

Lancaster Farming

VOL. 33 No. 9 Lancaster Farming, Saturday, January 9, 1988 Six Sections \$8.50 Per Year

Pennsylvania Agriculture — The Evolution Of Excellence



A scene from the 1987 Farm Show sets the stage for the 1988 event. This issue of Lancaster Farming is dedicated to the Pennsylvania Farm

Show—the largest indoor agricultural exposition in the country by some reports.

FARM SHOW FEATURES

One of the country's largest and best attended agricultural shows, the Pennsylvania Farm Show next week will give farmers and agribusinesses a chance to showcase the industry. And the Lancaster Farming staff has prepared a preview for you in this issue. Look for features and news stories from the launching of a new Beef Promotion Program to a number of features on exhibitors.

In addition, you'll find a map that shows you how to get to the Farm Show building and commercial exhibitors lists and the location of their booths.

Here are some of the stories about the Farm Show in this issue:

- New Beef Promotion..... A19
- Master Farmer..... A20
- Farm City Award..... A30
- Evening Events..... A32
- Farm Show Facts..... A34
- Christmas Tree Judging..... A34
- Conservation Award..... A34
- Farm Women Leaders..... B 2
- Are Farm Show Judges Fair B 5
- June Yohn Spins..... B16

(Turn to Page A3)

Livestock Exhibitors Compete For Record Premiums

HARRISBURG — From its humble beginning in 1917, the Farm Show has grown from school boys competing in corn and potato judging to an extravaganza that includes livestock judging, horse and pony pulling contests, folk

dance festivals, a sheep to shawl contest and educational exhibits. The premiums which were \$735 in the first show have now increased to a whopping \$170,468 for the 1988 Farm Show, January 10-15 in Harrisburg.

The horse show always totes a large crowd. This year with 176 entries, it is the largest horse exhibit ever at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. The quota has been expanded to include twenty more participants in the competition.

Premiums offered in this category are \$17,636.

As always sheep numbers are strong, with 705 entries including 535 breeding animals which can be broken down into 338 open and 197 junior animals. Up to \$9,879 will be given as premiums for open sheep, \$1,912 for junior market sheep and \$3,943 for junior breeding sheep.

With 515 entries in the swine department, 265 bred gilts and approximately 250 market swine, the numbers are strong once again. The numbers were up ten head in

(Turn to Page A38)

All Roads Lead To Farm Show

HARRISBURG — Nearly 500,000 visitors are expected to attend the nation's largest indoor agricultural exposition, which begins Sunday, January 10 at 12:15 p.m. in Harrisburg. The 72nd Pennsylvania Farm Show features 8,000 livestock exhibits, 250 commercial exhibitors, educational displays, fine food and more.

Farm Show officials work closely with the State Police, Capitol Area Transit (CAT), Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) and others to improve the parking and traffic situation for Farm Show visitors every year.

All roads eventually lead to the 14-acre Farm Show Complex on Cameron Street, but the closest access is Exit 23 of Interstate 81.

Alternate inbound routes include Elmerton Avenue, Industrial Road, Maclay Street and Herr Street.

The Pennsylvania State Police will provide the necessary person-

(Turn to Page A26)

Dairies Reach Agreement With RCMA

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Craft Inc., Pollio Dairy and RCMA announced Thursday that they have reached an agreement that accommodates their mutual concerns. Recognizing the farmers' valid financial needs, Craft and Pollio will participate in RCMA's Class I milk overorder premium program. Each company will provide RCMA with figures for sales volume to fluid milk dealers as well as volume received from producers. They will also join in the

payment of Class I overorder premiums.

In addition, RCMA has agreed to not impose a Class II overorder premium for five years or until a national Class II premium is established. This action will help insure that the northeast dairy industry will flourish and remain competitive on a national basis.

Craft, Pollio and RCMA are pleased that negotiations have successfully concluded to the mutual benefit of all parties.

Neff Brothers, Rohrer Take Honors

BY LISA RISSER

LANCASTER — Champions for the second year in a row, Donald Rohrer of Strasburg took the purple ribbon for his Pennsylvania Type 41 tobacco, and Neff Brothers of Millersville received one for their hand of Maryland-type leaf at the county tobacco show.

Rohrer, whose leaf beat out 58 other entries in three classes, has been a winner in the county show now six times in the past 11 years. "The weather worked in my favor," he said of this year's prize-winning tobacco, which was a first planting of Nissely seed.

Also working in his favor was

(Turn to Page A21)

You're Welcome To Visit With The Lancaster Farming Staff At Booth No. 274