

Lancaster Farming

VOL. 35 No. 9

Six Sections

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, January 6, 1990

50¢ Per Copy

\$12.50 Per Year

All Roads Lead To State Farm Show This Week



The Stoltzfus family and one of their prized animals, Penwood Impact Domino, getting ready for the 1990 Farm Show. From left, Mary Jane and Harvey Stoltzfus with sons Duane, Glenn, Dwight

and Glenn's wife and child, Gail and Justine, respectively. Not shown is Donald Stoltzfus. Photo by Everett Newswanger

Visit The
**LANCASTER
FARMING**
Booth No. 274
Main Building

Also See
Advertisers'
Messages
And Farm
Show Locations
In This Issue

Four Decades Later Farm Show Still Fun

VERNON ACHENBACH, JR.
Lancaster Farming Staff
MORGANTOWN (Berks Co.)
— Almost half a century of Farm Show participation has left its mark on the Harvey Stoltzfus family—count on seeing the clan there again this year, they're hooked.

But when this Berks County dairyman and his sons enter the large arena during the Holstein competitions, don't make any bets. Stoltzfus said he isn't so sure he will take home any ribbons.

Stoltzfus, whose grandfather shipped in the first registered Hol-

stein bull to his section of the Conestoga River valley, has, with few exceptions, been showing his animals since 1949. He said his show animals are in fine shape and his chances are good, but his experi-

ANDY ANDREWS
Lancaster Farming Staff
LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)
— Worldwide demand for tobacco grown in the U.S. will increase, and this means well for those who grow the best, according to trade analysts who spoke at the Lancas-

ence has shown him that there's no such thing as a sure thing at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

"Sometimes you go thinking you have real top animals and you don't get anything. Other times,

you are more relaxed and you end up winning," Stoltzfus said.

According to the Stoltzfus family, the value of showing at the Farm Show isn't singular. Each member of the family can give a

(Turn to Page A21)

Tobacco Farming Tips, Awards Highlight Show

ter County tobacco meeting and show at the Farm and Home Center on Wednesday.

What marked the difference this year in the annual show was the pre-award speaking events, featuring two market outlooks and weed and disease control tips for

farmers.

"We decided on the new format for the show because of two reasons," said Robert J. Anderson, Lancaster County Extension agronomy agent. "One, because there were no meetings to discuss tobac-

(Turn to Page A20)

Pennsylvania Agriculture—Good Food For Our Families

Editor's note: While the judging of entries begins on Saturday, January 6, the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg does not open to the public until Sunday, January 7 at 1 p.m. News and advertising related to the show are found throughout this issue. And the following article will give you an introduction to the show that has become known as the premier showcase of Pennsylvania agriculture.

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)
— The largest indoor agricultural exposition in the country, the Pennsylvania State Farm Show, will soon open its doors for the 74th annual running in Harrisburg, January 7-12, 1990.

Long considered the premiere showcase of agriculture, the Farm Show recognizes the outstanding achievements of Pennsylvania's number one industry. It offers a unique location for the new technological advances and competitive spirit that have helped farm production increase year after year.

This year's theme, "Pennsylvania Agriculture — Good Food for Our Families," is a salute to the state's 55,000 farms and 2,000 food processors who provide a bountiful supply of nutritious and delicious food to families across our Commonwealth and around the world.

The Farm Show features 250

commercial exhibitors displaying approximately \$10 million worth of equipment. Government agencies, universities and agricultural organizations also provide showgoers with valuable information on their products and services.

Over 5,000 animals will be exhibited throughout the week-long extravaganza. Dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, swine, horses, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits will be the focal point of contests, sales and shows.

With an increased commitment to attracting top quality livestock and agricultural products, the Farm Products Show Commission has raised premiums offered at the 1990 show to \$190,869.

Evening events offer something for everyone at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. From the horse and pony pulling competitions to the square dance festival, from the sheep to shawl contest to the live lottery drawing, Farm Show visitors will find something special in the large and small arenas.

Many new activities are scheduled for the 1990 Farm Show, including the Agricultural Museum, cooking demonstrations at the Pennsylvania Food Pantry, 4-H Opportunities exhibits, Monday Night Frolics, rabbit competition, a split-sheep show to accommodate more exhibitors, and the crowning of supreme champions in four livestock categories.

Admission to the Farm Show is

free. The Farm Show Complex is located in Harrisburg, just off exit 23 of Interstate 81. Several major arteries in the Harrisburg area serve as alternate routes.

Visitor parking on the 60-acre site is \$2 per vehicle. Overflow parking is available at the nearby Harrisburg Area Community College with shuttle bus service. Handicapped parking is available in front of the large arena or in the west circle of the Maclay Street side. Buses should unload their passengers and park at the Harrisburg State Hospital or Armory.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Farm Products Show Commission and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.