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Spring Fair Sees Record Participation

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WEST FRIENDSHIP, MD — The lawns of the Howard County Fair provided an excellent place to hold this year's Wills Spring 4-H-FFA Fair. Families brought their lawn chairs, blankets and picnics to watch an exciting show.

The Wills Fair, one of two regional spring livestock shows for Maryland 4-H-FFA members, is named in honor of the late Richard N. Will, who for more than fifty years provided leadership that

enabled hundreds of youth and adults to participate in agricultural related activities.

This year proved to be the largest in Wills Fair history, with 16 Ayrshires, 19 Brown Swiss, 40 Guernseys, 108 Holsteins, 23 Jerseys, and 1 Milking Shorthorn entered.

One hundred twenty-seven 4-H and FFA youth from 6 counties paraded their animals before judges Cam Davis and Bonnie Remsberg.

OCS Dairy Phils Candy exhibited by Crystal Smith was

selected SUPREME CHAMPION of the show.

Judges Remsberg and Davis selected O. Clay Smith Champion of all Color Breeds in Fitting and Showing.

Bonnie worked with the youth showing colored breeds for two hours carefully selecting the champion showman of each breed. Equally as hard for Cam Davis was the selection of a champion showman for the Holstein breed.

Both judges spent time with each individual youth, giving suggestions and helpful hints to be better show persons.

Holstein Placings

Fitting and Showing - Junior - Age: First Place - Justin Derr; Second Place - Eric Geary; Third Place - Barbara Schenning.

Fitting and Showing - Junior - Age 9-11 - I. First Place - Holly Burall; Second Place - Kelly Myers; Third Place - Rebecca Patrick.

Fitting and Showing - Junior - Age 9-11 II: First Place - Jami Savage; Second Place - Kristin Myers; Third Place - Buster Richards.

Fitting and Showing - Junior - Age 12-13: First Place - Kelli Savage; Second Place - Jeffrey Fritz; Third Place - Mark Iager.

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Wills Spring 4-H/FFA Fair supreme champion is OCS Dairy Phils Candy, exhibited by Crystal Smith, center. On left is Cam Davis, Holstein judge, along with Bonnie Remsberg, judge of color breeds.

Family Picnic, Activities

Highlight Summer Get-Together

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NINE POINTS (Lancaster Co.) — An ominous feeling of being alone, isolated and different is becoming more characteristic of members of farm families in developing rural areas, according to John and Barbara Brubaker.

But they have a cure for it — participation in a spring Lancaster Holstein Association farm family picnic.

The young couple, parents of two boys and two girls, run a 70-head registered Holstein dairy farm that is tucked back among some farm hills, at the end of a long lane, just northeast of Nine Points.

They have 136 acres of privacy they want to share.

The couple is serving as host of the 1990 Lancaster Holstein Association Field Day (family picnic) and any Holstein breeder, of regis-

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Rye May Absorb Excess Nitrogen

ANDY ANDREWS

Lancaster Farming Staff
HALIFAX (Dauphin Co.) — During the "winter window," farmers should think about planting rye as one method to absorb nitrogen on their farmland. Rye will grow when temperatures are cooler, is a good cover crop, and can be used as a forage crop, according to the Rodale Institute and Penn State University.

Leon Weber, on-farm specialist with Rodale, is working with Les E. Lanyon, associate professor of soil fertility at Penn State. The researchers are trying to determine the effects that rye, as a winter crop, has on reducing the amount of nitrogen in the soil. The researchers also want to see how rye affects subsequent corn crops.

"Dairy farmers have been growing rye because of the 'winter window,'" said Weber. "Rather than letting their soil bare and not getting anything off of it, it's one way to be more efficient in terms

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Leon Weber takes samples — three observations of the same treatment in a randomized pattern — of the rye grown in the manure-treated and non-manure areas. Tests will determine how much of the nitrogen from the manure was taken up by the plants.

Special Dairy Issue Next Week



June is dairy month. And next Saturday, *Lancaster Farming* will again publish an annual dairy issue. Many advertisers will have special messages for you and you'll find a whole herd of dairy recipes

that came in response to the drawing for model cows. In addition, for the first time, the DHIA member newsletter will be part of this issue. And the goals and highlights of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association will also be featured.

On-farm interviews include a visit to the tallest silo east of the Mississippi River and a farm family who works with a small herd, but keeps production high enough to make a good profit.

These are only a few of the special features, along with our regular markets and columns, you'll find next week as a tribute to the dairy farmers and agri-businesses who help provide wholesome dairy products.



Anita Meck, Pennsylvania poultry queen, left, was given a special appreciation award by PEMA. Presenting the award is Bob Trout, PEMA president.

Banquet Brings Egg Producers Together

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association (PEMA) held a dinner meeting last week in light of the ongoing controversy drawn by the recent spread of salmonella enteritidis (SE) in local egg flocks.

About 60 egg producers and marketers attended the event. Guest speakers included Boyd Wolff, state secretary of agriculture, and J.C. "Mac" McLaurin, general manager of Northeast

United Egg Producers (NEUEP).

Wolff has met recently with state health officials from Pennsylvania and New York to develop support for legislation to increase testing for SE in eggs and to help promote more understanding of how to regulate the widespread problems of SE in the layer industry.

Wolff emphasized the growing importance of recognizing the presence of SE in the environment and working to rid it from layer flocks.

Wolff made a plea for the PEMA, NEUEP, as well as egg

producers to support a uniform SE testing program. Legislation may soon be passed to include mandatory egg refrigeration because the FDA still considers the egg to be a non-perishable product.

McLaurin spoke about the need for communication between producers and marketers. The NEUEP serves three existing functions, according to McLaurin: to serve existing members, to obtain new members, and to preserve the image of the egg marketing industry.

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