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Dairy Champions Named In York

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YORK (York Co.) — Trixie almost missed the whole thing.

As it was, the Tom Boyer family was initially uncertain if they were even bringing MC Tyrbach Valiant Trixie to the York Holstein show with their Sunybend Farm showstring.

But the big three-year-old Valiant daughter topped her class, and then snagged the grand champion honors for owner June Boyer and the family herd. Her win, along with several top placings by other Sunybend entries, helped earn the Boyer family both the show's Premier Breeder and Exhibitor honors.

Though June Boyer purchased the typey cow as a baby calf in a New York sale, Trixie's history traces to the herd of well-known Cumberland County breeder and judge Creedin Cornman. Cornman bred her dam, Justa-Beauty Trixie Twete, then sold part interest in her to Maple Farms, New Jersey, when she was just a heifer. Exhibited in the New Jersey state show, the dam had taken junior champion honors some years ago.

Scored VG-87 on her first classification, Trixie completed her first lactation well over 19,000 milk, and is projected to 23,000 in her present second lactation.

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At Home With The Boyer Family. June Boyer, Tom and Janella. The champions from York shows last week are: Peace & Plenty SWD Justina ET and MC Tyrbach Valiant Trixie. Photo by Everett Newswanger.

Board Encourages Land Preservation In Berks Co.

BY VAL VANTASSEL

Berks Co. Correspondent

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) —

Area farmers had a chance to explore how agricultural security areas, conservation easements and even restrictive agricultural zoning might benefit them at a recent open meeting of the Berks Co. Agricultural Land Preservation Board held at the Berks Ag. Center. "Our goal is planned preservation rather than planned obsolescence. We're looking for conspi-

cuous preservation instead of conspicuous consumption," Berks County Commissioner Anthony Carabello explained neatly summing up the board's purpose.

"We hope farmers will work with the board. The way that land is getting chewed up here in Berks Co. we all have to work together to preserve it. I like to think of Berks Co. as a diamond in the rough. Many folks come in and take the best we have to offer then they leave and we're left with the

problems they have created," Carabello stated.

The board was officially established in Feb. of this year to set up criteria for the buying of conservation easements better known as developmental rights in the county but they have been meeting in an unofficial capacity for nearly a year. William Hughes, a member of the state board, spoke to the approximately 60 farmers in the audience about the money that may be available and the mini-

mum requirements set by the state for purchasing conservation easements.

"In Nov. of 1987 voters approved a \$100 million dollar bond is-

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Tobacco Disease Alert

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Tobacco blue mold disease has been found and confirmed in Lancaster County, Pa. The areas known to have blue mold are Ephrata, Intercourse, and Quarryville. This indicates the disease is probably spread throughout Lancaster County. All of the fields infected did not receive the preplant blue mold treatment, Ridomil.

Damage to the crop at this time is slight, but those growers that did not use Ridomil should protect their crop with one of the following methods.

If the tobacco can be cultivated, apply 1 quart of Ridomil and cultivate. Consult the layby treatment on the label for more use and direction information.

If the tobacco is too large to cultivate, the only material that has label clearance is mancozeb (Dithane M45, Manzate 200, etc). Mancozeb should be applied every 7 days at the rate of 1.5 to 2. pounds per acre until the blue mold threat is over. Mancozeb is a protectant so good plant coverage is important. For additional information, contact the Penn State Extension Service. Phone: (717) 394-6851.

Farmer Cooperatives Hold Leaders Conference

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — A total of 44 Pennsylvania cooperators attended the 15th annual Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives (PAFC) Young Cooperative Leaders Con-

ference held at the Troftrees Resort and Conference Center July 10-12.

The purpose of the two-day

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Animal Health Commission Holds First Meeting

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff said recently the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission will play a vital role in helping Pennsylvania farmers protect the health of their livestock.

"The Department of Agriculture and the General Assembly will look to the commission for important policy guidelines and priorities needed to protect the investment and livelihood of our producers," Wolff said at the commission's first meeting.

"The commission will provide the expertise and stability needed to objectively analyze issues

affecting animal health, which is so important to Pennsylvania's leading industry -- agriculture," Wolff said.

The commission was established by legislation that Gov. Casey signed into law last December, fulfilling a major campaign commitment to agriculture.

The 15-member commission is responsible for developing policy on all animal health, research, diagnostic and indemnity programs in the Commonwealth. The commission, headed by Wolff, includes state and local officials and legislators.

Other members are Health Secretary N. Mark Richards, Sen. Edward Helfrick, Sen. Patrick Sta-

pleton, Rep. Samuel Morris and Rep. Kenneth Brandt, three veterinarians and six farmers appointed by Gov. Casey.

The governor's appointees are veterinarians John I. Enck Jr. of Carlisle, Robert E. Graybill of Lancaster, Sherbyn W. Ostrich of Robesonia, Berks County; and farmers Robert T. Gabel, R.D. 4, Newport, Perry County; Lynn Henninger, R.D. 1, Elizabethville, Dauphin County; Chris Kimmel, R.D. 1, Shelocia, Indiana County; C. Scott McNamara, R.D. 1, Meadville, Crawford County; Kent D. Strock, Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, and Dennis Wolff, R.D. 2, Millville, Columbia County.

Dairyman Opts For

BY PAT PURCELL

Poor air quality in the dairy barn may be of more concern than the temperature. At least Doug Cope thinks so. You'll find Pat Purcell's ventilation story on Page D-11.

Dan Martin's Perspective

BY LOU ANN GOOD

Will BST become part of the dairy man's future? Dan Martin has mixed feelings about the subject. See Lou Ann Good's story on Page B-12.

