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Corn Growers Convene In Western Pennsylvania

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WEST MIDDLESEX (Mercer

Co.)—The annual corn conference sponsored by the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers and Penn State Cooperative Extension attracted a large crowd of corn growers and agribusiness representatives this week. The meeting Tuesday featured the presentation of club awards and a program of grower information.

Mike Wagner, executive director, Ohio Corn Growers, reported

on their use of a state checkoff for funds to promote new non-feed uses of corn. The increased use of ethanol in Ohio has been the result of a public relations campaign with legislators, car mechanics and the general public. Packaging materials that dissolve in water and a new absorbent material made from corn for disposable baby diapers also received wide attention from the market.

The Ohio checkoff is one-half cent per bushel, and officials of the Pennsylvania association

announced that they have voted to contact Boyd Wolff, Pennsylvania ag secretary, to implement a similar program in Pennsylvania.

Jim Bower, Bower Trading, Inc., West Lafayette, IN, reported on ways to use the futures market in marketing corn. He showed historical graphs that prove farmers sell most of their corn at the lowest price of the year. Bower helps his clients reverse that trend by watching what the large speculative funds are doing and taking the

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Larry Moyer, Mertztown, right, receives award for top corn production from Grant Troop, Pennsylvania Corn Growers president, at the corn grower's conference this week.

Taking Care Of Environmental, Neighbor, Industry Concerns Are Some Tasks Facing Chester Conservation Farmers

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LANDENBERG (Chester Co.)

—Farmers could be underestimating the importance of the mushroom industry to Chester and surrounding counties, and a New Garden Township dairy farmer wants to fix that.

C. Barclay Hoopes and family, who operate High Point Acres, contribute a diversity of resources and talents to supporting that industry. Many other farmers, especially those who have horses and those that sell hay, contribute vital ingredients that go into making compost which powers the mushroom industry.

That industry ranks number one in the country. "One benefits the other, and that's the way we have to work," said Hoopes, noting that mushrooms are the state's "number one cash crop."

According to the 1991-1992 state statistical summary, the Agaricus mushroom crop was valued at \$246 million in the 1990-1991 season, and with all varieties combined, production stood at 351.2 million pounds.

Mushroom country

"We live in mushroom country here, the greatest agricultural enterprise in this county," said Barclay, who is president of the Delaware-Chester Farmer's Association, the local operating arm of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association. "I have a great tie to that mushroom industry."

But increasingly that industry is

under pressure. There are developments popping up all over the area, many of which surround High Point Acres.

There are environmental pressures, which farmers must, as good stewards, live with. And, as Hoopes was quick to remind *Lancaster Farming* in a recent interview at his farm, as a member of the conservation district since 1968, his fifth-generation farm has been following and implementing plans set up by the district since they joined.

For his efforts, Hoopes was recently honored with the Chester County Conservation District's Farmer of the Year Award at the Chester Crops Day. Hoopes and his family — including wife Diana and sons Jeff and Mark — farm 210 acres and milk 85 Holsteins, with 60 heifers. Herd average is 19,925 pounds.

Red Clay/White Clay

In 1990, Barclay and Diana signed on as cooperators in the conservation district's Red Clay/White Clay Demonstration Farm Project. They received \$27,000 in cost-share money to build a dry manure storage pad and storage pond to help save the White Clay and Red Clay tributaries. (The White Clay Creek originates in southeast Chester County and eventually makes its way to the Delaware River. It supports trout, in addition to many more types of fish species, woody plants and wildflowers, and various animals

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Maxima Sets World Record

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 BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — A new world record for milk production has been set by Tullando Royalty Maxima, owned by Tullando Farm Inc. in Orford, N.H.

As a mature cow of five years, Maxima recently completed her 365-day record with 58,952 pounds of milk, 1,804 pounds of fat and 1,680 pounds of protein. She was milked three times per day.

The Holstein Association verification test program supports the new record.

Maxima's record surpasses the world record held since 1975 by Beecher Arlinda Ellen. Ellen produced 55,661 pounds of milk and 1,572 pounds of fat milking twice a day.

Maxima's roots run parallel with the history of Tullando Farm. The George and Barbara Tullar family began farming in Orford in 1956. In 1959, the Tullars decided to start building a registered Hols-

tein herd. They traded eight grade cows (some were colored) for two registered Holsteins.

The seventh dam of Maxima, Upwey R A Keepsake Veronica was one of these two original foundation cows in the Tullars' herd.

Maxima is backed by 12 generations of Holstein Association sponsored production records, beginning in 1939. Production is no stranger to this cow family. While none of her ancestors have by any means challenged Maxima, they have all made respectable records.

Maxima's maternal sister, Tullando Joe Mogul just completed her 6-11, 365-day record with 40,872 pounds of milk, 1,499

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Lebanon 4-H Livestock Holds Banquet

PRESCOTT (Lebanon Co.) — The 91-member Lebanon County 4-H Livestock Club held its annual banquet Tuesday evening at the Prescott Fire Hall in Prescott, and noted significant achievements by youth involved in each of the three major livestock groups.

Following a meal and introduc-

tion of members, leaders and recognition of the Friends of 4-H, a presentation of awards was made to those members whose animals had won top places during the club's annual Winter Roundup, held just weeks previous to the state Farm Show.

Also recognized were those who had participated in the state and

regional contests and the results of those contests.

In addition to awards, a presentation of saving bonds provided by Agway of Lebanon Inc. was made to youth who won top prizes at the county fair for owning, breeding and showing winning market hogs, lambs and beef.

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