Bedford County Sends Loads Of Hogs To Farm Show

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EVERETT (Bedford Co.) --Among the more than 30 Bedford County hog owners going to the Pennsylvania State Farm Show in January will be Doug and Randy Koontz, age 15 and 13.

The sons of John and Debra Koontz of Everett are excited about this first-time event for their Champman's Run 4-H project.

Both will be competing in the market hog, crossbred section with their York, Hamp, and Duroc hogs.

Doug has nine hogs of his own, although only one will be making the trip. He won reserve champion at the Bedford Fair during the summer of 1994 and participated in Keystone, placing 8th and 10th. Both he and Randy have done well in showmanship competition and will be vying for a trophy at the state event.

Randy has four hogs but will

Testifying to the boys' dedication to their projects, Debra confirms they spend a lot of time working with their animals.

The Koontz family farms more than 300 acres and milks 75 to 80 registered Holsteins. They raise all of their own animal feed.

The family also includes Allen in 12th grade and Ashley, age 3.

Other Bedford County hog owners going to the Farm Show will be Michelle Diehl, Amber Eshelman, Loui Martin, Willie Martin, Bill, Mike and Trisha Miller, Nicole Over, Mike Smith, and Nicky Smith.



Doug Koontz gives a handful of food to one of his prize market hogs. Doug will be showing at the State Farm Show for the first time this year.



Doug's brother, Randy, is also ready for the Farm Show competition.

Childers Elected Chairman

NORCROSS, Ga. -- Charles and CEO of the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc. (PCS), was elected chairman of the Potash & Phosphate Institute (PPI) board of directors at a recent meeting.

"We are happy that Chuck Childers has accepted this key responsibility with the PPI Board," said Dr. David W. Dibb, president of PPI. "He has a thorough understanding of the industry and the importance of agronomic science in market development efforts.'

Childers was born in West E. Childers, chairman, president Frankfort, Ill., and was graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in mine engineering. He began his career with Duval Corporation in Carlsbad, N.M., and subsequently joined International Minerals & Chemical Corporation (IMC). At IMC, he held various senior positions.

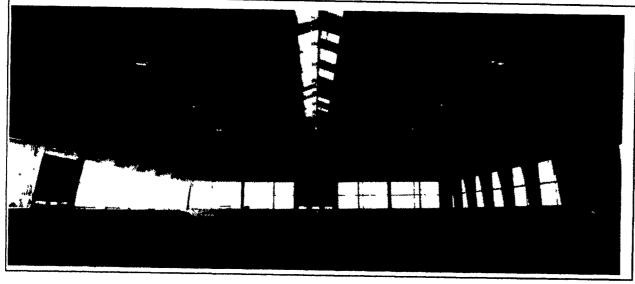
> In March of 1987, Childers became president and chief executive officer of PCS in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. He was elected chairman in 1990

Mr. Childers has served as chairman of Canpotex Limited, the offshore marketing company owned by Saskatchewan potash producers. He has also served on the board of Saskatchewan Potash Producers Association, including two terms as chairman. He was appointed to the council as well as chairman of the finance committee of the International Fertilizer Industry Association (IFA). He was named to the boards of PPI and the Foundation for Agronomic Research (FAR) in 1987 and previously served as chairman in

Childers is vice-chairman of the Fertilizer Industry Advisory Committee (FIAC) to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and is pastchairman of the board of The Fertilizer Institute (TFI). He is a member of the board of directors of QUNO Corporation and Battle Mountain Gold Company.



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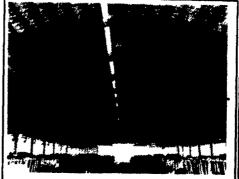
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