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## Beef Economist Predicts Good, Not Magnificent Year For Industry

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — "I think 1990 is going to be a good year, but notice I didn't say magnificent year," said H. Louis Moore, Penn State extension economist, to about 150 cattle farmers at the Cattle Feeders Day on Tuesday at the Farm and Home Center.

Moore told the farmers that while we'll be "lucky" to avoid a recession in 1990, beef farmers should be optimistic about selling their cattle in 1990. Total meat production will be up about 18 percent, and beef will make up 37 percent of all meat consumed. Moore's "fearless forecast" places a 77.0 cents per pound price on fat cattle for the first quarter of 1990, and 73.0 cents per pound for the third quarter.

"The 'captive' markets, such as turkey and chicken, will increase through the 1990s as they've done consistently in the 1980s," he said. Poultry products make up 36 percent of all meat consumed in this country. While beef production should increase about 6 percent, beef will continue to grab a smaller share of the total market. Total beef imports should equal 2.2 billion pounds in 1990, about 7

percent of the total beef supply. However, beef and pork will continue to have a smaller share of the total market. Exports growing slowly Exports are growing slowly at 600 million pounds in 1990. "Note that is in millions of pounds, not billions, such as the import market," Moore said.

"Imports will continue to be much greater than exports." Moore said that supplies of pork, broilers, and turkey will not decrease. Feed prices have not decreased much since the 1988 drought, and grain growers will still feel the pinch. Cattle are being brought to feed lots earlier (about 3 percent more than a year ago) and (Turn to Page A25)

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## Bovine TB Stopped

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EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — A state Department of Agriculture official said he is even more certain than before that bovine tuberculosis has been stopped in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Max Van Buskirk, director of the Bureau of Animal Industry, recently said he has seen no suspicious results at the end of a second round of testing for bovine tuberculosis that ended this week. However, Buskirk warned that it will still be several months, and another round of testing, before Pennsylvania can resume its status as a bovine TB-free area.

Early January, Boyd Wolff, state agriculture secretary, announced that a first round of testing of 10,698 dairy cattle showed no positive reactions, outside of the 121 that did test positive and were killed.

The nearly 11,000 cattle were tested because they were considered at risk of having the disease because of possible exposure to a Dauphin County herd of infected animals that no longer exists. There is no effective treatment for bovine tuberculosis, which is contagious to man.

The disease was discovered last August and resulted in the destruction of 109 cattle from one herd and 12 other cows that had either been bought from the herd or had been exposed to the infected animals.

Wolff said, "we feel confident... all animals that contracted the disease have been located and were removed."

Van Buskirk said the disease is apparently no longer a threat in Pennsylvania, but federal regulations require a third round of testing of animals that may have been exposed to the infected animals.

"There are no new indications of any problems," Van Buskirk said. "There are no problem herds at the present time. We think that's true now (that there is no bovine TB here) however, these tests are the routine tests required to lay any question to rest and (have) our bovine TB-free status restored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). It is kind of a routine mop-up, now," he said.



Art Glatfelter (left) presents the York Farm Family of the Year Award to Wayne and Athena Beshore.

## Ag Leaders Honored By York Chamber

**BY JOYCE BUPP**  
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YORK (York Co.) — A New Cumberland farm family and Loganville meat retailers have been recognized by the York Area Chamber of Commerce for outstanding contributions to agriculture.

The E. Wayne Beshore family received the farm family award and Godfrey Brothers Meats was honored for distinguished service during the third annual agriculture recognition banquet January 25 at Wischaven Hall. Co-sponsors for the ag salute were the Extension Service and York Area Chamber of Commerce.

**E. Wayne Beshore family**  
Wayne and Athena Hayes Beshore began dairying in the late 1940s on the farm of his parents, Elmer and Florence Beshore. On their first year of herd test, the Beshores' ten head averaged 7,160 pounds of milk and 252 of butterfat.

The New Cumberland farm's 167 acres are cropped to grains, forages and straw for the registered Holstein herd. Showing is a family tradition of more than three decades, beginning when the Beshores' eldest son, Marvin, joined the 4-H program with his first project heifer calf.

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At the 1990 Keystone Cornucopia are (l to r): Rocco Pugliese, president; Edward Helfrick, senate chairman, ag committee; Patrick Stapleton, minority chairman, senate ag committee; Lt. Gov. Mark Singel; Kenneth Brandt, minority chairman, house ag committee and Boyd Wolff, state ag secretary.

## Cornucopia, The Social Event Of The Season

**EVERETT NEWSWANGER**  
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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — To remind state legislators about the importance of farming and agribusiness in Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations invited these lawmakers to dinner. This happened Monday evening at the 1990 Keystone Cornucopia served at the Marriott where everything on the \$35 plate was grown or produced in Pennsylvania.

Lt. Governor Mark Singel said the cornucopia has become the social event of the season. "You

are the movers and the shakers in the ag industry," Singel said. "It would be presumptuous to claim the success of the Casey administration all for ourselves. Those related to agriculture, both Democrats and Republicans have worked in bipartisan efforts to make Pennsylvania the premier state for agriculture.

"We have created new jobs, better education and worked against drugs. And while we are cooperating to make Pennsylvania better, we are not done yet," Singel said. Singel said farmers seem to be able to "weather the weather," but

to lose a farm is something different. To help this situation, Singel said the administration had mobilized the Ag Land Preservation efforts.

Other efforts on behalf of agriculture were listed as the new working relationship between Penn State University and PDA to make better use of pesticides, efforts to increase domestic and export sales of Pennsylvania products, funding for fairs and the newly announced \$2.6 million contract to put a new roof on the farm show buildings.

"We are in it together, and if we

continue, there is no limit to what we can do," Singel concluded. "Agriculture will continue to be the number one industry in the state."

State Ag Secretary Boyd Wolff said over the last few years we have accomplished many things and built a foundation for our children. "And we pledge to keep it going into the next century," Wolff said.

Food baskets were prepared from donated items to represent the bounty of Pennsylvania's agri-

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## Penn Del's Glenna Now Excellent 96

**REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio** — The 1989 Unanimous All-American Aged Guernsey Cow and Unanimous Junior All-American Aged Cow is now appraised 96 points.

Penn Del Vicuvius Glenna is the second cow in the breed to receive this score. Grand champion of all three national shows and the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair this year, "Glenna" has accumulated five All-American titles for her owner, Emily Branstetter of Edmonton, Kentucky.

A Penn Del Hornet Vesuvius daughter, she completed a 365-day lactation of 25,770 pounds of milk, 1,203 pounds of butterfat and 906 pounds of protein at four years and two months.

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