

# Lancaster Farming

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## Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Continues To Grow

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**HERSHEY** (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania Farm Bureau leaders on Tuesday presented a message to delegates, members, state legislators and friends that the organization is healthy and has come of age as a representative of agricultural community consensus.

The message was especially delivered by PFB President Guy Donaldson in two speeches made Tuesday during the Monday-to-Wednesday PFB 48th annual convention at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

During the President's Luncheon event, Donaldson talked about the strength of the organization in its membership campaign, and how the services and programs and effective promotion of Farm Bureau policies have helped to boost membership.

He reported that the organization had 26,149 members for 1998, and that 47 out of 54 county groups met their membership goal.

Additionally, 50 counties reported at least one additional member over last year, and that 17 counties reported all-time high

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## Tobacco Marketing Cooperative Asks Farmers To Join Now

**EVERETT NEWSWANGER**  
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**PARADISE** (Lancaster Co.) — The formation of a tobacco marketing cooperative in Lancaster County received a push forward this week as the financial pressures of the unsold 1997 crop lying in barns under the hanging new crop brought 125 farmers (mostly Amish) out to an organizational

meeting at the Paradise Community Building Wednesday night. And many farmers handed over the \$50 membership fee on the spot with several hundred agreements taken along to be returned later and distributed to neighbors and friends.

The new cooperative to be organized under the name of Pennsylvania Tobacco Marketing

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## This Year Excellent For Turkey Growing

**ANDY ANDREWS**  
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**GETTYSBURG** (Adams Co) — May 1997 seems farther away than about a year and a half for the Horst family.

That month, a fire broke out in a faulty brooder stove and ignited dry shavings on the floor of a two-story wooden brooder barn, igniting the dry wood in there. "The barn went in no time," said Lynn Horst. "It made a hot fire."

Lynn, with wife Starla and children Stacy, 6, in the first grade at Hanover Mennonite School; Jeffrey, 3; and Chad, 1 year, don't look on the disaster of that spring as devastating. In fact, for the turkey farmers, two weeks after the fire "we were moving dirt," said Lynn,

installing a new barn, finished in September 1997.

The new barn is a blessing in itself — the old building measured 40 by 300 feet in size. The new brooder barn measures 50 by 300 feet, enough for 2,000 more birds, Horst said.

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Wengert's Dairy receives the Lebanon County Conservation District's Clean Water Farm Award for its streambank fencing and cattle crossing work. From the left, District Naturalist/Forester Leigh Beamesderfer and District Director Charles Wertz present the award to John B. Wengert, president of Wengert's Dairy. See story page A30. Photo by Vern Achenbach Jr.

## Lancaster Farmland Trust Preserves 100 Farms In 10 Years

**EVERETT NEWSWANGER**  
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**STRASBURG** (Lancaster Co.) — "Last year, (at the ninth annual meeting) we looked at the possibility of preserving 100 farms in 10 years," said Tom Stouffer, execu-

tive director of the Lancaster Farmland Trust. "And here we are (at the 10th annual dinner), and it looks like we will have 95 farms preserved by the end of 1998 with five more farms under agreement to be recorded by the end of January,

1999. I consider this to be amazing success."

The Lancaster Farmland Trust is a private, non-profit organization working to preserve the rich and productive farmland in Lancaster

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### Deadlines Change For Thanksgiving

The *Lancaster Farming* office will be closed Thursday, November 26 in observance of Thanksgiving Day News and advertising deadlines for that week are as follows

- Public sale ads — Noon, Monday, 11/23
- Mailbox markets — 5 p.m. Friday, 11/20

- General News — Noon, Wednesday, 11/25
- Section D ads — 5 p.m. Tuesday, 11/24
- Farm equipment ads — 9 a.m., Wednesday, 11/25
- All other ads — 5 p.m., Tuesday, 11/24