

State Celebrates 1000th Preserved Farm

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through the 21st century were presented with religious fervor.

Three generations of the Gerald and Carolyn Martin family graciously endured the fuss and intrusion into their quiet farm family life as part of their ongoing determination that farming in Pennsylvania and especially in their little corner of the universe will continue in the future as it has in the past.

The Martin's 80-acre home place became the focal point of the 1,000th preserved farm milestone in the state Thursday morning. Pennsylvania's Agriculture Secretary Samuel Hayes Jr., hosted the celebration on behalf of Gov. Tom Ridge.

"There is tremendous competition for the land," Hayes said. "In the economic condition we are in it is easy to be lured to sell the land for something other than agriculture. As important as those other purposes are, we must never take our eye off the most essential use of this prime blessed land. We must keep it for agriculture.

"It is a matter of public policy in Pennsylvania to preserve farmland. But it takes a private decision by a farm family to make the program a success. The Martin family has decided to preserve this farm for today and into perpetuity to the benefit of all of us. There is no question what this farm is to do. It is to sustain the people of Lancaster County, the people of Pennsylvania, America, and the world.

"This is a sterling example of citizenship. The FFA motto includes 'living to serve.' By the action of the Martin family, they are carrying out the high principle of the FFA motto. They are living as farmers, but through their actions, they are living to serve not mostly



Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes Jr., left, celebrates with Gerald and Carolyn Martin in recognition of 1,000 farms preserved through the Pennsylvania Farmland Preservation Program.

themselves but mankind. That is a tremendous tribute to their foresight and citizenship."

The Commonwealth has been preserving farms since 1989 when Governor Casey established the Statewide Farmland Preservation Program. Today there are 46 counties throughout the State that have farmland preservation programs with 1,000 farms with 126,000 acres preserved.

Lancaster County is known nationally for its leadership in farmland preservation. Not only did it develop the State's first public farmland protection program in 1980, the Farmland Trust, a privately funded farmland preservation program has operated successfully so that to date between these public and private programs more farms

have been preserved through the purchase of development rights than anywhere else in the United States. Today its program serves as a model for the nation.

At the ceremony, William and Lena Aaron, Drumore, were honored as the first farm owners to preserve their farm under the state program. That was in November of 1989.

Noah Wenger, Leroy Zimmerman, and Katie True were among the state congressional representatives that spoke. Ray Pickering, state bureau director of farmland preservation, recognized the Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board. Gene Garber, board president, accepted the recognition.

Former Pennsylvania Ag Sec-



William and Lena Aaron, Drumore, were honored to have preserved the first farm in the Pennsylvania Farmland Preservation Program back in 1989.

retary Boyd Wolf and Amos Funk, well-know father of the farmland preservation movement, were recognized.

The Farmland Preservation Program is funded by a \$100 million bond issue approved by voters in a referendum in 1987. Addition-

ally, two cents of the state's cigarette tax is dedicated to the preservation program. Already the celebrated benchmark has been exceeded. As of the October Agriculture Land Preservation Board meeting, 1,002 farms totaling 125,947 acres have been preserved in 41 counties.

KILE Barrow Results

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HEAVYWEIGHT 1 Rattlesnake Mountain 2 Rattlesnake Mountain 3 Rattlesnake Mountain
CHAMPION BARROW ON-FOOT Wilson Yorkshires
RESERVE CHAMPION BARROW ON-FOOT Twin Maples Farm

BERKSHIRE

LIGHTWEIGHT 1 Innerst's Berkshires 2 Strohmier Bud
HEAVYWEIGHT 1 Innerst's Berkshires 2 Innerst's Berkshires
CHAMPION BARROW ON-FOOT Innerst's Berkshires
RESERVE CHAMPION BARROW ON-FOOT Innerst's Berkshires

CHESTER WHITE

LIGHTWEIGHT Ken Wetzel & Family
MEDIUMWEIGHT Ken Wetzel & Family
CHAMPION BARROW ON-FOOT Ken Wetzel & Family
RESERVE CHAMPION BARROW ON-FOOT Ken Wetzel & Family

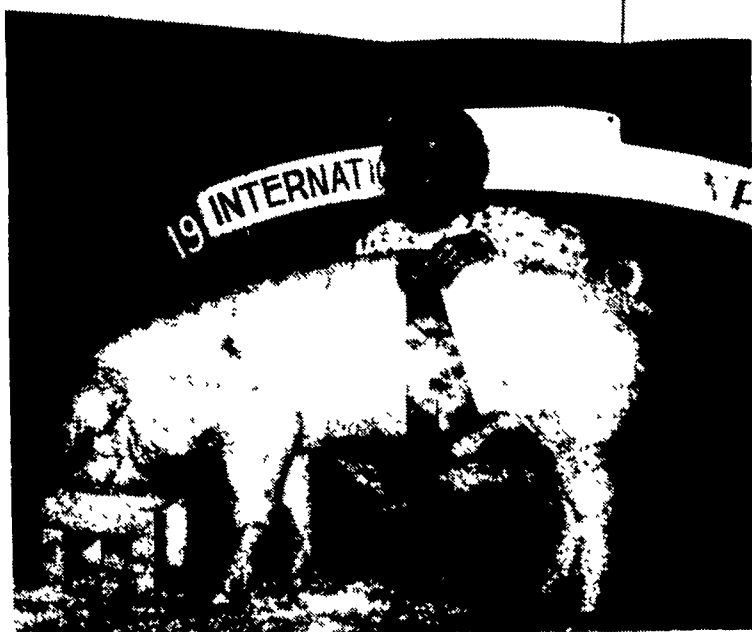
HAMPSHIRE

LIGHTWEIGHT 1 Franklin Feeser 2 Clyde W McConaughey, 3 Clyde W McConaughey
MEDIUMWEIGHT 1 The Brown Family, 2 James Wetzel, 3 Clyde W McConaughey
HEAVYWEIGHT 1 Lavem Weller 2 Franklin Feeser, 3 Jim Heckel
CHAMPION BARROW ON-FOOT The Brown Family
RESERVE CHAMPION BARROW ON-FOOT Lavem & Manlyn Weller

JUNIOR BARROWS ON-FOOT

JR LIGHTWEIGHT 1 Winebark's Hampshire, 2 Derek W Fetterolf 3 Debbie McAllister
JR LIGHTWEIGHT 1 Heather Stoodt 2 Winebark's Hampshire, 3 Lucinda Bray
JR MEDIUMWEIGHT 1 Tracie Stoodt, 2 Sarah E Boyd 3 Michele S Fetterolf
JR MEDIUMWEIGHT 1 Nicki Smith 2 Derek Fetterolf 3 Jodi Fetterolf
JR HEAVYWEIGHT 1 Sarah E Boyd 2 Russell Wilson 3 Michele S Fetterolf
JR HEAVYWEIGHT 1 Jodi M Fetterolf 2 Heather Stoodt, 3 Tracie Stoodt
CHAMPION JR BARROW ON FOOT Sarah E Boyd
RESERVE CHAMPION JR BARROW ON-FOOT Tracie Stoodt

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The grand champion Chester White barrow is shown by Anna Wetzel, Rossiter.



The grand champion crossbred barrow is shown by Doug and Carl Catalano, Rossiter.



The grand champion Duroc barrow is shown by David Holloway, Glen Rock.



The grand champion barrow on foot, a Spotted Swine, is shown by Ginger (Kegg) Fair, Bedford.