

# Lancaster Farming

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## Keystone Pork Congress Produces Winners

BY LISA RISSER  
CAMP HILL (Dauphin) — A generally optimistic atmosphere prevailed during the Keystone Pork Congress on Wednesday as pork producers discussed new products at the trade show and learned inside information from successful peers.

The "Speaking Up For Pork" contest was one of the day's highlights as more than 20 youths from the ages of 8 to 18 competed for cash prizes.

The senior division was dominated by two FFA'ers from Manheim Central High School. Greg Harnish of Manheim nabbed the top spot with his speech, "Advertising: A Profitable Solution." John Hess, also of Manheim, was a close second with his speech, "How To Sell Pork." The third-place title was captured by Jason Woodling, a freshman and first-year member of the W. Snyder FFA chapter. Jason spoke on "Introducing the New Pork."

Clearfield countians swept the top three spots in the junior division. The rhyming presentation given by 11-year-old Haley Sank-

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David Reinecker, right, president of the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council, congratulates Greg Harnish, right, and John Hess for their first- and second-place wins in the Speaking Up for Pork contest at the Keystone Pork Congress. Harnish was first with "Advertising: A Profitable Solution."

## Change Keeps National FFA On the Leading Edge

EPHRATA (Lancaster) — The Future Farmers of America celebrated its 61st anniversary by adopting 18 amendments to its constitution and bylaws. Such sweeping changes have not been seen in the organization in the past two decades.

Probably most important of the 18 pieces of legislation was the name change. Future Farmers of America has become the National FFA Organization. Chapters may

continue to use the original name or the letters "FFA". The change is

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## Dairy Of Distinction Program Called Beneficial; Seeks 1989 Applications Now

HARRISBURG (Dauphin) — The Northeast Dairy of Distinction farm beautification program rewards clean, well-kept farms-teads to help with consumer accep-

tance of dairy products in the store. At the recent annual meeting of the Pennsylvania division here, State Secretary Paul Nichols reported an increase in publicity for dairymen created by the Dairy of Distinction program in 1988.

For example, James Brubaker of

Atrazine ® is the one most commonly detected in ground water in several studies cited by Hartzler. It's half-life, the length of time it remains active, is three times longer than that of Bladex ® and Dual®. This extended half-life gives Atrazine® more time to find its way to ground water.

"We can select compounds which do not have the ability to move into ground water sources," said Hartzler. And I think we are going to see a trend away from using Atrazine®. We can predict chemicals which have the potential for contamination."

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Point versus non-point source pollution became the big topics

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Mt. Joy, a Lancaster County winner, and State President, Everett Newswanger, appeared on a state-wide syndicated public TV program. Also a Philadelphia Inquirer reporter interviewed Newswanger and several Dairy of Distinction

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## Lebanon County Extension Services In Review

BY LOU ANN GOOD  
SCHAFERSTOWN (Lebanon) — Multi-county extension agents enthusiastically reported their 1988 activities at the Lebanon County annual banquet.

Held at the Schafferstown Fire Hall, the meeting emphasized the extensive services the multi-county agents provide.

One multi-county agent, Patricia Powley who heads family resource management for Dauphin, Lebanon, Cumberland and York Counties, said that the transition from being a home economist for one county to assuming multi-county responsibilities has been rewarding. She believes it enables extension agents to use their abilities to the fullest since they can

concentrate in their area of expertise.

The year in review showed 551 county staff meetings with 8,129 participants. Individual assistance was granted to 4,483 persons. The extension activities are enhanced by 188 volunteers who give an estimated 11,341 volunteer hours. There were 1,031 meetings held by volunteers with 13,073 people attending. The grand total number of individual contacts were 21,202.

Adult 4-H leaders numbered 188 with 17 teen leaders helping 608 members. Thirty-two clubs offered 92 projects with 1,157 projects completed.

Family living programs spon-

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## Overnight Animal Rights Could Change The Way You Farm

No subject in recent memory has generated as much discussion about agriculture as the animal rights issue. In a series of articles we'll explore some of the ideas behind both sides of the issue in an attempt, as Dr. B. L. Flinchbaugh, Kansas State University, says, "not to create great

conflicts but to look for common ground". Here's the first in a series entitled: Overnight Animal Rights Could Change The Way You Farm .

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EPHRATA—If you are a lives-

tock or dairy farmer, or if you own an integrated agri-business, the way you operate could change overnight. Animal rights and animal welfare organizations are trying to make it happen through legislation and through harassment. As of 1986, the latest figures available, 163 major organiza-

tions, locally and across the nation, were formed to address the issue of the happiness and comfort of animals, including farm animals.

Right now developing legislation in Pennsylvania puts a special focus on the relativity of this issue. A report from the State Ag Republicans annual meeting this week

said that new animal rights bills will be among the proposed ag laws to be introduced in the Pennsylvania General Assembly by spring. Dave Dumeyer, research analyst for the House Ag committee, told the group meeting in Hershey that "factory farming" bills to

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New members voted to the Lebanon County Extension board on Thursday night included the following: Front row, from left: Cathy Bomgardner and Carol Ungemach. Back row, from left: Samuel Geesaman, Harold Bollinger, Newton Bair, Robert Smith, and Lloyd R. Early.