

\$100-A-Plate Banquet

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- continues its legislative voice in Harrisburg and Washington.
- has new marketing capability in West Germany.
- survived avian influenza
- receives access to a poultry health test center.
- provides four poultry scholarships to Penn State.
- utilizes a new poultry research facility.
- protects itself from avian dis-

ease with a private indemnity fund. actively participates in agriculture's future.

Secretary of Agriculture Boyd Wolff told the audience that a budget of \$200,000 is proposed to combat the Salmonella Enteritidis problem facing the poultry industry.

He said that public perception is of prime importance. For the industry to grow, it is essential to get public perception of eggs on a positive note.



Comedian Andy Andrews (left) kept the audience laughing with his down-home humor. With Andrews is Michael Shelton, director of communications for the PA Poultry Federation.

Wolff Asks Township Officials To Aid Farmers

HERSHEY (Dauphin) — State Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff today asked township officials not to burden farmers with ordinances and zoning that interfere with agriculture.

"I ask that you appreciate agriculture's contributions to your economy and its employment possibilities," said Wolff. "Farmland maintains open space for all the residents, including hunters and tourists. Farmland also recharges ground water and reduces rain runoff and flooding.

"I ask that you remember and consider these factors and do not pass ordinances or zoning that unduly restrict or curtail farming in your township."

Wolff also urged the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors to preserve farmland with Act 149, which authorized state and county purchases of agricultural conservation easements.

"We have a real opportunity to energize public support for agriculture," said Wolff. "Every rural policy agenda should promote farmland protection through Act 149."

In a speech to the 67th Annual State Convention of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors in Hershey, Wolff also called for support of the tax reform referendum.

Dauphin Deposit Opens Loan Production Office

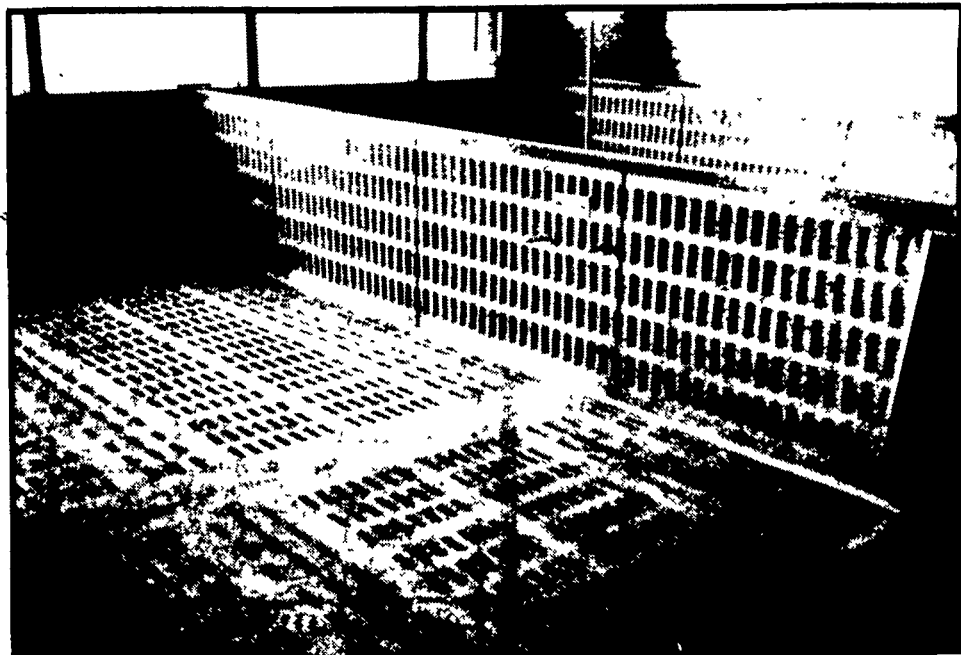


Dauphin Deposit Bank held an open house on Tuesday to celebrate the new location of their corporate loan production facility in Granite Run near Lancaster. On hand to greet nearly 90 clients including farmers and representatives from agribusinesses were, from left, Sharon E. Good; John Risser, vice president of agri-finance; and John Mattillo, agri-finance officer.

Agricultural loans from Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin, York, Cumberland, Franklin, and Adams counties are processed in the office, which had been located in New Holland. The new location is more central and handler to the county's highways, according to Risser.

The loan officers visit farmers in their homes to discuss ag loans. Currently Dauphin Deposit Bank and its sister institution, Bank of Pennsylvania, have loaned more than \$30 million to farmers and agribusinesses.

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