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1994: A Year Of Changing Rules

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A lot of "rules" changed in 1994, in more than one way. Unless the rest of this winter exceeds last year's heavy snowfalls and icy storms, the beginning of 1994 can be expected to be used as a benchmark, or a rule, for describing a bad winter storm. The year started with one of the worst series of winter storms to hit

the state in recent times, locking people in homes for days. Roofs collapsed under the heavy concentrated mix of snow and freezing rain which exceeded stress weights on a number of buildings, or building additions. Roads, such as Rt. 30 through Lancaster were locked under a thick covering of ice for days. Vehicles left stuck in the snow along the berms of highways after minor and major accidents were

common sights. Road surfaces were so covered over with snow and ice that the only way to determine the proper lanes of travel on major routes was to follow tire tracks grooved in the trails cut by plows. A lot of snow plows have been sold since. The unusually heavy, late snow cover insulated the ground, and certain insects became more of a problem in the spring.

Some fruit growers also suffered not only from tree damage. For example, there was virtually no peach crop. Thrips almost destroyed the yield and quality of some large strawberry fields. However, the wetness and cool-

ness of later summer helped sweet corn become probably as much of a bumper crop as ever, causing lower than normal local market prices. After the wet spring, and favor- (Turn to Page A11)

Mifflin County Holds Annual Meeting

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LEWISTOWN (Mifflin Co.) — It was a plea for thoughtful leadership, said Dr. Herbert Cole, professor of agricultural sciences at Penn State, after his talk to members and friends at the Mifflin County Cooperative Extension Association annual dinner meeting. With all that agriculture is facing, Cole said his message was an appeal for agriculture to chart its own future through careful planning and leadership. Cole said Pennsylvania's largest industry is undergoing a tremendous amount of change and the challenge is to see if we will accept the challenge to chart our own course. With less than two percent of the people in the U.S. involved in production agriculture and more and more people moving to the

country, farmers need to protect their right to farm. "There are already laws in some areas that forbid farm machinery on the roads at certain times. There are odor restrictions. Non-farm neighbors have preconceived ideas as to what a farm is. Who will determine acceptable farming practices?" Cole believes so strongly in the importance of ag awareness that he serves on the board of Pennsylvania Foundation for Better Living, the group that sponsors Ag in the Classroom. He cites a survey of seventh and eighth graders who could follow the food chain only as far as the supermarket, and in another state, a high-profile official is known to have said, "Why all the concern over agriculture? We have supermarkets." With results such as these, Cole said, they have no way of understanding (Turn to Page A28)



Richard Bohn, Armstrong World Industries executive, is shown with some of the more prized exhibits of his 500-plus piece collection of model and toy dairy animals. Included in the photo are from left, front, Hereford cow and calf by Royal Dalton; small Jersey cow by Beswick, large Jersey true-type cow from the Isle of Man by John Harper; English Longhorn with figure by Aynsby; Wild White Park cow and calf and Charolais bull by Beswick, and Milking Shorthorn by John Harper. Back from left, Double Muscled Belgian Blue, Belted Galaway, and Simmental limited edition bull models by Harper, and center, Holstein model by Andrea.

Industrial Executive Develops Memorial To Farmer Father With Model Cow Collection

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — You wouldn't think the education manager of employee benefits at Armstrong World Industries would have anything to do with, or know anything about, cows. But it can safely be said that Richard Bohn, 55, knows cows because he has more than 500 (he actually lost count of how many) cows in his house east of the the

city. Of course these are model and toy cows of all sizes and from world-wide destinations. They eat nothing and create no morning and evening chores because they are made of porcelain, china, ceramics, metal, wood, cardboard, chocolate, wax, composition, chalk, Celluloid, plastic, and wood. Some are in books and some are in pictures on the wall. They make no noise. But they do

take up a lot of display space in the living room, bedroom, kitchen and basement. Oh yes, on the mailbox in front of the house too. All have one thing in common: they look like real cows. "I limit my hobby of cow collecting to those that look like cows," Bohn said. "For me, it has to be realistic. I don't like holes in the back and the cute look. Cows have a certain dignity about them, (Turn to Page A24)

Thinking Of The Farm Show

At this time of year in Pennsylvania a large number of farmers and agribusiness people think about the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Everyone at *Lancaster Farming* joins this thinking. In this issue we get a jump on our coverage. Starting on page C1, the interview with the Bennecoff Family in Berks County is the first of a number of on-farm interviews with farmers who plan to bring livestock, produce, and home-made items to the 79th State Farm Show. Also this week on pages A17-A21 we have the layout of the show buildings and the judging and meeting schedules. This will help you in your advance planning to visit the show. Next week is our annual Farm Show Issue with many on-farm features, expanded coverage of the highlights of the show, and advertising messages from the commercial exhibitors who invite you to visit them during the show. In addition, meeting and judging schedules are featured along with the building layout. Judging starts on Friday, but the show does not open to the public until Saturday, January 7. To accommodate our early publication date to meet the opening of the Farm Show, we have early deadlines for advertising and news stories for the January 6 issue. They are as follows:

- Office closed for New Years Holiday — Monday 1/2.
- Public Sale Ads — 5 p.m., Friday, 12/30.
- Mailbox Markets — 5 p.m., Friday, 12/30.
- General News — Noon, Wednesday, 1/4.
- Classified Section C Ads — 5 p.m., Tuesday, 1/3.
- All Other Classifieds — 9 a.m., Wednesday, 1/4.

Best Wishes In The New Year