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Farmers, Business Persons Meet At Chamber Ag Issues Forum

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Three Lancaster County farmers and Don Robinson, head of the Lancaster County Conservation District, formed a panel Thursday morning to interact with the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The subject centered

on the role farmers play as stewards of the environment.

The meeting combined the regular "wake up to the issues" program of the Chamber and the Ag Issues Forum of key farmers and agribusiness persons. The farmers on the panel were Mort Fry, Ephrata; Don Weaver, New Holland, and Jerry Swarr, Manheim.

Fry has a greenhouse and nursery business. In addition, the ninth generation farm family grows 40 acres of sweet corn and is known for pioneer work with hybrid poplar trees. These trees grow rapidly as windbreaks and as reforestation projects that utilize the poplar tree's ability to consume large quantities of nutrients in

municipal waste sludge fields.

Weaver with his brother Nelson and their wives own Weaver Homestead. They represent the 10th generation on the dairy farm that has 90 cows. Through adverse family experiences related to high nitrates in the farm water supply, the Weavers have progressed to a greatly reduced use of fertilizers and chemicals in their farming operation. In addition, the Weavers have a consulting business to help other farmers utilize their econom-

ic and management resources.

Swarr, with his family, operates a 300 acre livestock farm that produces a yearly total of 600 beef cattle and 2,500 hogs. In addition, Swarr is a Rapho Twp. supervisor.

In opening the meeting, Jay Howes, manager of ag services, said the two-thirds of the land base in Lancaster County is in farm land, and traditionally, even today, adds stability to the total economy.

"In spite of the loss of farm (Turn to Page A23)



From the left, with the reserve senior and reserve grand champion Holstein is Anthony Crothers, Jeremy Welk with his senior and grand champion, and judge Creedin Cornman.

Welk's 4-Year-Old Tops Solanco Holsteins

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QUARRYVILLE — A 4-year-old Marvel daughter owned by Jeremy Welk, of Quarryville, was named grand champion of the Holsteins Thursday at Solanco Fair, held in Quarryville.

From a field of about 100 animals, Welk, son of LeRoy and Debra Welk, of Welk-Acres Holsteins, showed Welk-Acre Marvel Marlene, a bred-and-owned cow, to win both the open and youth divisions. It was a repeat win for the cow, having been named grand champion in 1992.

Creedin Cornman, of Carlisle, was judge and placed Anthony Crothers' 3-year-old Long Green Dale Jenny as reserve senior and reserve grand champion of the show. Crothers is the son of Don-

nie and Linda Cruthers, of Rising Sun, Md.

Jacob Hushon, son of Danny and Patti Hushon, of Quarryville, showed both the junior and reserve junior champions of the breed.

Hushon's intermediate calf, Twin Wind Broker Kiss ET, was named senior champion, while his senior calf, Stewartridge Astro Jazzle II, was named reserve junior champion.

In the Brown Swiss show, held Wednesday, with colored breed judge Robert Kauffman, Jacob's brother Joshua Hushon showed the grand champion, 2-year-old Lake Lane Pebbles, a daughter of Victory Acres Jubilation Emory.

Richard Leiski showed the junior champion Brown Swiss, also named the reserve grand champion.

In the Jersey cattle show, Amy Plummer, of Doylestown, owned the grand champion, 2-year-old Top-O-Hill Juno Patches, which had been named grand champion and supreme champion cow at the Allentown Fair earlier this year.

The reserve grand champion Jersey was also the junior champion, an intermediate calf, Hillacres Estes Eugena.

In the Ayrshire breed, both (Turn to Page A30)

Supreme Champs Named At York

JOYCE BUYP

York Co. Correspondent (YORK Co.)—A pair of Suffolk market lambs topped all contenders at the York Fair Junior Division Market Lamb show to earn top honors for their 4-H owner.

Adam Sellers, 15, Thomasville, pocketed both the purple and pink rosettes in the large market lamb show, taking champion honors with his wether entry and the reserve award with a ewe. Earlier, the pair had topped their heavyweight and light heavyweight division runoffs.

Pairs championship went to Dave Olson of East Berlin, with a matched set of purebred Hampshires. Jacob Ebersole, York, claimed the reserve championship pairs honors with a Suffolk and Hampshire team.

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Jennifer Flinchbaugh, York, took open class market lamb honors at the York Fair with a Suffolk-Hampshire crossbred ewe. Offering congratulations was judge Dick Kuzemchak.

Advertising/News Deadlines Changed For This Week

Because of the street fair in the town of Ephrata where *Lancaster Farming* is published we need to change our publication deadlines for the week of September 19 to 23. These special deadlines are as follows:

Mailbox Markets — Monday, Sept 19, at noon.

Public Sales — Monday, Sept. 19, at noon.

General News — Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 5 p.m.

Other Than Farm Equipment Classified Ads, Section C

— Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 5 p.m.

Farm Equipment Classified Ads, Section D — Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 9 a.m.

Late-Breaking News — Wednesday, Sept 21, at noon.