

Poultry Queens Break The News: Eggs Are Good For You

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 — Newly crowned Pennsylvania Poultry Queen Melissa Dawn Yoder says she has something to sing about — “two large eggs contain only 164 calories and there’s a 22 percent decrease in egg cholesterol.”

That was the message Melissa told 225 people as she and two other contestants vied for the state title during the annual Lancaster County Poultry Queen Pageant held on August 7, at the Farm and Home Center.

In a skit portraying Johann Sebastian Bach, Melissa, an accomplished pianist, played a minuet and talked about starting the day with eggs, which enables her to compose music all day long.

She and the other contestants had to answer the impromptu question posed by Grover Gouker, master of ceremonies: “You have just

been appointed teen-age advisor in President Bush’s cabinet. As a representative of your generation, what advice would you give President Bush?”

“I intend to do my best and enjoy it a lot,” she said.

She won’t be alone in her job of promoting the industry, for during the pageant, a county poultry queen and an alternate were also

chosen to assist in promotion.

Mary Sauder of Lititz, wears the Lancaster County Poultry Queen banner and Melissa Darlene Yoder of Mount Joy will serve as alternate queen to both the state and county queens.

Melissa Dawn Yoder, the new state queen, is the 17-year-old daughter of Vernon and Barbara Yoder of Christiana. It’s on the family’s 150-acre farm that Melissa gets plenty of hands-on experience caring for 20,000 broilers, 50 pigs, 120 steers, a dog, and 20 “1800” cats.

In the fall, Melissa will be a senior at Lancaster Mennonite High. She wants to be a music teacher, and has played the piano for more than 10 years.

The Lancaster County Queen is the daughter of Glen and Joyce

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Dressed as Johann Sebastian Bach, Melissa Dawn Yoder, contemplates the impromptu question posed by Grover Gouker, master of ceremonies.



Before giving her farewell speech, Michele High, poultry queen, sang a solo for the audience.



The egg and poultry industry will be promoted by these three. From left, Mary Sauder, Lancaster County Poultry Queen; Melissa Dawn Yoder, Pennsylvania Poultry Queen; and Melissa Darlene Yoder, alternate.



Michele High crowns her successor Melissa Dawn Yoder, who is the 1992 Pennsylvania Poultry Queen.



Pennsylvania Poultry Queen Melissa Dawn Yoder is surrounded by her family, Vernon and Barbara, parents; and Randy and Sheri, brother and sister-in-law. Another sister, Gwen, married to Leonard Snader, is missing from the picture.



Alternate Queen Marlene Enck, left, presents the Miss Congeniality Award to Melissa Darlene Yoder, who was chosen by the other contestants.