

# FFA To Present Keystone Degrees To 204

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Two hundred and four Pennsylvania FFA members will be honored with the Keystone Degree during the Pennsylvania FFA Association's 65th annual Mid-Winter Convention in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Farm Show on Monday, Jan. 10. The ceremonies will be conducted in the

Large Arena of the Farm Show Complex, beginning at 4 p.m. and concluding at approximately 6 p.m.

Highlights of the ceremonies include the selection of the state stars and the recognition of chapters for their outstanding programs in safety and community service. The major event of the convention will be the Keystone Degree ceremony, which pre-

sents to FFA members the highest degree the state can bestow.

FFA invites all interested individuals to the convention.

The Pennsylvania FFA is made up of 7,500 members who range in age from 14-21 and who are located in rural areas and cities.

In honor of the recipients, *Lancaster*

*Farming* presents these brief biographies of candidates who will receive the Keystone Degree. We honor the wide-ranging achievements and accomplishments of the FFA'ers from more than 73 chapters across the state. *Lancaster Farming* wishes all FFA'ers success in their chosen field.

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## 'Dairy Derby' Comes To Farm Show

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Knowledge about milk products and the dairy industry could win you cash and U.S. Savings Bonds at this year's Pennsylvania Farm Show, as the Middle Atlantic Milk Marketing Association (MAMMA) presents the "Dairy Derby."

Starting on Sunday afternoon, at booth 348, show-goers can watch, and possibly participate in, a Hollywood-style game show.

The purpose of the exhibit is to educate consumers. "Dairy Derby" game show contestants will be asked questions on a variety of dairy-related topics from cow's to

cottage cheese. Contestants won't have to be agricultural experts, but knowledge about the dairy industry could be profitable.

The "Dairy Derby" will have two parts. First, four contestants will appear on stage and compete against each other as they answer dairy related questions. Each question will be worth 10 points. The first person to win 50 points will be declared the winner, and will move onto the exciting cash cube.

"The cube is basically an oversized phone booth with a big blower in it," said "Dairy Derby" game show host Bill Snitcher,

MAMMA's marketing director.

"Inside the cube will be several hundred dollars in cash, plus certificates for approximately \$1,600 per day in U.S. Savings Bonds. Once the blower is turned on, the contestant will have a short amount of time to catch what they

can, and slip it out of the cube through a small slot. What they are able to get out of the cube is theirs to keep. The trick is to catch the cash or bonds, because inside the cube, it's like standing in the middle of a tornado."

The "Dairy Derby" will be

played for approximately 40 minutes out of each hour, starting at 10 a.m. (except Sunday) and ending at 6 p.m. MAMMA estimates that eight to 10 games will be played each hour to allow as many people to participate as possible.

## Garden Display At Show

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Penn State Cooperative Extension and Landis Valley Museum, Lancaster, welcome you to visit with a Penn State Master Gardener at the Farm Show Exhibit "Heirlooms and Hybrids: Together in Today's Garden" from January 8

to the 13.

The horticulture exhibit on the second floor of the Northeast Building (next to the large arena) replicates a 19th century potting shed and old-fashioned raised garden bed. The garden includes both heirloom flowers, herbs, and vegetables.

Heirloom such as Dr. Martin's lima beans and Deacon Dan Beets were handed down through Pennsylvania German families and planted to preserve the variety. Hybrids such as All-American selections including Buttercrunch lettuce, fernleaf dill, and Nicki-mix nicotiana have old-fashioned appeal produced from today's commercial-hybridizers.

Master Gardeners from seven counties will be participating including York, Adams, Franklin, Cumberland, Lebanon, Lancaster, and Dauphin. Master Gardeners are available to answer your winter gardening questions. The exhibit will show old gardening tools including an old mole trap, old fashion seed display, heirloom containers and plenty of spring planting ideas. In all, 13 heirlooms and 13 hybrids will be growing in the display.

If you're unable to attend the Farm Show but would like written information on heirlooms and hybrids, contact Sara at the extension office at (717) 757-9657 or at Landis Valley Museum at (717) 569-0401. A presentation on heirloom and hybrid seed varieties will occur on Tuesday, January 11 at 3 p.m. at the Farm Show. Admission is free.

Heirlooms planted for the Farm Show display include gilfeather turnip, pink brandy-wine tomato, mammoth german gold tomato, Scarlet runner bean, Dr. Martin's lima bean, early scarlet horn carrot, deacon dan beet, white cucumber, birdhouse gourd, nutmeg melon, cockscomb celosia, delphinium larkspur, and Job's tears.

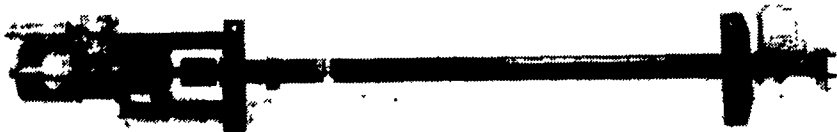
Hybrids planted for the Farm Show include Thumbelina carrot, ruby lettuce, buttercrunch lettuce, celebrity tomato, orange pixie tomato, purple ruffles basil, fernleaf dill, banquet parsley, double gleam nasturtium, nicki-mix nicotiana, red plume gaillardia, peaches and cream verbena, and fiesta mix salvia.

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