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Grand Champion Steer Sells For \$20,000

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The sale of state Farm Show youth market livestock grossed \$180,304.60, according to Farm Show officials.

Though no records were broken during the annual sale of champions, one of the last events of the Farm Show, prices and buyer-support were strong.

The grand champion market steer, a 1,220-pound Simmental/

Angus cross, shown by Curt Stockdale, of Dayton, was sold for a total of \$20,000 to Hoss's Steak and Sea House, of Duncansville, a buyer that in 1992 set the record price paid for a steer at \$25,000.

In the ensuing years, the sale has been run by the Farm Show Scholarship Foundation, which was created in 1993 through a group effort of buyers who contributed more than \$11,100 for scholarships. Since last year, scholar-

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Show Booth Drawing Winner

Nearly 2,000 farmers stopped at the *Lancaster Farming* booth at the Farm Show this week. Many visitors entered our drawing for the White Mountain ice cream freezer. Thanks! And the winner is Bill L. Eason, from Oxford, Md. Congratulations!



For the second year in a row, Kelly Glaser, 14, Limekiln, Berks County, won the Junior Shepherd's Contest at the Farm Show. The Exeter Junior High School student really had to know her stuff about sheep to beat out 40 other contestants. For example, Kelly had to judge wool, identify feeds and equipment as part of the mental aspects of the contest. And finally she had to fit a sheep as it came in off pasture to be ready to show. And she had one hour to do this. Kelly's sheep friend in the photo is a Corriedale.



On tour of the Farm Show, Governor-elect Tom Ridge shares a few moments with these young ladies who were all dressed up for the occasion. The four daughters of Paul and Twila Ranck, Parkesburg, in Chester County are from left, back, Barbara, 6 and Marla, 7. In front, Elizabeth, 4 and Martha Joy, 2. The children have two brothers not present. They are Jason, 9 and Daniel, 5 mos. Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.

Ridge Tours Farm Show, No Secretary Announced

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — By visiting the Pennsylvania Farm Show prior to the inauguration next week (Jan. 17), Governor-elect Tom Ridge said he hoped the message was clear that he was committed to restoration of Pennsylvania agriculture. The new governor's comments were made to farm reporters during a whirlwind tour of the show late Tuesday afternoon.

"I enjoy the farm show," Ridge said. "And I always say you should revisit the steps you took during the campaign if given the opportunity to serve. My presence here hopefully will be a message to the agriculture community throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that I am committed to restore the vitality of Pennsylvania agriculture and see to it that the men and women who work our farms and agribusiness community realize their full potential."

"We talk a lot about economic development," Ridge said. "Agriculture and agribusiness are an integral part of economic development strategy for Pennsylvania's future growth. So my presence here (at the Farm Show) before the

inauguration is the first of many signals of my commitment to expand agriculture in Pennsylvania."

But the question about who the next secretary of agriculture would

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Dairy Expo Called Successful

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BETHLEHEM (Northampton Co.) — Seventy-five dairy farmers attended the 1995 Penn-Jersey Dairy Expo here at the Holiday Inn recently. Another group of 20 agribusinesses exhibited their wares and services. The combination made for "a successful dairy expo," according to Greg Solt, Northampton County agent.

Jointly sponsored by Cooperative Extension of Penn State and Rutgers Universities, the exposition is in its seventh year. The Herd Management Conference and

Trade Show was part of the Southeast Pennsylvania Dairy Day program.

Its theme was "Keys To A Successful Dairy Operation."

Among the program's highlights were nutrition, herd management, and cow comfort. The dairy trade show was held in conjunction with the Expo.

Penn State's associate professor of dairy science, Dr. A. J. "Jud" Heinrichs and the University's Dr. Robert Graves, professor of agricultural and bioengineering, were the leading speakers. They were

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