

# Lancaster Farming

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## Pennsylvania Orders Poultry Quarantine

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has issued a quarantine that temporarily suspends poultry exhibitions and transportation of live birds to markets and auctions.

Shipments of birds to recognized slaughter establishments are not affected by the order.

Secretary of Agriculture Boyd E. Wolff ordered the quarantine after a routine surveillance found evidence that a Montgomery County turkey flock had been exposed to avian influenza. Increased surveillance of poultry operations led to discovery of avian influenza virus in a chicken at a Philadelphia live-bird market.

Routine monitoring of birds at the Pennsylvania Farm Show revealed that a flock of exhibition

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**Amy Anderson, seated, representing Green County Fair is crowned 1993 State Fair Queen by Cheryl Muraski, last year's queen. Jennifer Patterson, representing Butler Fair, was runner-up.**

## Amy Anderson Named State Fair Queen

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**HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.)**—The annual Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs held its annual banquet Friday night last week with about 1,500 people crowded in the ballroom. Introduction of the 40 local queens became the first order of business. Later, various entertainment groups performed in anticipation of bookings from local fair representatives.

In the awards ceremony, former representative Samuel Hayes was honored in appreciation for his work for the Association and especially for his association with the Huntingdon County Fair. Eugene Shore, editor emeritus of the Huntingdon Daily News, was named the Communicator of the Year for his extensive coverage of the fair during a 60-year period.

The Coveted Fair Person of the

Year Award went to Gilbert Koppenhaver for his service to the Gratz Fair.

The next day at the Saturday luncheon, Amy Anderson, representing the Green County Fair, was crowned the 1993 State Fair Queen. Amy is the 17-year-old

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## State Young Farmers To Meet In Reading

**READING (Berks Co.)** — Young farmers from around the state will converge at the Sheraton Berkshire Hotel here on Feb. 9-11 for the Pennsylvania Young Farmers' Association Winter Convention.

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## Vegetable Conference Features Array Of Grower Information

## Spring Bedding Market Surges At Produce Auctions

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**HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.)** — Spring bedding plants have more than doubled in volume on the produce auction block from 1991-1992, and show almost no sign of stopping, according to several auction managers Tuesday at

the 1993 Pennsylvania Vegetable Conference and Trade Show.

Paul Leinbach, manager of Leinbach's Produce Auction in Shippensburg, told Lancaster Farming that the volume of bedding plants doubled in 1992 over 1991 levels. Other managers, who spoke at the panel, also noted the

huge increase.

The panel, moderated by Don Robinson, adult farmer instructor with the Eastern Lancaster County School District, included Lloyd Horst, manager, and Elmer Stoltzfus, president of Leola Produce Auction, Leola; Herb Gebely, manager of Kutztown Produce

Auction, Kutztown; Neil Courtney, manager of Buffalo Valley Produce Auction, Mifflinburg; and Leinbach.

Panel members pointed out to growers about the need to be "concerned about quality and attractive packaging of product — this is the determining factor," said Lloyd

Horst of Leola. "The quality of the product itself will set the stage of return."

**\$3 million sales**

Horst, whose company posted sales of more than \$3 million last year, said the Leola-based auction

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## Nutrient Management Re-introduced In Legislature

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**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — As expected, state Rep. Jeffrey Coy, D-Shippensburg, on Wednesday introduced nutrient management legislation which was passed by the House Rules Committee, the only functioning committee in the House this past week.

The state House Democrats, locked over the issue of business expenses, had yet to decide committee assignments except for the Rules Committee.

Coy's proposed legislation, too early in the stage to earn a bill number, is virtually a reissue of last session's Senate Bill 1444.

That bill quickly became a widely supported nutrient manage-

ment law proposal, but failed — because of priority and time constraints — to make it to the floor of the Senate for a vote before the previous Senate adjourned.

There are more than 50 sponsors for Coy's nutrient management proposal.

According to a Wednesday news release from Coy, "The last bill (S.B.1444) was the end result

of months and years of work between the Legislature and the agriculture and environmental communities. We feel that, in this bill, again we've included the best ideas of the major agriculture and environmental organizations in Pennsylvania."

Steve Crawford, assistant to Cole and former executive director of the House Agricultural and Rur-

al Affairs Committee, reiterated his boss's words during a telephone interview on Thursday, saying it was re-introduced because, "We felt obliged to the organizations which helped form this legislation over the past years."

Simply, the proposal would attempt to address all sources and potential sources of water pollu-

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## Sire Power Has Turnaround Year

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**HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.)**—Sire Power, a member owned dairy breeding organization with headquarters in Tunkhannock, reported a turnaround year in both sales and profits at their annual meeting Wednesday. President Gary Rickard reported a net profit of \$306,899 for the year ending September 30, 1992. This contrasts with a net loss in 1991 of \$555,272.

"We are again reminded by our financial statement of the volatile nature of the business in which we are engaged," Rickard said. "Our income in the past three years has

shown significant fluctuations. In 1990 revenues exceeded \$15,000,000 for the first time in the history of Sire Power. Then in 1991 revenues were down almost \$1,900,000, and last year they were up again by 1,270,00."

Rickard said the fluctuations are made because of two major factors. The first major influence is the composition of the bull lineup at a particular point in time. The inclusion of one individual sire with the proper credentials can generate a million or more in revenues. The second major influence is the dairy economy world wide. Foreign sales have been a significant con-

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**Scholarship winners from Sire Power are from left, seated: Shelley Harshbarger, Teresa Hill, Jennifer Trout, Rebecca Sonnen, and Andrew Morley. Standing: Steven Dietrich, Robert O'Toole, Scott Youse, Jeffrey Pirrung, Kirk Sattazahn, and Bradley Morris.**