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Poultry Federation Banquet Wednesday In Hershey

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HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — "A time for good friends and good food" sets the stage for the annual Pennsylvania Poultry Federation Fund Raising Banquet next Wednesday, April 19, here at the Hershey Convention Center.

More than 1,400 poultry producers and agri-business representatives, family, and friends will be on hand at the annual ban-

quet, which provides 75 percent of the Federation's annual operating budget.

"All you have to do is buy a ticket and have a good time," said John Hoffman, executive director of the Federation. Tickets are \$125 each.

Many new food items are planned for the event, according to Hoffman, including hors d'oeuvres and a new chicken entree, "Casablanca Chicken." The social begins

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From the left, Gov. Tom Ridge gets help from Prof. Joel Guerrero Juarez, agriculture secretary of the Mexican state of Hidalgo, in opening a goodwill gift from a Mexican trade delegation. The gift was a handmade comforter and pillows from Hidalgo. The trade delegation from Mexico visited the state Department of Agriculture and met with the governor before touring agricultural businesses in Lancaster County. See story on page A32.

FARMER Dinner Set

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — Richard Rominger, deputy secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture — and acting head of the agency prior to the recent confirmation of USDA Secretary Dan Glickman — will speak at the 15th annual statewide FARMER dinner, Friday, May 12 at the Hershey Hotel.

FARMER, Farmers Allied for Responsive, More Effective Representation, is the bipartisan political action committee of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB). PFB is a voluntary, statewide organization which represents 26,167

member families.

"Funds raised at the upcoming FARMER Dinner will be used to help 'friends of agriculture' get elected to the General Assembly," explained FARMER committee chairman Jim Cappucci. "FARMER is the only political action committee in Pennsylvania owned and controlled by farmers for farmers."

The FARMER dinner will begin with an hour-long reception at 6 p.m.

As deputy secretary, Rominger helps supervise the activities of the U.S. Department of Agriculture,

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Staff Writer Honored For Series

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — Andy Andrews, staff writer for *Lancaster Farming*, won an honorable mention in the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers' Association's annual journalism contest.

A five-year member of the *Lancaster Farming* staff, Andrews wrote a two-part series on the challenges of sinkhole maintenance, published in the newspaper on November 26 and December 3 of last year. The series recounted far-

mers' experience in dealing with sinkholes, including information on sinkhole repair and a special project to fund for sinkhole repair and education.

The award will be presented on May 20 at the annual Pennsylvania Press Conference Keystone Press Awards Banquet at the Harrisburg Marriott. Andrews competed in a category which included 36 other larger circulation weekly newspapers.



Janelle Koontz, right, crowns Joy Vance the 1995 Pennsylvania Jersey Queen during the 1995 Pennsylvania Jersey Convention held in Tioga County last weekend. Standing behind the queen are first alternate Roberta McConnell and second alternate Samantha Hillyard. See page A22.



At the Maryland Holstein Show with the winners are from left, Tanya Stambaugh, Carroll County dairy princess, Mike Hanes, Marlin Hoff with Oakview Mark Kix, the reserve grand champion; Ross and Harold Smith with Ladys-Manor Astro Star, the grand champion; Heidi Hauser, Maryland dairy princess; Cindi Savage, and Judge Fitzsimmons. See page A28.



Pennsylvania Cattleman's Association honored members with plaques to show appreciation. Left to right are Glenn Eberly, Top Hand Award for membership; Bill McCoy, Industry Service Award; John Myers of Dunkard Valley Farm, Seedstock Breeder Award; Orlando Marzo and Mark Seeley, Commercial Breeder Award; and Lowell Wilson, secretary of the association. See page A29.