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## Ag Showcase... Showcases Ag

**EVERETT NEWSWANGER**  
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**FAIR HILL, Md.** — Cecil County, just below the Pennsylvania border, has many claims to fame. Not the least of these claims is the Ag Showcase Day held in conjunction with the County Fair. "Farmers want to see the new equipment in action side by side with the competition," said Ted Haas, Cecil County extension agent. And see the action they did. Corn planters and choppers. Hay making equipment, mowers, rakes, balers, and ag bag filling. Conventional tillage equipment, subsoilers, chisel plows, and disks. No-till drills. And tractors of all colors and sizes.

"The equipment dealers have been so cooperative," Haas said. "The number of pieces of equipment they have brought out is extremely good. It makes it enjoyable for everyone."

Each year (this makes the ninth year) attendance has gone up. Haas estimated the crowd at 275 farmers.

"At most fair exhibits, the machinery is on display or they show pictures," Haas said. "But at the Cecil County Ag Showcase Field Day they demonstrate the equipment."

Along with Haas, the show committee included Dave Dudkewitz, Sam Orr, Bruce Yerkes, Ed Green-

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Ted Haas, Cecil County extension agent, gives field instructions to farmers at the Ag Showcase day held at the Cecil County Fair.

## Ford, Fiat Announce Merger Agreement

**TURIN, Italy** — Fiat Group and Ford Motor Company announced recently that they have reached an agreement involving their worldwide tractor, farm, and industrial equipment operations.

the remaining 20 percent and will receive a cash payment from Fiat. The agreement to form the new company is subject to government approvals.

The new company intends to preserve the individual market and product identities of both Fiat-Geotech and Ford New Holland.

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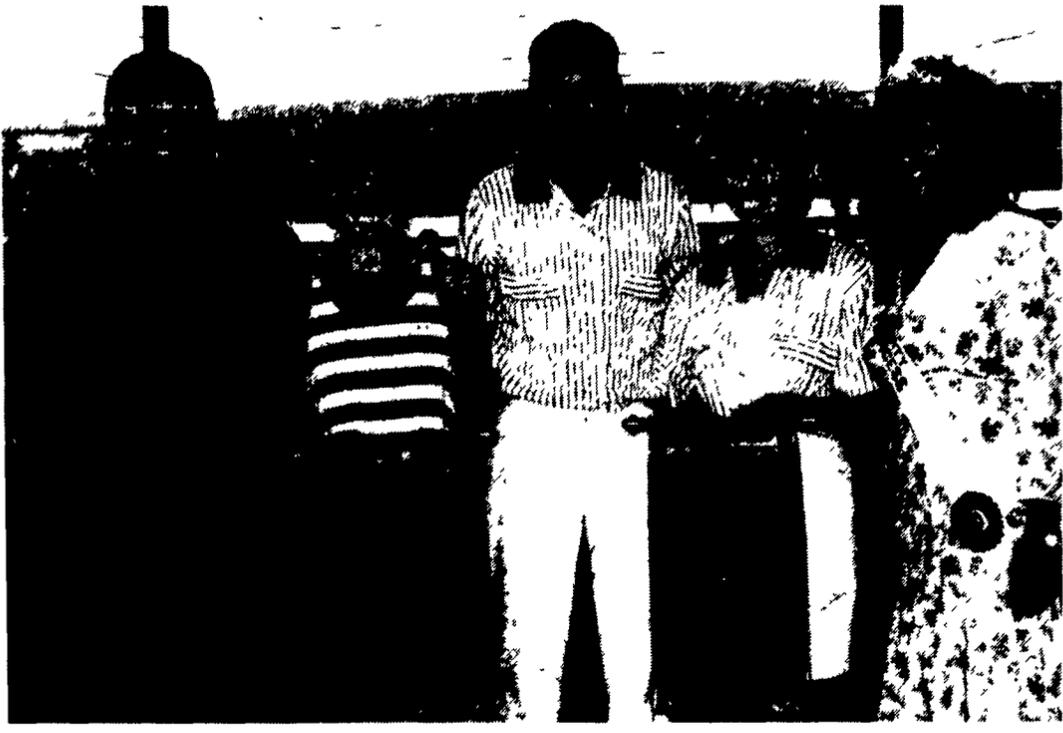
## Fair Steer Exhibitors Bring In 'Excellent Show'

**ANDY ANDREWS**  
Lancaster Farming Staff

**CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.)** — In the end, simple basics of breeding and techniques of showmanship garnered Annnville-

based Kelly Bachman three grand championships, one reserve, and four placings in the beef show competition Wednesday at the Lebanon Fair.

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York Holstein premier breeder and exhibitor banners were won by the Tom Boyer family's Sunnybend Farms. From left are show judge Ron Wood, Jenelle, Tom, and Bridgette Boyer, and dairy princess Angle Lang.

## Feeser Family Exhibits York Champ

**JOYCE BUFP**  
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**YORK (York Co.)** — A powerful Excellent aged cow by Sexation topped the York County Holstein Show on July 26, claiming the purple champion rosettes for Furnace-Creek Farms, Hanover.

herdsman John Doll, Jr., who handled the champion in the ring, Trudy calves every year on schedule and has three daughters, one milking, in the herd. Pairing her with her daughter, Furnace-Creek Ryan Robin, also earned the Feeser family first place in the dam-

daughter class. Reserve senior and grand champion was Sunnybend Mamie Brent Valiant, a senior-two-year-old exhibited by the Tom and June Boyer family's Sunnybend Farm, York.

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## Editor's Notes, This Week & Next

### DAIRY OF DISTINCTION SUPPLEMENT

You will find the beautiful Dairy of Distinction supplement in this issue. *Lancaster Farming* is proud to help sponsor this program by providing color farm portrait enlargements to each winning entry. These color prints will be on display at Ag Progress Days on Wednesday afternoon in the special events building.

### AG PROGRESS ISSUE

Next week's issue will feature full Ag Progress Days preparation coverage. You'll find maps, lists of exhibitors, and program guides to help you find your way over Penn State's research farm at Rock Springs. In addition, a number of

extension specialists have prepared articles related to this special event and we have numerous articles that give background on many of the subjects covered during this educational attraction.

### MARYLAND DAIRY PRINCESS

On Page B-11 of this issue, you will find the background story on the Maryland Dairy Princess contestants. The Pageant was held on Wednesday evening, and our Maryland Correspondent Eva Martin reports at press time that Stacy Guyton, Jefferson has been named the new Maryland State dairy princess. We'll have coverage of this event next week.



Kelly Bachman, Annnville, won the grand market steer championship at the Lebanon Fair with this Simmental/Angus cross.