County residents are invited to attend. All of legal age may participate in the election.

Tickets must be purchased no later than Jan. 16. They are available at the Franklin County Extension Service office, 191 Franklin Farms Lane, Chambersburg, and from the following directors:

Chambersburg area - Betty Mummert, Fred E. Rice, Clifford Gayman, Marie Starr, Joan Myers, Elizabeth Brown, Frances Reichard and Helen Moe.

Greencastle area - Linda Golden, Dwight M. Hawbaker and Wilma Wenger.

Concord - Betty Gamble.

Pleasant Hall - Carl D. Wenger. Orrstown - Isaac Horst.

Willow Hill - J. Wilmer Lehman. Lemasters - M. Eugene

Hawbaker. Waynesboro - Joseph S. Middour, Michael A. John and Frank

S. Beckner. St. Thomas - J. Robert Meyers

Shippensburg - Walter Grove, Kenneth E. Sand and Jack Diehl.

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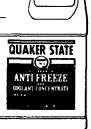
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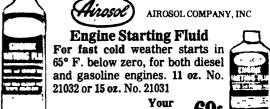
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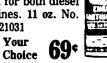
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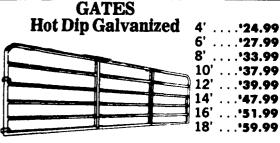
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