

# Bull Test Under Way

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's official bull performance testing program is well under way.

Fifty-two of the state's most progressive purebred breeders have consigned 73 of their best purebred bulls of various breeds to the testing program at the Meat Animal Evaluation Center. This year there are 27 Angus, 19 Polled Herefords, 18 Simmentals, five Charolais, two Chiangus, two Limousin, and one Salers.

Upon completion of the 112-day testing period, the bulls are subjected to evaluation including a comprehensive breeding soundness exam, measurement of fat thickness and loin-eye area, and a health exam which includes blood and TB testing, enabling the bulls to be sold anywhere in the country. The bulls must also meet minimum requirements for structural correctness and breed character. Individual feed efficiencies will be calculated for the bulls.

After all of the indexes are calculated and the evaluations analyzed, approximately the top 75 percent of the bulls are selected to be sold at Pennsylvania's 19th Annual Performance Tested Bull

Sale scheduled for noon, March 27, at Penn State's Ag Arena. The bull sale again is one of the major components of the third Annual Pennsylvania Beef Expo, which is scheduled for March 26-29. The Pennsylvania Polled Hereford Association has their state female sale planned for immediately following the bull sale Friday afternoon.

The Pennsylvania Angus, Simmental, Salers and Charolais associations will be conducting their respective state breed female sales on Saturday, March 28.

The Expo schedule for Thursday includes an educational program which will cover the topic, "Improving Health in the Cattle Herd," and the trade show opening. The trade show will provide door prizes and activities as well

as an opportunity to preview what is available in the animal health, nutrition, and equipment areas as well as many other associated products.

Other Expo events include animal exhibits featuring superior cows and bulls and a number of activities for the Junior Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association including a junior heifer show on Saturday evening and a junior steer show on Sunday, March 29.

For further information on the Performance Tested Bull Sale or the Pennsylvania Beef Expo, or to request a bull sale or breed female catalogs, contact Glenn Eberly, director, Meat Animal Evaluation Center, 651 Fox Hollow Road, State College, PA 16803, (814) 238-2527 or (814) 865-5857.

# FFA Awards



State gold medal winners, front, from left Steve Landis, Dan Delancy, Bill Hersch. Back, Matt Johnston, Jason Baughman, and James Burkholder.

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tests were Bob Bittner, Steve Landis, Daniel Delancy, and Jason Baughman.

The one-acre corn growing contest gold medal winners were Michael Cooney and William Hersch for more than 125 bushels. Winning silver for under 125 to 100 bushels were Matthew Johnston and Daniel Delancy.

Cooney, 18, is enrolled in World Agriscience studies in Wald, Germany. His mother, Connie Cooney, accepted his award from William J. (Dub) Brant of the Pioneer Seed Co.

Daniel Delancy sold 334 bushels of fruit for the chapter and received a gift from Diversified Marketing Association.

The banquet saw FFA member representation from every chapter in Somerset County.

## PFU Opposes H.B. 496

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Pennsylvania Farmers Union President Robert Junk said, "PFU does not oppose the concept of nutrient management. Farmers

need to do their share to preserve the environment, but when we start passing laws on how and when he can apply nutrients to his fields, we must consider the effect on his income."

## DPI Fund Drive Under Way

GEORGETOWN, Del. — The 1992 Fund Drive for Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. (DPI) is under way and hundreds of volunteers are working to reach the \$460,000 goal.

As the recent fund drive kick-off dinner in Seaford, Del., DPI First Vice President and Fund Drive Chairman Larry K. Winslow announced that cash and pledges received for 1992 totaled \$229,241, half of the goal. With nine weeks remaining until the end of the campaign, Winslow encouraged the nearly 200 solicitors to work hard.

"There are many opportunities this year," Winslow said, "and we have a good story to tell about the poultry industry."

DPI membership includes poultry growers, businesses on Delmarva which recognize the importance of the local poultry industry to their operations and to the entire peninsula economy, allied industry suppliers of products and services, poultry company employees, and the eight local poultry companies.

The featured speaker at the kickoff dinner was David Carter, executive director of the Alabama Poultry and Egg Association. Mixing comedy with a serious message, Carter stressed the importance of teamwork in an association such as DPI. He said motivation and stimulation are necessary to reach the \$460,000 goal.

DPI's Fund Drive continues until the April 21, 1992 Delmarva Poultry Booster Banquet in Salisbury, Md. To be listed in the banquet program, however, investments must be received by March 17. Close to 2,500 poultry industry personnel are expected to attend, making this event the largest poultry gathering in the northeast part of America. DPI supporters receive one ticket to the banquet for each \$125 investment.

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