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Lancaster Farmland Trust Receives National Award

WASHINGTON, DC. — The Lancaster (PA) Farmland Trust has received the American Farmland Trust's 1991 Agricultural Conservation Award for excellence in Local Model Land Protection.

The American Farmland Trust (AFT), the only national, nonprofit, membership organization solely devoted to protecting farmland, presents its awards annually to honor outstanding efforts to conserve the nation's agricultural resources. Presentations were made at special ceremonies in Washington last night by AFT President Ralph Grossi, a third-generation Northern California rancher, and Chairman of the Board Patrick Noonan.

The award recognizes the trust's efforts to protect some of the nation's most valuable farmland. (Turn to Page A26)



Mifflinburg Area High School senior Deanna Kuhns, who has her own dairy herd, received the FFA State Star Farmer Award in production agriculture at the FFA state convention in Harrisburg.

Determination Earns State Star Award For FFA'er

MIFFLINBURG (Mifflin Co.) — Deanna Kuhns, a Mifflinburg Area High School senior, has been named the State Star Farmer in production agriculture by the Pennsylvania Association of FFA.

The 17-year-old owner of her own dairy herd was one of four Regional Star Farmers competing for the honor at the FFA state convention in Harrisburg. She received cash awards as a Regional and State Star and a trip to the Eastern States Livestock Exposition in Massachusetts in September. She also earned an FFA Keystone Degree — the highest achievement degree granted by the state association — and a third-place state proficiency award in oil crop (soybean) production.

Deanna's honors cap a high school career marked by hard work and determination, accord-

ing to her FFA advisors. She decided to start her own dairy herd as a freshman and now owns 18 cows and 13 calves and replacement heifers. She has her own bulk milk tank, markets her milk to Hershey Chocolate USA and grossed more than \$30,000 in 1991.

While she chose a career sooner than most young people, Deanna says her decision wasn't made on the spur of the moment: "A lot of thought went into it. I've always loved working with animals and being outdoors."

Since she was four years old, she's been helping with chores on her family's dairy farm, nestled at the foot of Jack's Mountain in Buffalo Valley.

"Each year, I was a little more responsible and experienced and I was allowed to do more compli-

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Lan-Chester Producers Appoint Good Representative

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NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — "By using every part except the squeal, lower prices can be charged to the consumers for meat obtained from hogs," said

Anita Meck, Lan-Chester Swine Producers' pork representative, at the association's 34th annual banquet and meeting Thursday night.

Meck addressed the association before announcing the new Lan-Chester pork representative, Kurtis Good, 18, Denver.

Kurtis, according to Meck, said that "as for the future, it's in the hog business." A 1991 graduate of Lancaster Mennonite High School, Kurtis has served as a president of the Lancaster County 4-H Swine Club and FFA president at his high school. He works for Good's Receiving Station in Denver, where he helps maintain more than 9,000 hogs and 200 steers. Kurtis is the son of Ezra and Elsie Good.

Kurtis explained how the pork industry has changed during the last 50 years and what to look forward to in the year 2000.

"In the 1940s, producers raised a bacon-type or lard-type hog, with

more fat than lean meat," he said. But starting in the 1950s, producers began growing a more lean hog, and, into the 1970s, the industry demanded more efficiency and more productivity in the operation.

Into the 1980s, raising hogs became more technical and demanded more efficiency, as emphasis was placed upon raising hogs in confinement and the need

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Milk Price Outlook Has Rays Of Hope

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Mid-Atlantic area dairymen searching for some sign that prices in 1992 will not repeat the prolonged nose-dive they went through last spring have several rays of hope, according to local cooperative officials.

The Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board recently granted a 25-cent increase, to \$1.30 a hun-

dredweight, in the Class I premium it imposes on fluid milk sales throughout the commonwealth.

The increase, which takes effect Feb. 1, will last at least until June 30, when authority for the premium that has been in place since 1987 is set to expire, according to PMMB spokesman Tracy Jackson.

Jackson said the board reached its decision following a Jan. 9 hearing in Harrisburg regarding

the impact of last summer's drought on area farmers.

The increase could be the catalyst for over-order price increases elsewhere throughout the Mid-Atlantic marketplace regulated under Federal Order 4. The Middle Atlantic Cooperative Milk Marketing Agency, a bargaining group for several area cooperatives, has maintained the same premium as PMMB for several years.

However, Bob Dever, assistant general manager of Atlantic Dairy Cooperative, said the 25-cent

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Cornucopia Set

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The 11th annual Keystone Cornucopia Dinner will be held on Monday, February 3, at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers.

Keynote speaker for the evening will be Charles McDowell of the Washington Bureau of the "Richmond Times-Dispatch." McDowell is known for his commentaries on the national political scene as viewed on the TV program, "Washington Week in Review."

The Keystone Cornucopia is Pennsylvania's premier event in showcasing the state's broad agricultural and related industries. The event is sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations, chaired by Ernest Miller of Berks County.

Reception begins at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. Cost of tickets is \$38 per person. Call (717) 234-4211 to make reservations.

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Recipients of the Sire Power scholarship awards. In the photo are, left to right, standing, Gary Hennip, Sire Power; Thomas Wiker; Marvin Zimmerman; Scott Youse; Kirk Satzahn; Tammy Sue Balthaser; Barbara Houser; Donna

Johnson; and Ted Ridgely, Sire Power. Seated are, Rebecca Sonnen; Jill Edwards; Barbara Houser; David Lentz; and Robert O'Tolle. See story page A24