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Look for these triplets, Jana, Kara, and Lance Gallagher at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. This is the first year the 9-year-old triplets, who were born during Farm Show week in 1981, will compete with their 4-H projects.

## Triplets Debut At Pa. Farm Show Competition

**LOU ANN GOOD**  
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UNIONTOWN (Fayette Co.)  
— The state Farm Show and 4-H always have played a vital part in William and Janet Gallagher's life. Janet grew up as a 4-H'er, which influenced her to become a home economist and a 4-H leader. William or Bill as he is most commonly called, is the livestock and 4-H agent for Fayette County.  
Every year he takes a bus load of Fayette Countians to the Farm Show. Every year that is except the one in 1981. That was the year, his wife was expecting their third baby. Although the due date wasn't until February 17, Janet was experiencing false labor off and on and was confined to her bed. Bill decided that he better forego the annual Farm Show trip that year, and it's a good thing that he did. For that was the time, a

triple surprise entered the Gallagher family, which already had a five- and a one-year-old.  
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## Slight Changes To Farm Show

Visitors to this year's 75th anniversary Farm Show should be aware that the dairy shows are now held on Wednesday instead of Tuesday. And the open beef shows are now Tuesday instead of Wednesday. Also, the sheep supreme champion, normally scheduled Saturday, is now held Sunday at 6 p.m. Most of the remaining shows are the same. For a complete list of show and meeting schedules, turn to page F17-18 and F23-24.

# Agriculture Ready For Seventy-Fifth Farm Show



Alan Hostetter offers a little extra feed to one of his favorite registered Holsteins, while the others get curious about the special treatment. Hostetter will be in the Farm Show Large Arena ring on Wednesday showing Dale-Pride Farms' cattle.



A love of animals and the challenge of a major event such as the state Farm Show next week in Harrisburg will bring families such as the Mussers to the show arena. Left to right: Harold, Judy, Tricia, Greg, Diane, and Doug. Photo by Andy Andrews.

## Love Of Animals, Competition Draws Family To Farm Show

**ANDY ANDREWS**  
Lancaster Farming Staff  
ELIZABETHTOWN (Lancaster Co.) — It's not everytime that a girl who houses swine, cleans them, and makes them shine for Farm Show gets to be a high school homecoming queen.  
But for Diane Musser, 17, daughter of Harold and Judy Musser, the myth that farm girls can't be beautiful and don't enjoy raising livestock simply isn't so.  
A love of animals and the challenge of a major event such as the state Farm Show next week in Har-

risburg will bring families such as the Mussers (Diane, a senior at Elizabethtown Area High School and brother Doug, a sophomore at Penn State) to the show arena.  
There, Diane and Doug will compete with exhibitors throughout the state in three different categories: sheep, beef, and swine. For Diane, with the help from "Rebel," a 1,300-pound Angus/Chianina cross steer, and Doug's "Spike," a 1,325-pound cross with the same breed type, along with swine and sheep, perhaps a show trophy isn't far from reach.

**150-year-old farm**  
The Mussers operate a 150-year-old farm on about 110 acres (90 tillable, planted with corn and soybeans) near Elizabethtown. In previous years, the family raised about 75 head of steers, about 600 pigs, and many broilers and pullets.  
But because of the problems of spreading manure within wind from several neighborhoods, and because of the economic feasibility of warehousing instead of expanding the operation, the  
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## Showing Dairy Cattle Is Good Business

**VERNON ACHENBACH JR.**  
Lancaster Farming Staff  
NORTH ANNVILLE (Lebanon Co.) — No one has to tell the Hostetter family in Lebanon County that dairy producers are hurting

because of the severe drop in milk price.  
They are feeling the cut in their milk check.  
And the family doesn't need to  
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Look For Farm Show Stories, Meeting and Judging Schedules, Exhibitor Locations, And Advertising Messages In This Special Issue