

# Gov. Tom Ridge Makes Prominent Appearances At Opening Of Pennsylvania Farm Show

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duces about 5,000 gallons of wine annually. The firm is owned

by Douglas Moorhead, Marlene Moorhead, and Marc Boettcher. The grapes for the winning wine

were grown by Thomas Obourn, associate extension agent in Erie County.

Other gold medalists in the new Farm Show competition included Blue Mountain Vineyards, New Tripoli, Lehigh County; Calvaresi Winery, Bernville, Berks County; Nissley Vineyards

and Winery Estate, Bainbridge, Lancaster County; and Mount Nittany Vineyard & Winery, Centre Hall, Centre County.

The annual Farm-City awards previously were announced later in the week at the Farm Show. But this year they were announced at the Farm Show din-

ner. Gov. Ridge and State Ag Secretary Charles Brosius presented the awards to representatives from Franklin, Mifflin, and Tioga County committees for conducting successful programs during the year.

"Farm-City activities present a unique opportunity to increase public awareness of the tremendous contributions made by Pennsylvania's food and fiber industries and the challenges encountered while meeting the world's increasing needs for agricultural products," Brosius said.

"Urban and rural residents need to work together to ensure a better quality of life for future generations. Farm acreage continues to decline in Pennsylvania, but our 50,000 farm families still produce an abundance of high quality, affordable food and fiber for our neighbors here and abroad.

"Without our farms and farm families, city and urban families would have no food, and without businesses from our cities and towns, farmers would not have markets and processing facilities for their products."

At a private presentation event prior to the dinner, representatives from the various commodities groups visited with Gov. and Mrs. Ridge and gave samples of

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Nine-year-old Jennifer Rudy, Dauphin, has a pygmy goat to show Gov. Ridge and son Tom.



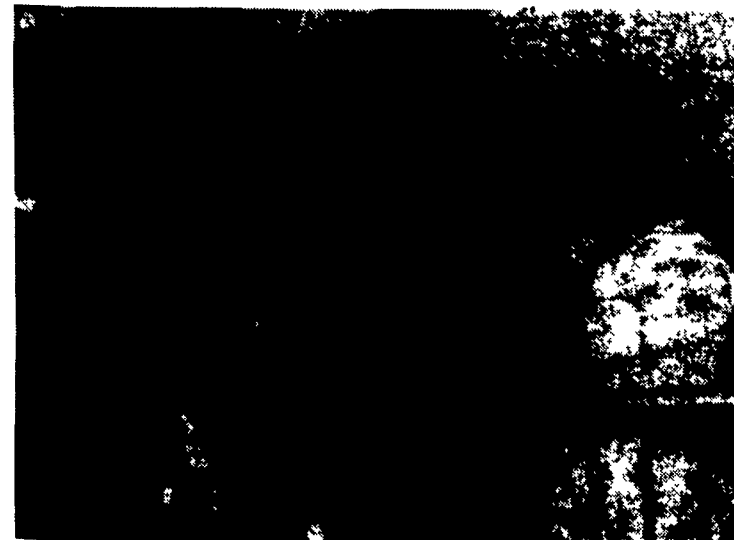
Sylwester Gajewski, chairman, committee on agriculture, Senate of the Republic of Poland discusses international trade with Pennsylvania's Gov. Tom Ridge at the Farm Show dinner last Friday night. More than 100 representatives from 35 countries were on hand to explore trade agreements at International Day and throughout the show.



Gov. Ridge, son Tom, and Sec. Brosius chat in the food court at the mushroom stand.



Dennis Grumbine, Farm Show director, left, shares a moment with Gov. Ridge and son Tom at the opening events last Saturday.



Erin Harpster, Boalsburg, shows a three-day-old lamb to Pennsylvania's first father and son.



The color guard at attention during the national anthem at the opening of the Farm Show last Saturday.