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Another Chance At A Championship Brings Umbrells Back To The Farm Show

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ELIZABETHTOWN (Lancaster Co.) — Tina Umbrell enjoyed last year's junior market competition during the Pennsylvania Farm Show so much she decided to return. And this time, she has company.

Who's she taking? Her brother

Matt, who learned also by watching 4-H members show their animals. Her resolution for the show? She's not going to lose any money.

Last year, Tina's first year at the Farm Show, she didn't place high enough in the junior show to earn good prize money, and her hogs had to be sold at market price. While she said she may not have not lost money, exactly, she's convinced she didn't make any. This time, Tina said she vows to do better.

"When I was younger, I watched the older members of the club showing their hogs," said Tina, 18, daughter of Dennis and Linda Umbrell, during an interview at the farm.

As for last year's show, held the morning of January 12, the current Outstanding Member of the Lancaster 4-H Swine Club said that with all the help she has garnered from the club, and from her work at home on her parents' 350-sow farrow-to-feeder pig herd, she hopes to improve.

Tina served as Lancaster 4-H Swine Club vice president, and also president of the Elizabethtown High School FFA Chapter. In 1992, Tina placed first in senior showmanship at the county round-up, was awarded a blue ribbon for the top 10 project book two years in a row, and raised 19 market hogs in a profitable year.

Matt, 16, is a sophomore at Elizabethtown High School and a 4-H member.

Matt acknowledged that his sister suggested, pretty strongly, that he can learn a great deal about showing for future county fairs. In this case, both Matt and Tina will each take a hog to the show, which last year included 339 hogs.

This year, the Junior Market Swine Show is scheduled in the Small Arena on Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 8:30 a.m.

Tina is taking along "Dimple," her 210-pound York/Hamp/Duroc gilt. Matt will be exhibiting his 200-pound York/Hamp/Duroc gilt also at the show.

Tina said she got involved by watching others and seeing how much they enjoyed being members of 4-H. The tremendous benefits of joining a 4-H club became known to many others in the county — so much so that the club membership grew from about 40 members about six or seven years ago to about 90 today.

Years ago, many "never got that opportunity," said the 4-H'ers mother, Linda Umbrell. She said that she would have gotten involved in 4-H if she could have when she was a child.

"The club helps newer mem-
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Tina, left and Matt Umbrell will be showing these hogs at the Pennsylvania Farm Show junior competition on Tuesday, Jan. 11. The Farm Show is open for judging on Friday, Jan. 7, opens for the public on Saturday, Jan. 8, and continues through Jan. 13.

Photo by Andy Andrews

1993: A Year To Challenge Understanding

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The past year has been one which has brought to the forefront in Pennsylvania agriculture, if not in all of the United States, a challenge for better understanding. Throughout the year, changes in technologies, politics, treaties, and realities have been significant,

ranging from a three-nation Western hemisphere trading alliance, to the approval of commercial artificial bovine somatotropin (BST).

All year, industry and political battles have been waged over gaining support for a variety of opinions on how to address issues, such as pricing milk to implementing a nutrient management plan.

Among all the changes that have

taken place, there are those who decry change and those who welcome it.

We at *Lancaster Farming* take the position that all change means one thing: we are challenged to do a better job of understanding, of learning, of listening and thinking, and ultimately, doing.

And in that vein, and in our opinion, 1993 has presented more than enough challenges to last for several years.

On March 13, Pennsylvania was hit with the biggest blizzard of the century, according to Associated Press reports.

The snow fell at the rate of up to 4 inches per hour. Accumulations ranged from 14- to 18-inches in Centre County, 17 inches in Cumberland County, 16 inches in Dauphin County, 11 inches in Erie (which normally receives a significant amount of snowfall), 14- to 18-inches in Lebanon County, up to 20 inches in York, and 21 inches in the Pittsburgh vicinity.

The snow melt caused flooding of rivers and streams and ground saturation that delayed some spring planting.

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Polls Show High Confidence In Dairy, BST Or Not

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Three consecutive national polls conducted for the Grocery Manufacturers of America (GMA) have reported strong milk consumption and consistently high consumer "trust" in the milk supply since the Food and Drug Administration approved supplemental BST on Nov. 5.

The most recent survey, conducted over the Thanksgiving weekend, found more than nine out of 10 households-with-children reported consuming the same amount or more milk over the past

two weeks. Consumer confidence in the milk supply has remained strong despite unsuccessful attempts by activists to stage media events in selected cities.

"After several months of anti-BST extremists trying to mislead people about the safety of this product, it's obvious that the public is smart enough to distinguish between their false rhetoric and the enormous mountain of evidence provided by the Food and Drug Administration, the National Institutes of Health and virtually every

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New Year's Greetings To One & All