

## Keystone Pork Congress Hosts Range Of Programs

# Pork Bowl Has Roots In Church 'Quiz Bowls'

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the council was discussing plans for the annual Keystone Pork Congress "and they really wanted to get some youth activities going," said Fairbairn. She suggested the Pork Bowl.

### Formatted bowl

After hearing about the proposal, Ken Winebark, Lebanon County livestock agent and coordinator of the Bowl, in addition to Ken Kephart, Penn State swine specialist; Cheryl Fairbairn; and Bill Morray, ag agent in Adams County, formatted the state Pork Bowl after the Chester County contest. "Together, we wrote the basic questions," according to Fairbairn. The first year of the Bowl, six teams were present. (The committee decided to keep competing teams to a maximum of 12 because of the time limitations of the Congress.)

The Pork Bowl was modeled closely after the Chester County contest, with brackets and the process of single elimination.

Chester County continues the popular tradition of the bowl, in which they select those individuals to represent the county at the state contest.

Fairbairn said she tells the students "they better know a lot about the pork industry to win that contest." The 4-H team placed first in 1986 and has consistently placed second or third since 1986. But competition is becoming a lot more stiff, because

the questions are difficult and the equipment (in which contestants try to identify) is sophisticated.

### 12 teams accepted

In the contest, each county is invited to enter a team of four 4-H'ers and or four FFA members. An entry fee of \$25 is required per team.

As of Dec. 3 last year, 12 teams had been accepted to the competition, and three were on the waiting list. The six 4-H teams included Potter, Chester, Indiana, Armstrong, Lebanon, and York counties. The FFA teams included Greenwood, Big Spring, Chambersburg, Mifflinburg, Littlestown, and Newport.

Awards will be presented to the top teams, according to Winebark. The top team will receive free tickets to the Pork Congress banquet scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the Main Ballroom.

For more information, contact Fairbairn at the Chester extension office, (215) 696-3500 or Ken Winebark, Lebanon extension office, (717) 270-4391.

### Boar Sale

This is the first year that the Performance Tested Boar Sale, normally held later in the year at State College, will be conducted in conjunction with the Pork Congress at the Penn Harris at 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 17.

According to Glenn Eberly, the Boars on test include four Poland China, 48 Yorkshires, eight Durocs, eight Landrace, eight Hampshires, and four Berkshires. Approximately 45 boars will be sold by videotape.

Most of the boars already have completed their test with average gains of 2.20 pounds per day.

For more information about the sale, contact Eberly at (814) 238-2527.

### Junior Speaking Contest

A major event of the Pork Congress is the Junior Public Speaking Contest, in the Main Hotel Complex.

The contest begins at 9:30 a.m. for ages 16-19 and 12-15, and at 12:30 p.m. for ages 8-11. Prizes are awarded for each of the age groups.

In addition, scheduled is the Pork Buffet and awards program, along with the Legislative Activity Fund Auction. The buffet begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Ballroom. The fund auction, with auctioneer Harry Bachman, begins at 7:30 p.m.

Also at the Congress, H. Louis Moore, Penn State economist, will present his market outlook; and other speakers will address swine genetic programs, quality assurance, respiratory problems in swine, exports, and other activities.

For more information, contact your local county extension office. To make banquet reservations, contact Stephen Burkholder, (215) 682-2871.

## Keystone Pork Congress Schedule

<b>PRODUCERS PROGRAM</b> Main Ballroom	1 15 pm	<i>Slaying Ahead of the Respiratory Nightmare</i> Richard Ross	<i>Fund Auction</i> Harry Bachman
8 00 am			
Registration - Doors Open to Trade Show	2 15 pm	<i>Opening the International Doors to American Pork</i> Al Tank	<b>JR PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST</b> Main Hotel Complex
<b>Morning Session</b> Chairman - Ken Kephart			<b>Chairman -</b> Bruce Lemmon
9 30 am		<b>PA PERFORMANCE BOAR SALE</b> Main Ballroom	9 30 am
Welcome Ken Kephart	3 30 pm	<i>Video Auction Boar Sale</i> Glenn Eberly Harry Bachman	Ages 16-19 Ages 12-15
9 45 am			12 30 pm
Market Outlook H. Louis Moore			Ages 8-11
10 30 am		<b>PORK BUFFET, AWARDS PROGRAM AND LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY FUND AUCTION</b> Main Ballroom	<b>KEYSTONE PORK BOWL AND AUCTION</b> Keystone E Room
<i>Genetic Programs that Producers Need, and Consumers Demand</i> Lauren Christian			<b>Chairman -</b> Kenneth Winebark
11 30 am	6 30 pm	<i>Pork Buffet and Awards Program</i> Abe Fisher	9 30 am
<i>Just Say Yes to Quality Assurance</i> Beth Lautner			<i>Preliminary Eliminations</i>
<b>Afternoon Session</b> Chairman - Kenneth Kephart	7 30 pm	<i>Legislative Activity</i>	2 00 pm
			<i>Final Eliminations</i>

## To Hold Auction

DAUPHIN (Dauphin Co.) — Consignments and donations are now being accepted for the ninth annual auction of the Dauphin County Conservation District.

Auction coordinators are seeking quality items such as farm tractors and farm equipment, lawn and garden equipment (all types of mowers and rototillers), camping equipment, high grade lumber, hardware, power and hand tools, saleable household furnishings, antiques, and collectibles. Items should be of good quality and in working order. Items may be refused if they do not meet this criteria.

Vehicles and boats must include titles — a notary will be present on the day of the sale for transfer. Any items consigned

with reserve will require a \$10 fee.

The district urges early consignment and donations, but articles will be accepted until 4 p.m. on April 2. The sale will be held on Saturday, April 3 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Gratz Fairgrounds, 18 miles east of Millersburg on Route 25, in northeast Dauphin County.

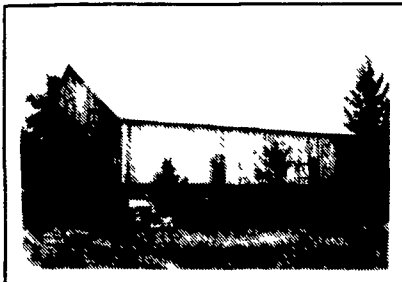
Proceeds of the sale benefit the Dauphin County Agriculture and Natural Resources Center and a scholarship fund for Dauphin County students and teachers in agricultural and environmental science education programs.

To consign and donate items, please call Auction Coordinator Mervin Adams at (717) 692-3076 or Mike Hubler at the district office, (717) 921-8100.

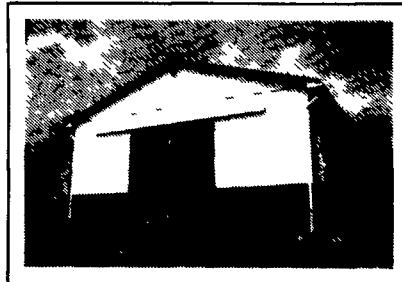


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