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Hines Named Frederick County Farm Family Of The Year

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UNION BRIDGE, Md. — Back a meandering one mile Frederick County farm lane is Hidden Acres Farm, the home of George and Fern Hines and family. The family maintains a generations-old commitment to farming, with three generations currently involved in the successful diversified dairy and custom farming operation. Their stewardship of the land and extensive participation in agricultural and community organizations recently earned the Hines family recognition by Frederick

County as Farm Family of the Year.

Fern is the 5th generation of her family to milk cows in Frederick County, making her children and grandchildren generations number 6 and 7. She credits her grandmother Beattie Bowers with raising a family who valued farming and appreciated the style of life it offered. "My grandmother had 12 children, and out of the 12, six of them were farmers at one time of day," she said.

George and Fern have four children, three of who are actively in-

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Some of the top females from Hidden Acres Farm shown with the Hines family. From left, Adam is holding Stacey's homebred three-year-old Jersey, Hidden Acres Caesars Pride, and his Milking Shorthorn, Adams Elegant Kathy, that was champion in the 4-H and open shows at the Frederick fair. Heather is at the halter of two-year-old Honey Creek Princess Ida, champion in the 4-H show at the Maryland State Fair, and Jimmy with Honey Creek Logical Alfa, a January calf that was junior champion at the Frederick Fair. In front is Mike holding tiny Autumn. Photo by Karen Butler, Maryland correspondent.

Lancaster DHIA Reports Profits, Presents Awards

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BIRD-IN-HAND (Lancaster Co.) — The annual Lancaster DHIA banquet was held Tuesday noon with enthusiastic reports given on the state of the organization. Dave Garber reported the margin for the year of \$67,577.84 with new computers and bank

loans paid off from cash flow. In addition, fees to farmers have not been raised in the last five years.

Rodney Denlinger gave the lab and by-laws report with an affirmative vote on the changes. Steve Hershey reported that there are now 18 affiliates with Raleigh (19

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Tobacco Growers Receive \$1.80 A Pound Or More, But Buyers Are Selective At Start Of Auction Season

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PARADISE (Lancaster Co.) — "Be patient and we'll find you a market," said Eric Probst, manager of Paradise Tobacco Auction, to approximately 200 sellers Monday morning after what can only be described as a "sporadic" start to the county's tobacco auction season.

Top price paid for six skids on Monday was \$1.90 per pound,

according to Mitch White of the auction.

Many sellers expected their top crop to go for at least \$1.80 per pound — the price being paid to some growers under private contract in the field. They were not disappointed.

However, at the beginning of Monday's auction, Eric Probst stopped the sale and spoke to the sellers. He allowed the buyers to select only the tobacco they

wanted and pass by the rest. Buyers bid on only the top leaves, mostly for \$1.80 a pound.

There were reports that some buyers were buying tobacco privately a few weeks before the auction from \$1.80-\$1.90 a pound.

This year there were no sales scheduled at Farmer's Tobacco Warehouse in Kirkwood for an undisclosed reason. The phone number to the warehouse was disconnected.

"This is the most tobacco we've ever had on the floor," said Donna Probst. The warehouse in Paradise on Monday held 660,000 pounds, she said.

Bids on the first day averaged \$1.78 per pound, according to Donna Probst. But farmers weren't selling. Many are still holding out for better prices next week. Total number of pounds sold Monday was 147,000.

There were close to 200 sellers and six buyers on the floor at the sale Monday. Auctioneer was

Mitch Ashby from Burlington, N.C.

"You got a pretty crop of tobacco here," Probst told the sellers.

Growers who needed to test the price "waters" either brought their tobacco to Paradise, sold it privately, or were just curious about what the price floor would be.

One grower from Marticville already sold his crop of 10,000 pounds off of five acres privately to a buyer. He received a price of \$1.60 per pound of straight strip and \$2.45 per pound of binder leaf.

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The David Spicher family, Belleville, received the farm family business award at the Mifflin County Farm/City Banquet in McVeytown this week. From left, are David and Effie Spicher and their sons and daughter-in-laws, Keith and Gina and Stacy and Kent. See story page A37. Photo by Gail Strock, Mifflin County correspondent.

Advertising/News Deadlines For Holidays, Farm Show Issue

December brings the anticipation of Christmas and the New Year. And for farm families the annual trip to Harrisburg for the Pennsylvania Farm Show is not far behind. For *Lancaster Farming* this means many of the advertising and news deadlines will need to be early to accommodate the publication of the December 27, January 3, and January 9 issues. Some deadlines fall in the week prior to the week of publication.

These deadlines are as follows:

December 27th Issue

Public Sale Ads — Noon, Monday, 12/22.
Mailbox Markets — Noon, Monday, 12/22.
Section D Classified Ads — 3 p.m., Tuesday, 12/23.
Farm Equipment Ads — 9 a.m., Wednesday, 12/24.
All Other Display Ads — 5 p.m., Monday, 12/22
General News — Noon, Wednesday, 12/24.

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