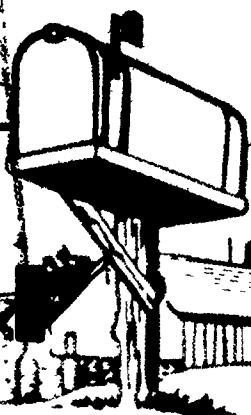


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PDA Announces Three-Pronged Program: Takes Development Lead

BY EVERETT NEWSWANGER
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HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture announced a three-pronged farm program this week to make agriculture the head and not the tail. Steven Crawford, executive assistant to the agriculture secretary, said in a private interview in the PDA office that Governor Robert Casey has recognized that agriculture should take the lead in economic development in Pennsylvania. "That's exciting," Crawford said. "And to put money where the

mouth is, Governor Casey has placed a \$3 million line item appropriation in his proposed budget to fund the PDA ag development program. What is important to recognize," Crawford says, "is that it represents a step in the direction that lets agriculture take the lead. In the past, PDA was rather like the tail trying to wag the dog. But we don't want to spoon-feed the farmers and tell them what their programs should be. It's important that people who understand farmers and agriculture develop the programs for farmers. And that's why

Governor Casey has given PDA the task of doing this. And that's what the newly announced programs represent. A change of direction in agriculture so that we are the leaders instead of the followers when charting our own destiny." According to Crawford, one of the first things that Governor Casey did after he was sworn in was to meet with Agriculture Secretary Boyd Wolff to talk about the state of agriculture in Pennsylvania. "We were able to impress upon the Governor that the economic development in Penn- (Turn to Page A23)



Steven Crawford, executive assistant to the Pennsylvania agriculture secretary, at his desk in the PDA office in Harrisburg.

Vintage Locks Horns With Feds Over Beef Checkoff

BY JACK HUBLEY
 A group of 60-odd farmers and beef industry men from as far away as North Carolina converged at the Lehigh County Courthouse in Allentown Thursday to watch Vintage Sales Stables go head to head with the federal government.

In a widely publicized test of federal authority, Robert L. Frame, owner of Vintage of Intermountain, had his day in court to question the constitutionality of the 51-per-cent beef checkoff program that began Oct. 1, 1986. Mandated by the 1985 Beef

Promotion and Research Act, the checkoff assesses cattle producers \$1 for every head of cattle sold, including beef cattle, dairy animals and veal calves. Auctions such as Vintage have been designated as collection points for the funds, which are then for-

warded to the Pennsylvania Beef Council. Fifty cents of each dollar goes to the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board to underwrite promotion, research and education programs on a national level aimed at increasing demand for beef. The remaining 50 cents stays with the contributing state from its own efforts in these areas.

producers have the option to request a refund from a national account held for that purpose. Within 22 months of the checkoff's inception, the beef industry must conduct a nationwide referendum to determine whether or not the program will be continued.

While submitting the checkoff funds is required by law,

During Thursday's hearing Federal Judge Edward Cahn listened as Vintage attorney (Turn to Page A32)



Wayne Savage (left) holds the grand champion of the open show, Savage-Leigh E-Star Grace. Christopher Savage claimed the grand champion banner of the junior show with Savage-Leigh RORAE Chrissy. Judge Roy Hetts offers congratulations.

Savages Show Md. Champions

BY SUE CROW
 Maryland Correspondent
TIMONIUM, Md. — Maryland has long been known for its top quality Holstein cattle and the 17th Maryland State Holstein Show, held at the Timonium Fairgrounds, was a display of this quality. A total of 300 registered Holsteins paraded before judge Roy Hetts from Wisconsin, Saturday, April 11. Savage-Leigh E-Star Grace owned by Savage-Leigh Farm won the grand champion title of the show. This first placed aged cow, sired by Thonyma East Star-Twin, recently freshened. "She is a beautifully framed cow, I just love

the openness," said Hetts. Grace stood as grand champion of this show in 1986, improving on her reserve grand title in 1985. The 6-year-old champion produced a top record as a 4 year old of 22,480 pounds of milk and 828 pounds of fat with a 4.7 test in 365 days. Gay Ridge Holsteins owned the reserve grand champion cow, C Darcroft Concord Hanna. This Browndale Concord-el daughter, out of Glenside Royal Glenna, placed first in the 5-year-old class with best udder honors. The Savage family continued their domination of the rosettes as (Turn to Page A26)

Seidel, Sweeney and Harding Honored By PSU Dairy Club

STATE COLLEGE — The Penn State Dairy Science Club has a big weekend scheduled for April 24 and 25. It all gets started Friday evening at the State College Elks Country Club where the Dairymen's Club banquet starts the action with the annual meeting and the recognition of the club's honorees for 1987. George E. Seidel is the 1987 Distinguished Alumnus for the Department of Dairy Science. Raised on a farm in Pennsylvania, Seidel received a B.S. Degree from Penn State in dairy science in 1965, an M.S. and Ph.D. from Cornell in 1968 and 1970 respectively. He currently is working with the Animal Reproductive Laboratory

College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Colorado State University. In 1973 the embryo transfer laboratory was established at Colorado State. Technics such as nonsurgical recovery and transfer of bovine and equine embryos were developed and refined at the laboratory. Recently, the laboratory has developed a procedure for bisecting embryos to produce identical twins. Dr. Thomas Sweeney is the 1987 Dairy Expo Dedicattee. Sweeney is best known at Penn State as the dairy science club advisor from 1980 to 1986. During Sweeney's time as advisor, the club enjoyed (Turn to Page A30)

Sightseeing Lebanon County



Two farms in one lane. When you travel in this farm lane from Route 944 just north of Route 322, you come first to the Bucher Brothers Farm (Mark and Stan). Then the lane continues past the farm house to Raymond Hoover's Farm. When Editor Newswanger talked to Stan Bucher Tuesday afternoon, it was odd-job time around the farm. But you could tell this young farmer was itchy for the ground and weather to get right so he could get into more important jobs like plowing and planting.