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Kathy DeHart and Gordon Sheetenhelm, public relations spokesperson for the Maryland Polled Hereford Association, pose with Kathy's steer "Fred." The two advocate Polled Herefords for their good nature and gentle dispositions. Sheetenhelm was honored recently at the Eastern National Livestock show with the dedication of the Polled Hereford Standard of Perfection in his honor.

DeHarts Appreciate Docile Nature Of Herefords

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JEFFERSON, Md. — Fifteen-year-old Kathy DeHart loves Polled Hereford cattle. She loves them so much that she and her family keep four steers on their property.

That's nothing out of the ordinary for this 4-H and FFA member, who also happens to be Maryland Polled Hereford Princess.

Until you realize that the DeHart family lives in the middle of a development.

"Other people walk their dogs; we walk our steers," said the energetic spokesperson for the breed.

It's easy to tell the priorities of this family. "The cattle keep the family together. They're something we all do that we can enjoy," said Kathy's father, Jack.

Jack and Nancy DeHart have two children at home: Kathy, and her brother Kenny. Two older daughters, Rose and Helen, live away. In addition to the steers, the tidy two-acre homestead is home

to three breeding ewes and a market lamb, 10 turkeys, one rabbit, and a border collie pup named Buster.

Crowned Princess at the Montgomery County Fair this August, Kathy has been involved in the Maryland Polled Hereford Association (MPHA) as a junior member for three years. In addition to her public speaking dates and appearances at shows such as the upcoming Red, White, and Blue sale at Frederick, Kathy is making a priority out of recruiting new junior members.

She thinks Polled Herefords are especially suited for youth to work with because of the gentle nature of the breed. Polled Hereford Public Relations volunteer Gordon Sheetenhelm echoes this sentiment.

"This is an opportunity for youth to have a positive experience with the cattle. I'd hate to see some youngster get injured work-

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Local Farmers' Foreign Trade Update Given

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Half of the 500 farmers who bought \$100-per-share stock in a corporation to develop foreign and domestic trade attended an update meeting held at the Hoffman building Tuesday evening. Many Amish farmers were in the audience.

Allen Weicksel, who formed the Pennsylvania Producers Research and Development Commission, Inc., presented his elaborate plan to establish export and distribution systems in various foreign coun-

tries and domestic distribution in the U.S. Actually two corporations have been formed, one for the research and development side of the business and the other to protect the wealth of the corporations.

While the plan includes small business and has been expanded to include statewide representation, many of the Lancaster, Chester, York, and Lebanon County farmers joined before the October 1 stock price increase because of the promise that raw production products from agriculture would have special emphasis in the distribution

system. Now the price of stock is \$4,000 per share.

Weicksel listed countries that are being worked or contacted to include Russia, Vietnam, Mexico, Hungary, Czech Republic, and Latvia. He said they have prospective Russian partners to establish a contract for joint ventures.

While the prospect of large potential profits was presented, right now the expense of making these international contacts is coming from the money raised from stock sales. Several farmers have put liens against their farms as backing for the \$400,000 line of credit the export corporation needs to purchase products for distribution.

While expectations are running high among farmers who are looking for additional income and markets from their products, it may be several years before any real profits come back to the farm from this venture.

Poultry Association Recaps Year's Activities

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WILLOW STREET (Lancaster

Co.) — October was proclaimed as Poultry Month by the Lancaster County commissioners during the Lancaster County Poultry Association banquet held Tuesday evening at the Willow Valley Convention Center.

Growth in the layer and broiler industry has placed Lancaster County in the number one spot for producing layers and pullets in the nation.

Mark Price officially handed over the reins of leadership of the association to George Georges, president of the board. Georges is affiliated with Wenger Feeds in Rheems.

"We promise we will be aggressive in promoting poultry products to the non-farm community," Georges said of the association's focus in the upcoming year.

Set Clocks Back Tonight

For those farmers who have been using Daylight Saving Time throughout the summer months, the time has come to change back to standard time. The change becomes official at 2 a.m. on Sunday morning, Oct. 29. For that extra hour of sleep, turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. If you are a dairy farmer, you will likely want to change your milking time gradually over several days.

Georges said that strong support is growing for the association despite a smaller number of

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PCC Honors Bupp, Eckenrode, And Robinson

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Three deserving supporters of cooperative education programs were recently honored at the Leadership Recognition Banquet of the Pennsylvania Council of Cooperatives (PCC) Annual Meeting last week at the

Penn State Nittany Lion Inn in State College.

Receiving the Distinguished Service Award was Joyce Bupp of Seven Valleys. Joyce and her husband Leroy milk 225 registered

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The distinguished service award was presented to Joyce Bupp. In the photo from left, Harold Martin, director, Mid-America Dairymen, made the presentation, Bupp, and husband LeRoy Bupp.

Revised Kennel Regulations Get Approval

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — There are some significant changes with how the state Department of Agriculture intends to enforcing the state Dog Law.

According to a recent news release, state Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brosius has

announced efforts to make the PDA Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement "more responsive while returning it to firm financial footing."

Primarily this means the PDA Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement is seeking to allow veterinarians the authority to issue dog licenses as part of the rabies vaccination

program, and reduce the age of dogs required to be licensed from 6 months to 3 months old.

While this would require action by the state Legislature and approval by the governor, the PDA has used its authority to alter the regulations covering the operation of dog kennels and how dogs are to be treated while in transit.

The state Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) last week approved a package of revised dog kennel regulations as part of a final review process.

That means the regulations which affect the operation of state-licensed dog kennels should take effect soon.

The next step is to have the new

regulations published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. They then become effective.

Licensed kennel operators then have 90 days to comply. For some operators it may mean redesigning or upgrading kennel facilities.

The state Department of Agriculture has authority over the

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