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For the first time on record, two students from the same FFA chapter won both top FFA state awards. The Mohawk Chapter FFA winners are Edward Clark, left, named State Star Farmer, and Robert Hodge, named State Star Agribusinessman. Read about these ambitious teens on page B3.

Swine Producers Should Sign Up For Pseudorabies Program

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Secretary of Agriculture Boyd E. Wolff urged swine producers in northern Lancaster County to join a voluntary vaccination program designed to stop the spread of pseudorabies.

"The Department of Agriculture, the Lancaster Pork Producers Council, and the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council have joined forces to eradicate pseudorabies," Wolff said.

"Our efforts are in tune with the national PRV eradication program," he said.

The Bureau of Animal Industry has created an area vaccination program for swine producers north of Route 30 in Lancaster County.

Together with the Lancaster Pork Producers Council and the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council, the Bureau of Animal

Industry considers all of Lancaster County north of Route 30 as a PRV epizootic area, and is encouraging vaccination of all swine for pseudorabies within this area.

This will be a voluntary program to vaccinate all PRV-susceptible swine in this designated area until PRV has been reduced to a prevalence level compatible with more definitive eradication measures. Swine producers have been advised to use genetically engineered "marker" vaccines that make possible differentiation between hogs infected with the field virus and noninfected vaccinated hogs. Each "marker" vaccine has its own unique differential test kit. The use of these products will require record keeping on the part of the herd owner.

The department's Summerdale Laboratory is being equipped

to perform these tests. Differential testing at the Summerdale Laboratory should be available by early 1991. It will be absolutely essential that these vaccines and/or syringes and needles used to administer PRV vaccine do not come into contact with other farm animals such as cats, dogs, cattle, sheep, etc. PRV vaccine accidentally injected into species of animals other than swine may result in pseudorabies infection. There is no threat to human health from these products.

All herds will be vaccinated and monitored to a plan approved by the Pennsylvania Swine Producers Pseudorabies Eradication Committee. The plan will be part of a cooperative agreement between the Department, the producer, and the herd veterinarian.

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Agribusiness Responds To Hiring Survey

LANCASTER, (Lancaster Co.) — Although many economists are predicting a downturn for the U.S. economy, hiring activity within agribusiness appears to be strong. Of those firms responding to the "Hiring Intentions Survey," 38.5% indicated that they plan to increase the number of employees in 1991; 49.7% indicated they plan no change in the number of employees. Only 4.5% indicated plans to reduce the number of employees, and 7.3% indicated no

decision had been made regarding the size of their work force.

The "Hiring Intentions Survey" is conducted by AGRI-associates, Lancaster. They survey firms in the agribusiness industry concerning the size of their work force and other issues relating to hiring employees. In this year's survey, 179 responses were received.

Of all respondents, 26.8% indicated plans to add personnel in (Turn to Page A35)

Cornucopia Approaches

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Since 1981, the State Council of Farm Organizations has been pairing agricultural and food industry leaders with state legislators and policymakers over plates of Pennsylvania produced delicacies. The Keystone Cornucopia has become the premier food celebration for the agricultural industry.

This year's dinner is scheduled for February 4th and will be held at the newly opened Harrisburg Hilton Hotel! The location — on Market Square, attached to the

Strawberry Square parking garage, and only a few blocks from the Capital — is guaranteed to be attractive to both agricultural groups and to state officials. Parking in Strawberry Square is inexpensive and convenient; simply exit the parking garage elevators in the "Arcade" level, turn right, and continue to the Hilton entrance.

The menu for this year will include entrees of chicken, pork, and beef as well as Pennsylvania potatoes, vegetables, fruit, and (Turn to Page A23)

Pork Congress Set

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.)

The thirteenth annual Keystone Pork Congress will be held February 20, 1991 at the Penn Harris Inn in Camp Hill. This year's KPC will feature a trade show with more than 40 exhibits, a "Pork Bowl" contest and public speaking competition for 4-H and FFA members, educational seminars and the annual banquet of the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council. Dr. Kelly Donham, a veterina-

rian from the Institute of Agricultural Medicine at the University of Iowa is the featured speaker on the educational program and will discuss "Human Health Risks in Your Swine Facilities". Invited banquet speaker is Jane Hieb, of Stone Meadow Communications in Strum Wisconsin. For a program copy, contact your county extension office. To make banquet reservations, call Stephen Burkholder (215) 682-2871.

Franklin Co. Cow Has Best Udder

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CHAMBERSBURG (Franklin Co.) — A fancy 3-year-old cow earned both the reserve grand champion and the best uddered cow rosettes for her owners in the Holstein competition at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Happy M Chapel Mitzy, owned by Craig and Nikki Woodring of Chambersburg, produces about 19,000 pounds of milk and 700 pounds of fat. She is 45 days fresh. The Woodrings purchased her from Stonehurst Farm of Strasburg, Lancaster County, in October 1990.

The Woodrings farm with Craig's parents and Nancy Woodring of Ment-Wood Farm. Craig, 30, has been showing his cows at the Farm Show for the past five years. While he and his father have a shelf full of trophies from the Franklin County Fair, this was their first big Farm Show win.

"We got two or three offers to sell Mitzy after she won the 3-year-old class," Woodring said.

He admitted to being "a little scared" during the 3-year-old class. By the time he paraded Mitzy around the ring in the championship class, though, he figured he "had a shot at it. It was down to three cows, the judge eliminated one, and it was between the 5-year-old and the 3-year-old," he said.

Woodring said he was not disappointed when the judge went with the 5-year-old. "I was full of smiles," he said. "Then he turned around and gave her (Mitzy) the best udder of the show."

"That meant as much as anything," his father said. The senior Woodring had fitted Mitzy for the show.

Nikki was also leading a cow in the championship class. C North Star SBuck Duchess, a 4-year-old dry cow, had won the 3- and 4-year old dry cow class.



Craig and Nikki Woodring's 3-year-old cow, Happy M Chapel Mitzy, was named reserve grand champion and best-uddered cow in the Holstein Show at the Farm Show.