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## SoyDiesel Proclaimed Good For Farmers And Environmentalists

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ELVERSON (Chester Co.)—With soybean representatives, legislators, environmentalists, and media hounds looking on at Bill Beam's soybean farm, Beam first fired up a diesel tractor that was running on SoyDiesel and then started a diesel tractor that was running on common diesel fuel oil.

The contrast in the smell of the exhaust between the two tractors was as one reporter said, "The difference between the Lincoln Tunnel and someone's kitchen."

And that was the reason for the SoyDiesel bus ride from Harrisburg to Philadelphia Thursday--to

let the public know that fuel derived from soybeans has many advantages for farmers and even more advantages for environmentalists who set the agenda for clean air.

A Capitol Trailways bus that was burning 50 percent SoyDiesel made the trip as part of the educational program of the Pennsylvania Soybean Board. The Beam farm was one of the stops.

Back in Harrisburg, State Agricultural Secretary Boyd Wolff made environmental and agricultural history when he lunched the SoyDiesel bus ride. The bus is the state's first SoyDiesel bus.

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At the SoyDiesel demonstration are, on tractor, Bill, Robin, and Shawn Beam, soybean farmers. In front, Sara Nichols, Delaware Valley Clean Air Council; Ken Peters, National SoyDiesel Development Board; Mike Gerhart, vice-chairman, PA Soybean Board; and Art Hershey, state representative from Chester County.

### Special Deadlines September 20-24

Because of the Ephrata Fair in the town where *Lancaster Farming* is published, advance notice is given for the publication deadlines that will be needed for the last full week in September. They are:

Sept. 20, at noon.  
General News — Tuesday,  
Sept. 21, at 5 p.m.  
Classified Section C —  
Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 5 p.m.  
Other Classified Ads —  
Wednesday, Sept. 22, 9 a.m.  
Late-Breaking News —  
Wednesday, Sept. 22 at noon.

## Berks Honors Outstanding Farm Family

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Berks Co. Correspondent  
FLEETWOOD (Berks Co.) — If Kris Hoffman has anything to say about it, he will be the fifth generation to work the family farm at 448 Old State Road, Oley.

Kris, 11, a seventh grader at Oley Valley High School, is one of three children of Barry E. and Karen Hoffman. The family was named 1993 Outstanding Farm Family of the Year by the Reading Fair and the Berks Pomona Grange at a recent banquet held in the Fleetwood Grange.

This was the 38th annual awards banquet sponsored by the Agricultural and Horticultural Association

of Berks County.

"The farm has been in the family for more than 100 years," said Karen during the festivities. "We're the fourth generation to farm it."

"I plan to be the fifth," Kris said.

### Atlantic Dairy Names Quality Winners

SOUTHAMPTON (Bucks Co.) — Atlantic Dairy Cooperative will present its 1993 Quality Premium Award to 51 members who earned the cooperative's quality bonus all 12 months of the 1992-1993 fiscal year.

"This award recognizes members who consistently produce

high quality milk for the cooperative," said Don M. Breiner, Atlantic's quality and field services manager. "We commend these producers for their commitment to quality."

During the past fiscal year, which ended July 31, Atlantic paid out \$2.2 million in quality milk

in the community, as are Barry and Karen.

They milk 52 Holsteins and average 17,850 pounds of milk, which is shipped to Dietrich's Milk in Reading.

The Hoffmans live on the farm

bonuses. On average, 43.6 percent of the cooperative's membership earned the extra payments throughout the year.

Begun in 1987, the quality premium program provides a financial incentive to members to produce high quality milk. Members must meet a series of seven quality

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## Hall Named Junior Dairyman

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Maryland Correspondent  
TIMONIUM, Md. — April Hall, 16-year-old daughter of Jimmy and Linda Hall of Church Hill, Md., was named Junior Dairyman at the Maryland State Fair. She was the recipient of \$300 cash award. Awards were sponsored by the Maryland Purebred Dairy Cattle Association and Midwest DHIC.

The contest was open to individual 4-H or FFA members or a 4-H or FFA team. Thirteen classes of competition included judging Holstein and Ayrshire heifers, dairy goats, dairy steers and hay. Identification of dairy products, meat and meat products, parts of a complete milking system and feeds were also part of the competition.

Contestants were judged on

their comprehension of the milking process and management problems concerning herd health, nutrition and reproduction. Two written exams were given, animal health and breeding, and genetics and milking process, dairy products and general dairy industry knowledge.

To complete the contest, the top 10 seniors were given a personal interview with the official judges.

Miss Hall said the contest was fun. She has been active in dairy bowl and dairy judging contests in the past, placing 4th in the Junior Dairyman Contest last year. She credits her farm chores and 4-H in helping her win this contest. April owns 17 head of Holsteins and helps with the milking. She is also responsible for picking out AI bulls for their herd.

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Maryland junior dairyman contest winners. From left, Jeff Emler, coordinator; April Hall, 1st place; Mary Ellen Seraydian, 2nd place; Jacob Thomas, 3rd place; Sam Mueller, 4th place; and Erica Klein, 5th place.