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## Show Experience Grants Hitz Beef Championship

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— Show judge Gail Long called some of them "cantankerous" steers, but champion Leigh Hitz knows better.

Leigh's supremely bred, shown, and well-behaved 1,230-pound Chianina/Angus April 14 calf, bred in the county, won champion overall market honors Wednesday at the Lebanon Fair Beef Show.

And experience in several beef exhibitions, including recent shows in Louisville, Ky. and other locations, helped Leigh win several other honors at the Lebanon show, including champion block-

ing, medium weight, and 4-H fair market classes.

Leigh, 16, Annville, a senior at Annville-Cleona High School, has been exhibiting in shows since she was 9 years old. Formerly the national Chianina Queen, Leigh obtained the steer from a commercial herd.

The market championship came from the medium weight division, because, according to Long, speaking about the heavyweights, packers "are not looking for animals over 1,300 pounds anymore," and the champion steer looked "real straight," he said. "It is lined nice and well balanced."

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1990 Maryland Dairy Princess Stacey Guyton crowns Jenell Rinehart as the reigning Maryland Dairy Princess.

## Princess Begins Reign

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— Jenell Rinehart of Taneytown, Md., was crowned the 1991 Maryland Dairy Princess at the 13th coronation held in the Grand Ballroom of the Holiday Inn. She is the 18-year-old daughter of John and Sharon Rinehart.

Five other contestants, who were winners of their area contests, competed for the state crown: Tonya Broadwater, Alleghany-Garrett; Dawn Downey, Washington County; Donna Johnson, South Central; Gretchen Klein, Baltimore-Harford; and Crystal Smith, Frederick.

The program began with a beautiful slide presentation by Becky Long, Associate Farm Editor for Frederick Post. The rural Maryland scenes with dairy promotion activities were set to patriotic music.

The contestants and audience were welcomed by Steve Wilson, a dairy farmer from Baltimore County who served as master of ceremonies. The judges for the contest were Mrs. Betty Jane Hunt, Lambertville, New Jersey, a dairy princess coordinator; Mr. Donald Tindall, Richmond, Virginia, editor of Cooperative Farm Magazine by Southern States; and

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## Dairy Of Distinction Supplement

Editor's notes: The Umble brothers, Scott, 3; Jordan, 7, and Brandon, 10, live on a typical Dairy of Distinction farm in Chester County. The boys, sons of Ken and Marilyn Umble, help us congratulate the winners in a special supplement with this issue.

## 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 at Penn State's research farm at Rockspring. In addition, we'll have numerous articles that give background on the many subjects covered at this machinery demonstration and educational attraction.



## Livestock Team Tops State

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.)—The senior division of the Lancaster County 4-H livestock judging team placed first in the state this week at 4-H Week activities held at Penn State. Members of the team are, left to right, Chet Hughes, county agent; Peter Hoffines, Marietta; Mark Tracy, Elizabethtown; Wendall Landis, Manheim; Darwin Livengood, Lancaster, and Greg Musser, coach. Livengood also had the high score of 417 out of a possible 450. Results from all the various state contests are coming from Penn State in time to be included in next week's issue.

## Ag Showcase Grows Again In Cecil County

FAIR HILL, Md.—Because of the rain, questions remained Monday evening if the Ag Showcase at the Cecil County Fair would be held as scheduled. But dawn Tuesday morning broke clear and beautiful, to start what was called the most successful of the 10-year annual program of field equipment demonstrations held at Fair Hill Farms near the site of the Fair.

"The committee met Monday evening," Ted Hass, Cecil County agent said. "And we decided to make the call early the next morning. The day turned out beautiful and 300 farmers, many from Pennsylvania, came to the demonstrations."

Over 40 pieces of field equipment were displayed in active field demonstrations. In many demonstrations, farmers were able to "jump on" and operate the equipment. While the rain made the hay too wet to bail in most cases, the large round balers did get in a little work by afternoon.

Other equipment on display included: corn planters, choppers, combines, no-till drills, manure spreaders, loaders, rakes, mower

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