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## Farm Show: State's Largest Fair

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HARRISBURG (Daupin Co.) — Now in its 80th year, the state Farm Show has been the state's largest agricultural fair and according to state Secretary of Agriculture Charles C. Brosius, the 10-member Farm Show Com-

mission is committed to making this year's show the best possible. From the dairy cattle to poultry, ducks, eggs, maple syrup products, corn, hay, tobacco, and home-crafts, the exhibition of what Pennsylvanians can grow, raise and make fills more than what one day's visit can afford.

Located at Cameron and McClay streets in Harrisburg, close to I81, and nearby to Rt.83 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike, traffic has been improved greatly in the past couple of years with a traffic light helping to provide smoother flows and safer exits from the parking lot.

With 622,000 square feet of floor space, the huge Farm Show Complex is expected to attract more than 9,000 entries.

Prize money, otherwise known as premiums, are to total \$235,299 this year, rewarding those with top placing and supreme champion animals and helping to offset the costs for exhibitors who travel from all over the state to display their favorite animals, best example of crops, or best handiworks.

The commission increased this year's premiums by \$6,300 over last year.

"The commission also wants the Farm Show to be family oriented and educational," Brosius said. "Hours have been expanded this year to allow more families to attend the show on Sunday and we have increased opportunities for FFA and 4-H exhibitors.

"As long as agriculture continues to be Pennsylvania's number one industry, the commission will continue to look for ways to enhance the agricultural shows at this state-owned facility," he said.

Some of the exhibits have already been shown at local fairs and won ribbons. Others have waited until the Farm Show to bring out their best efforts.

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### 80th Pennsylvania Farm Show January 6-11, 1996 Farm Show Complex Harrisburg

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Editor's Note: *Lancaster Farming's* annual Farm Show Issue is a tribute to the farm community and the 80th Pennsylvania State Farm Show that provides a local, regional, and international showcase for Pennsylvania's leading industry. We have features of farmers who plan to exhibit produce and animals at the show, a commercial exhibitors list and advertising messages from agribusinesses who invite you to visit their booths, building layouts, and event schedules. In addition, turn to page A3 for our regular index of stories, features, and columns.

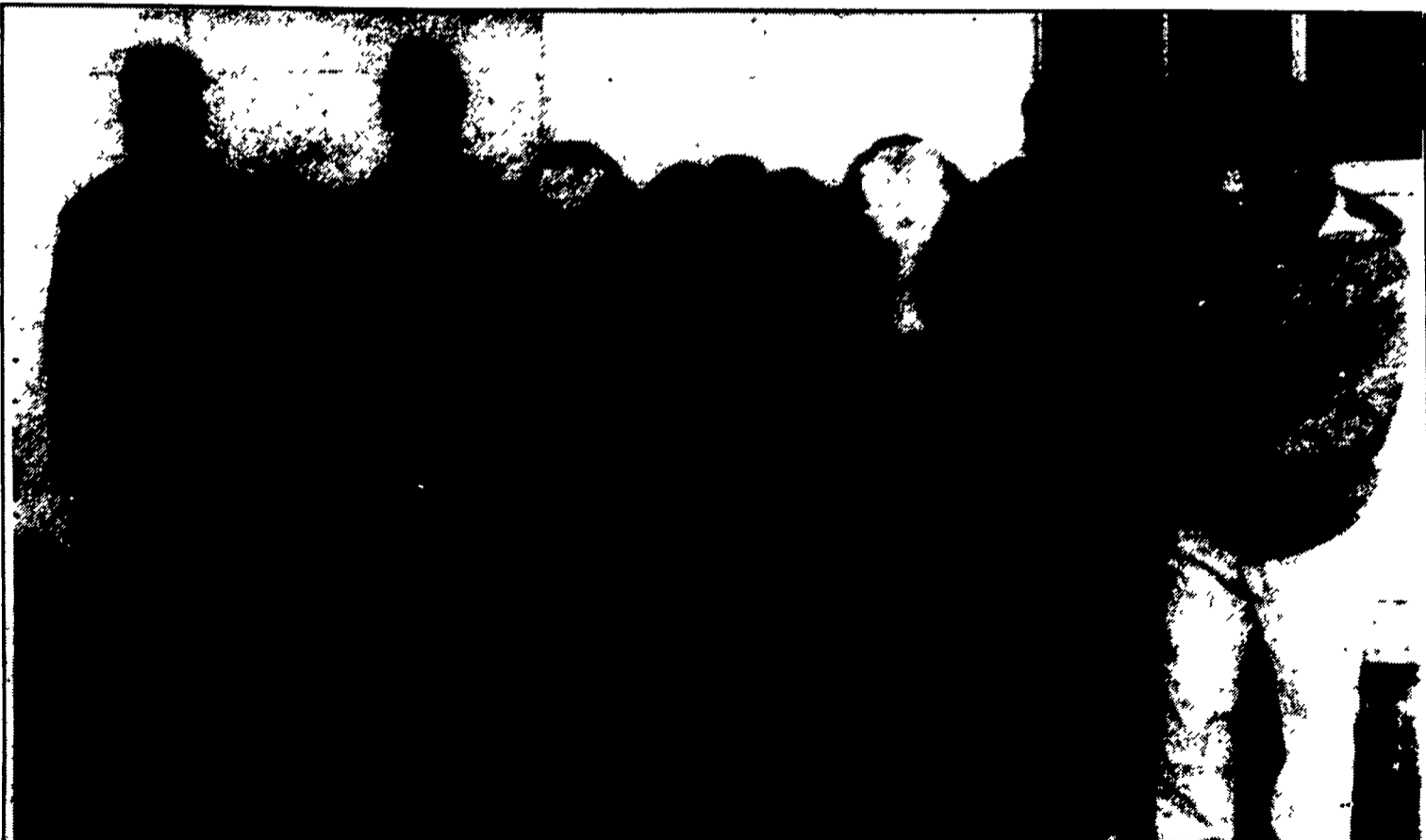


Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Charles Brosius shows the 1996 butter sculpture that stands in the main entrance to the Pennsylvania Farm Show. The sculpture depicts former president and first honorary master farmer Dwight D. Eisenhower. President Eisenhower also showed Angus cattle and had two grand champions in 1963.

Ed Shank, a sculptor from Harrisburg, worked in a refrigerated case with 800 pounds of real butter to create the work. Holly Milk Plant, a division of Atlantic Dairy Cooperative, donated the butter.

The annual creation from butter is sponsored on behalf of Pennsylvania's dairy farmers by the American Dairy Association & Dairy Council Mid East and the Middle Atlantic Milk Marketing Association. This creative way to highlight the vital role of Pennsylvania's dairy industry gets good coverage by urban and city newspapers and TV stations.

## The Annual Farm Show Issue



The Day family stands with two herd favorites. From the left are Roger, Lucille, Matt, Sarah at the halter of this year's state Farm Show entry Tri-Day Malachi Sands, Curtis at the

halter of last year's Farm Show supreme champion TK Tri-Day Stardom Ivana (Excellent-91), Ann and David Day.

## Day Family Farming For Decades

SHIPPENSBURG (Franklin Co.) — When Roger Day began going to the dairy barn you could forget those shiny forage harvesters and skid loaders that are on display this week at the Farm Show.

And you could forget protein pellets and TMR and the automated feeding equipment you can get more information about.

Forget 27,000-pound herd averages and artificial insemination.

Forget electricity, for goodness sake.

Day can not only talk about the progress of dairying, he has lived it. After all, with a few rare, and very short, exceptions, he hasn't missed a day in the barn since he was seven years old.

Roger and his wife, Lucille, are

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