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1992 Brings The Seventy-Sixth Farm Show

Holly's Offspring Fosters Champions For Family

ANDY ANDREWS
 Lancaster Farming Staff
 TOUGHKENAMON (Chester Co.) — Their registered Jersey cow "Holly" means an awful lot to them.

For Farm Show exhibitors Beth and Patti Jenkins, Holly, which as a calf placed high in 4-H and local fair competition, produced many generations of farm show, fair, and national competition grand and reserve champions.

Ever since she won 4-H reserve junior champion as an intermedi-

ate calf in 1975, Holly's progeny have placed high in Farm Show events, including a four-champion set back in 1990 and reserve grand in 1989. Hollywood, Holly's daughter, was second in the class at the National Junior Show in 1987.

And while many Farm Show exhibitors realize strength in numbers (being able to pick a number of quality show animals from substantially sized herds), the Jenkins have only 20 animals to choose

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Patti, right, and Beth Jenkins pose with Shamrock, a great-great-great granddaughter of Holly, a 17-year-old registered Jersey that produced many Pennsylvania Farm Show champions. Photo by Andy Andrews.

Youths' Woes, Worries Set Aside For Farm Show

VERNON ACHENBACH JR.
 Lancaster Farming Staff
 SOUTH LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — John Risser is an 18-year-old who has dreams of operating a hog farm near home.

However, the possibility of doing so doesn't look promising, he said.

There is only so much land available for agriculture in the

limestone-rich Lebanon Valley where Risser lives with his father and mother.

Currently, the 110 acres that is farmed by the Risser is actually owned by John Starner, John Risser's grandfather, who purchased a large farm in the early 1950s when land was relatively inexpensive and loans carried little interest.

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Show Opens With Something For Everyone

EVERETT NEWSWANGER
 Managing Editor
 HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The 76th Pennsylvania State Farm Show here in the Farm Show complex has a new schedule this year. The first judging is done

on Thursday and Friday, January 9 and 10. And the show opens to the public on Saturday instead of Sunday. The show ends on Thursday, January 16 instead of Friday.

Because of this new schedule that includes a full weekend, State

Secretary of Agriculture Boyd Wolff says this year's show is geared toward the family more than ever before.

"Pennsylvania has good reason to be proud of its agricultural community, the leading force in our

economy for 300 years," Wolff said. "Cash income from farm marketings in 1990 was \$3.78 billion, a six percent increase over the previous year. Agriculture exports from the Keystone State were up again last year and now total \$315 million annually."

Wolff said agriculture stimulates \$38 billion in economic activity and provides jobs for 20 percent of the state's workforce. The incredible efficiency and productivity of Pennsylvania's farmers and agribusinesses have kept the industry number one in the state.

The Farm Show keeps farmers and consumers abreast of what's new in agriculture. Suppliers of products and services have the opportunity to develop new markets and farm organizations can use the occasion to hold member meetings.



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Farm exhibitors of dairy cattle, livestock and field crops have a lot of incentive to display their best production for the year. A record \$198,266 in premiums is being offered this year. Of historical interest is the record of 1917 when 440 entries took home \$735 in premiums.

Many special features are part of this show. The following notes of interest will help you to enjoy the show.

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All set for the Pennsylvania Farm Show are (from left) Kevin, Corey, and Lisa Pfautz and their crossbred hogs. Read about this sibling trio and their preparations for the Farm Show on page B10.

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