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## Gail Tops Blue Halter Sale At \$12,200



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CHAMBERSBURG (Franklin Co.) — A powerful Dutch Mill Telestars Fayette daughter topped the 11th annual Blue Halter Calf and Bred Heifer Sale at the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association's Convention.

Penn Del Fayette Gail, a tall two-year-old, brought \$12,200 to consignors Raymond F. and Louise A. Witmer of Penn Del Farm, Willow Street.

"This was the highest price in at least 20 years," said auctioneer John Merryman of Sparks, Maryland.

Gail is backed by two generations of excellent dams, a 90 point dam and a 90 point granddam. She was purchased by Bud Hamilton for John DuPont of Liseter Farm, Newtown Square.

The highest-selling calf was Walnut Lane Frank, a nine-month-old Spring Walk B T Frank (Turn to Page A23)

## Jersey Cattle Club Urges Pricing Change

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SAYRE (Bradford Co.) — Component milk pricing is at the heart of two resolutions approved Friday by the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club during its annual meeting here.

Additionally, the organization awarded its first scholarship and

presented a number of production and activity awards. The group also re-elected its officers to another one-year term.

About 150 members attended the meeting, out of the 183 paid members in Pennsylvania.

According to David Norman, secretary-treasurer, the Jersey Cattle Club passed resolutions in (Turn to Page A31)

## Ayrshire Breeders See Bright Future

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LEWISTOWN (Mifflin Co.) — The first Pennsylvania Ayrshire Convention was held March 30-31 at the Holiday Inn in Lewistown.

On Friday night, events began with a banquet followed by the crowning of the Pennsylvania Ayrshire Princess. Heather Becker from Narvon Valley Farms was voted to represent Pennsylvania Ayrshire Breeders as their dairy

princess. Amy Wolfgang from Bechtelsville will serve as alternate.

Mr. Richard Witter, president of Taurus Service Inc., spoke to the 87 attending Ayrshire breeders of the positive things happening in the Ayrshire business.

He emphasized the good genetics of the breed, pointing out that "when you look at the average of all Ayrshire bulls, all active bulls, (Turn to Page A44)

## PFA Pushes For Deposit On Cans, Bottles

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Farmers are tired of picking up trash in their fields — bot-

tles and cans — that can disrupt or destroy their equipment and create hazards to farming.

"Agriculture has been taking it on the chin as far as the bottle and

can issue is concerned," said Keith W. Eckel, president of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA), at a banquet Monday night.

The banquet capped off a day in which members of PFA met with county legislators to address vital farm issues. Eckel spoke to more than 600 farm leaders and legislators about the need for bottle and can recycling legislation, Senate Bill 1360.

PFA is urging the passage of the bill, which would place the bottle deposit issue before the voters in a nonbinding statewide referendum.

Outcome of vote

The outcome of the vote would (Turn to Page A35)



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## Pennsylvania Poultry Industry Prepares For Banquet

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Tom Bross, III, president of Round Hill Foods, Inc., and Don Horn, president of Pennfield Corporation, report that plans are completed for the largest poultry banquet in the Northeast. Bross and

Horn are serving as co-chairmen of the banquet this year. Close to 2,000 poultry industry people and their suppliers are expected to gather on May 3, 1990, at the Hershey Convention Center for the gala event. The banquet co-chairmen report that careful planning has always been the key to the success of this annual fund raising banquet.

Some 50 salespeople and their spouses actually test the meal and review the entertainment six months prior to the night of the banquet. If all is not right - changes are made. Guests who purchase entire tables receive maps of the table location in advance and are also assisted by table signs dis-

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## Beef Expo: Good News For Producers

BY JUDY PATTON  
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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Two highlights of the first Pennsylvania Beef Expo in State College March 28-April 1 were the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association (PCA) Banquet and the Performance Tested Bull Sale.

Dr. Helen Wise, department chief of programs in the Pennsylvania governor's office, spoke at the 16th annual PCA Banquet March 29 at the Penn State Days Inn.

Citing a 15 percent growth in Pennsylvania cattle production in the last three years, Wise listed three initiatives in state agriculture programs she believes will help continue the growth trend:

- The Animal Health Commission, which will identify health problems, oversee research money allocation and facility renovation, and revamp testing and vaccination programs.

- Improvement of ag product processing and marketing as part of the state's economic development program.

- Awarding grants under the Farmland Preservation Act.

Other issues involving the state government important to farmers, said Wise, are having clean water for livestock and guaranteeing food safety for consumers.

John Zimmerman, Marysville, presented the Cattleman of the Year Awards. Glenn Eberly,

Bellefonte, won the Commercial Cattleman of the Year title. Eberly is the current PCA president and is an active sales manager and auctioneer in the central Pennsylvania area. He also received the Top Hand Award for the second consecutive year for recruiting the most new members, 14, to PCA.

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Simment Family of the Year Award was presented to the Stough family at the Beef Expo. Left to right, Brenda, Jay, Wayne, Joyce, and Ray (Wayne Jr. not present).



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