

# Lebanon County Holstein Club Field Day

BY PAT PURCELL

The Lebanon County Holstein Club annual field day was hosted by Ken Mase and his family at his farm just outside of Fontana. More than 200 people attended the event headed by the Holstein club president, Sonny Baumgardner.

Four groups of cows were presented for judging at this year's event instead of the usual three groups. Tom Boyer of Sunnybend Farm in York County was the event judge. Kraig Sellers of Annville was the overall winner of the evening. Winners of the judging competition were:

Adult Men's Division: 1. David Hummelberger, Annville, 2. David Vail, Lebanon, 3. Darrell Balmer, Annville.

Women's Division: 1. Margaret Baumgardner, Ono, 2. Lois Meyer, Annville, 3. Teresa Kissling, Lebanon.

Youth 13 and under: 1. Kraig Sellers, Annville, 2. Linette Shuey, Jonestown, 3. Jesse Baumgardner, Ono.

Youth 14 and Over: 1. Adam Sonnen, Richland, 2. Kynel Baumgardner, Ono, 3. David Lutz, Lebanon.

Lebanon County Dairy Princess Rebecca Sonnen of Sonnen Acres in Richland served milk to the guests and was assisted by Dairy Princess Alternate Angie Bollinger. The Lebanon County Holstein Club will be holding its annual sale on Friday, August 28.

Prizes were donated by area businesses: Binkley & Hurst Brothers, Landmark Genetics, Keller Bros. Ford, Pen W. Hostetter, Star Silos, Agway, Avon Animal Clinic, Atlantic Breeders, ABS, Balsbaugh Insurance, BHM Equipment, Evergreen Tractor, G & D Repair, Harvestore, Mark



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Clarence Stauffer, Howard Weiss and Wengerts Dairy.

## Texas Farmer Predicts End Of Economic Fairyland

BY LOUANN GOOD

ANNVILLE — A well-known organic farmer from Texas warned farmers that he sees difficult days ahead.

Frank Ford lectured at the Pennsylvania Natural Living Conference held at Lebanon Valley College last weekend; later, he met with farmers in small groups throughout the local area.

He said, "We have been taking anesthesia from government administration and America must get ready for difficult times after enjoying an economic fairyland."

Farmers, he contends, will suffer greatly unless they prepare now.

To prepare, he believes, farmers must become debt-free even if it means reducing the scope of their operations. "If you can't get out of debt, sell everything in order to become solvent."

Ford believes the government



Frank Ford

caters to corporations, not the farmer. He quoted statistics that show that over 60% of corporate wealth is held by 200 corporations.

"This," he contends, "upsets the balance of power and threatens free enterprise, especially for farmers."

This one-time Barry Goldwater campaign-manager reiterates his former boss's famous quote, "Government is no longer government of the people, but of the money and interest."

Corporations, Ford said, make huge profits without paying taxes. Producers, like farmers, suffer while corporations rake in the money. Reprocessed farms go into holding companies where they are swallowed up by insurance companies and other industries. He said, "We need a society where people can stay on the land."

Ford pictures that society as one where farmers diversify their crops

and avoid over-abundance, where they have reduced their input costs and where they relate to God's creation in good stewardship in gardening techniques and by eating a basic healthy diet—not processed foods where nutrients have been removed.

Ford, who has served on the Advisory Committee to three U.S. Secretaries of Agriculture, said that government employment statistics are puffed up by teenagers working in fast food industries. He points out that our nation's wealth must be based on production, not consumption.

This 27 year veteran of organic farming states America better not take their farmers for granted. "Other countries take care of their farmers because they have known

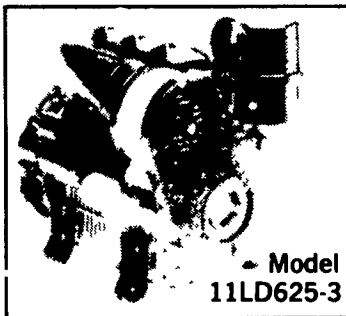
hunger." He believes that America is destined for hunger since our nation has gone from the position of largest creditor to the largest debtor within four years. He said, "This is not political courage, but bitter fruit for our nation."

Ford has combined sales of over one million copies from his four books titled: "Coming Food Crisis," "The Simpler Life Cookbook," "New Harvest, and Occupy."

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