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## Pennsylvania Poultry Federation Holds Gala Event

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HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) —

Wednesday night was the time for the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation to lay aside concerns for ailing egg prices. To forget about discussing costs, the economy, and poultry health concerns.

Instead, it was time to focus on conversing with friends, savoring good food, and indulging in rip-roaring laughter during the entertainment at the annual fund-raising banquet held at the Hershey Convention Center.

"This is our major fundraiser," Paul Hann, Federation chairman, told the crowd of about 1,400.

"The money collected from the (\$125) tickets provides about 75 percent of the Federation's operating budget throughout the year."

In a brief address, Hann noted that the Federation will change as it approaches the year 2000.

"If you figure out what this organization should be in the future, tell us. We want your input," Hann said.

The non-profit Federation funds educational events, promotion, research, scholarships, disease control, and fosters governmental relations.

Federation officers Paul Hann, chairman; Bill Trace, vice chairman; Bill Scholotterbeck, secretary; and Jay Greider, treasurer,

oversee the egg council, poultry meat council, poultry health committee, and the ticket sales team.

In keeping with tradition, the evening began with female guests selecting coordinating floral wrist corsages from the mass of rainbow-colored orchids tied with ribbon and netting.

Producers, processors, suppliers, and agribusiness representatives mingled throughout the social hour while sampling hors d'oeuvres and later over a dinner of chicken casablanca with roasted red pepper sauce.

Entertainment included two headliners: New Odyssey, a versatile musical group, and Jay Johnson, a ventriloquist.



John Hoffman, Federation executive director, presents Poultry Queen Michele Stauffer with an appreciation gift from the Federation.

## Pa. Grangers To Discuss Issues With Lawmakers At Banquet

**HARRISBURG** (Dauphin Co.)—Nearly 400 Grange members will descend upon the state Capitol on Monday, April 24, to discuss issues of importance with their state legislators during Grange Week activities. This annual event is one way the Pennsylvania State Grange attempts to bring government closer to the

people. Grange Day in Pennsylvania is being celebrated on April 24 while Grange Week is honored by 325,000 National Grange members from April 23-29.

"The legislative reception and banquet is grass-roots at work as our members meet with their legislators to affirm Grange policy and express their concerns about

agricultural and rural issues," said Brenda Shambaugh, Grange legislative director. "It also gives our members an opportunity to discuss one-on-one the problems facing them."

Some of the issues which the Grange is working on and will discuss with their legislators include: Local Tax Reform—The

Grange endorses legislation that requires less reliance on property tax and more emphasis on equal tax. The Grange also supports more local control on the tax formula because one tax base is different than another across the state.

**Riverboat Gambling**—Currently in the House Judiciary Committee, HB 939 allows for

riverboat gambling in at least 25 riverboat casinos in the state. The Grange opposes riverboat gambling and has the assurance of the committee chairman that it will not be presented for consideration, but could come up on the House floor as an amendment. However, reports now indicate the bill may

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## National Ag Secretary Here For 1995 Farm Bill Forum

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**LEESPORT** (Berks Co.) — In an attempt to gather information from rural America about what is needed in the soon to be formulated 1995 farm bill, U.S. Sec. of Agriculture Dan Glickman and U.S. Rep. Tim Holden from District 6 held a regional forum Wednesday.

This forum was one of six to be held across the nation and will culminate in President Clinton's National Rural Conference at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, on April 25. The local forum was attended by rural leaders from at least six states. The forum was recorded, and parts of it will be shown to President Clinton at the National Rural Conference.

A number of Pennsylvania agricultural leaders and farmers were on the scheduled program, and later the floor microphones were opened up for comments by many of the several hundred persons who attended the meeting in the Berks County Ag Center.

Glickman said that Pennsylvania is one of the top states in the country for agriculture with its impact on jobs and the economy. And in the nation, 15 percent of the G & P and millions of jobs depend and relate to agriculture.

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National Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman addresses the rural forum at the Berks County Ag Center, Wednesday. This was the third of six regional forums held to give oppor-

tunity for discussion of local concerns as the nation moves into the 21st century. Specifically, Glickman was looking for input to help set the direction of the 1995 farm bill.