

# Swine Breeders Have 31st Annual Banquet

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## KEYSTONE PORK CONGRESS

The statewide Keystone Pork Congress is set for next week, Tuesday, February 16, at the Penn Harris Inn in Camp Hill. This year's Keystone will feature a trade show with more than 40 exhibitors.

## Blue Ball National Bank Loan Seminar

**BLUE BALL** — A farm financial consultant told approximately 200 persons at the Blue Ball National Bank seminar last week loan structure problems have come from specialty operations like large farrow-to-finish hog complexes and large layer operations.

Ron Bard, Quarryville, said large loans were extended for too long a period of time where internal equipment deteriorated faster than debt was reduced. Therefore,

a crisis could occur to borrow money for a large investment in equipment when the previous equipment loan was only half paid off. Bard said some of the things that create poor financial management include: lack of records, improper debt structure, keeping up with the Jones and getting bigger before getting better.

According to Bard the farmer should expect his banker to know

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who combines humor and motivation with his presentation, "Lead With Your ACES."

For a program copy, contact your county extension office. To make banquet reservations, call Stephen Burkholder at 215-682-2871.

Here is the program:  
**PRODUCER'S PROGRAM**  
Main Ballroom

8:00 a.m. Registration - Doors open to Trade Show

Morning Session: Chairman - Kenneth Kephart

9:50 a.m. Hog Market Outlook -

H. Louis Moore

10:45 a.m. Simple, Practical Crossbreeding Systems - Daryl Kuhlers

11:35 a.m. NPPC Programs - Mike Walsler

Afternoon Session: Chairman - Michael Miller

1:30 p.m. Strategies for Borrowing Capital - Scott Owen

2:00 p.m. Contract Production in Pennsylvania - A Panel Discussion - H. Louis Moore, Dale Nolt, Aaron Nolt, Ray Lehr

**PORK COUNCIL WOMEN'S PROGRAM**

**Keystone E Room**

Morning Session: Ann Arnold, Presiding

10:00 a.m. Business Meeting

10:30 a.m. Pork Microwave Demonstration - Maryann Zepp

Afternoon Session: Mollie Geise, Presiding

1:00 p.m. Jr. Public Speaking Contest

**KEYSTONE PORK BOWL**  
Keystone D Room

Chairman - Kenneth Winebark

9:30 a.m. Preliminary Eliminations

2:00 p.m. Final Eliminations

## Gala Event Showcases

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Charles Benner, president of the state council, likened the growth of Pennsylvania agriculture to the old farm deeds that include specific linear directions plus the throw of the ax. If you throw a little further, you own a little more land," Benner said. "This is the way agriculture got to be number one in Pennsylvania. The farmer, the agribus-

ness person and the legislator all are willing to work that extra throw when needed to be successful."

Lieutenant Governor Mark Singel brought greetings from Governor Robert Casey in an official document that saluted those with a commitment to the growth of agriculture in Pennsylvania. "The Commonwealth is blessed with an abundance of natural resources, and we must maintain a

strong program to preserve these resources for future generations," Casey said.

Singel said you must know that this administration has a tremendous commitment to preserving and enhancing agriculture. "Agriculture produces jobs for 55,000 farmers who produce \$3 billion worth of products," Singel said. "One out of every five Pennsylvania jobs depends on agriculture. So it is clear we must maintain an active focus to preserve opportunities to enhance agriculture in the state."

Singel said that 2.2 million Pennsylvanians are considered to be rural inhabitants. This is the largest rural population of any state in the nation. "We are very serious about our commitment to agriculture. It is more than just a slogan. It is a practical approach to an industry that really is the backbone of Pennsylvania's economy," Singel concluded.

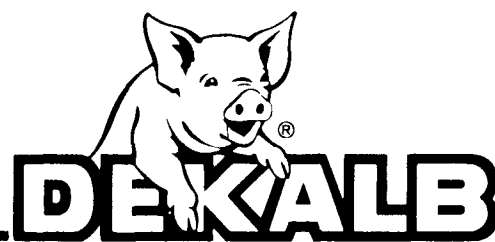
Special recognition was given to the following firms who donated food items for the legislative food baskets: Daniel Weaver Co., Lebanon bologna; Hershey Foods, Hershey bars; Holly Milk Cooperative, butter; Knouse Foods, applesauce; Milk Marketing Inc., cheese; Myers Canning, mushrooms; Pa. Poultry Federation, eggs; Pa. State Beekeepers Assn., honey bears; Pa. Wine Association, wine and Pro-Fac Cooperative, potato chips.

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