

Lancaster Farm And Home Foundation Reports Profitable Year

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Lancaster Farming Staff
LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)
—“In Agriculture, I see more reasons for optimism than concern,” Jay Howes told members of the Farm and Home Foundation.

Howes, director of Agricultural Services for the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was the keynote speaker for the Foundation's 27th annual banquet on Tuesday night.

Howes related ways the Chamber of Commerce and the Foundation work together for the benefit of the agricultural community. He said that traditionally the

Chamber recognized the strength of business in the county. His position as agricultural director was added to promote the county's number one industry — agriculture.

The Farm and Home Foundation partially funds the Chamber of Commerce's budget. Howes said that a planning commission is putting together a pilot program to promote local agricultural products. They have helped release a Food Watch TV spot that promotes the safety of food and plan to label county products to increase promotion.

Treasurer Richard A. Haas

reported the Foundation has a positive cash flow with total liabilities and equity at \$445,346. Operational costs for the past year were \$137,000; income of \$154,000 came from room rentals.

J. Irwin, Extension agent, reported that \$1,000 scholarships were given this past year to 13 students pursuing agricultural or home economic degrees. This brings the total to 307 scholarships given since the Foundations was started in 1966. The scholarship money comes from the interest earned from the Elmer L. Esbenshade trust fund. The board gave approval for 14 scholarships to be

given during 1991.

Members elected seven directors: Aaron J. Brubaker, Lancaster; Kenneth B. Garber, Willow Street; Joan Hershey, Mount Joy; Lilli Ann Kopp, Mount Joy; Jay E. Landis, Lancaster; Ida Risser, Leola; and Larry Skromme, Lancaster.

Jersey Cattle Club To Select Queen

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)
—The Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club has announced plans to select a representative at their annual Queen Contest. The winner will be selected at the club's annual meeting in April, at the Ramada Inn, Sharon, PA.

The contest is open to all young ladies, ages 15 to 19, inclusive, whose parents are members of the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club or who are members themselves of the Pennsylvania Junior Jersey Cattle club.

Contestants will be interviewed by a panel of judges and then required to give a 2 to 3 minute

oral presentation at the Junior Awards Banquet. Application forms are available from Debbie Moose, Box 100, West Middlesex Road, Mercer, PA 16137.

The new Pennsylvania Jersey Queen will represent Pennsylvania in the National Jersey Jug Contest in Louisville, KY, in November of this year. She will also represent Pennsylvania Jersey breeders at regional and state Jersey shows, the Pennsylvania All-American Show, and the 1992 Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

Further information about the contest is available by contacting Debbie Moose at (412) 662-3924.

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Four one-day seminars will be held in Pennsylvania. The seminars will focus on dairy farm labor, analyzing cow performance, cow comfort, nutrition and health problems. Mr. Tom Maloney, farm labor specialist from Cornell University and Mr. Rod Martin, a dairy systems engineer from Florida, will cooperate with

Penn State personnel in conducting this program.

Pre-register early! Pre-registration is required and the deadline for registration is January 29, 1991. The registration fee is \$22 and includes lunch and printed materials. The seminar will be presented at four locations. The locations and dates are: Feb. 5- Tunkhannock/Shadow Brook Motel; Feb. 6- New Oxford/Cross Keys Motor Inn; Feb. 7- Dubois/Ramada Inn; and Feb. 8- Altoona/Ramada Inn.

For more information and/or registration materials contact the Wayne County Cooperative Extension Office at (717) 253-5970 ext. 239.



Kenneth Rutt, president of the Farm and Home Foundation of Lancaster County, right, stands with directors who were elected at the Foundation's annual banquet on Tuesday night. From left: Jay Landis, S. Joan Hershey, Ida Risser, and Larry Skromme.

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