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All the Dale and Darla Doll family of Dar-Dale Farms expect to turn out to help with the Farm Show cattle showstring. In the photo from left are, front, Dana with Ben and Aaron. Back, Leslie, Darla, Jon Weaver, Downa, Dale, Stuart Cornett, Daphne, and Dixie. Photo by Joyce Bupp, York Co. correspondent.

Three-Generation Family Packs For Farm Show

JOYCE BUPP
 York Co. Correspondent

GLENVILLE (York Co.) — For York County Holstein breeders Dale and Darla Doll, the Farm Show is a part of their youth they revisit each year.

Their younger children have grown up with the same tradition. And now, their oldest grandchild is eagerly helping to pack up showboxes, cattle halters and clipper.

Four-year-old Aaron Doll spent his first overnight stay at the Pennsylvania Farm Show last January. The son of Dana and Leslie Doll, Aaron enjoyed helping his aunts, Dixie and Daphne Doll, with the family's Dar-Dale showstring. Still, a call home to his mom in the middle of the night helped ease the uncertainty of snoozing in a cattle

barn instead of his own cozy bed that night.

The family's Farm Show involvement took even before the couple's marriage, while Dale and Darla Myers Doll were 4-H members. Both grew up on family dairy farms on opposite sides of the village of Glenville, within almost the proverbial's stone's throw of their present 90-head dairy operation. As rural neighbors, they grew up knowing one another through school and church events.

"During those years, a 4-H animal had to be selected to participate in the Farm Show," remembers Darla, who was a senior 4-H dairy member of age 18 or 19 before getting her first show slot for the January event. "Our county

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Pennsylvania Farm Show 1999 Tells Agriculture's Story

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— There are plenty of reasons why the Pennsylvania Farm Show has survived World War II, the exodus of people from farming, an increasing lack of general public knowledge about farming, and occasional severe winter weather.

- It is the premier agricultural exposition in the state for farmers and non-farmers alike.
- It draws more farmers as participants than most other events attract farmers as visitors.
- It is centrally and conveniently located to an airport and to major

traffic corridors for the state and the East Coast.

• There are sufficient hotel, restaurant and service providers within the proximity of the 16-acres-under-roof Farm Show Complex to handle the week-long population increase to the state's south central capital.

• It offers a wide range of information about production agriculture and finished products, and point-of-purchase opportunities for visitors and commercial exhibitors.

• It is an event more likely to attract or help develop a beginning or about-to-be farmer than any other industry specific event.

• It provides a safe atmosphere of congeniality and tolerance, even with the sometimes heavy crowds of non-farming visitors.

• It has great food. But perhaps the continued success of the Pennsylvania Farm Show is owed to the fact that it does more to advance the cause of the state Department of Agriculture.

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Ed, Peg, and Tawnya Wolfhope with T-Bird and baby Frosty. All plan to attend the Pennsylvania Farm Show this week. See story page A24. Photo by Linda Williams, Bedford Co. correspondent.

The Annual Farm Show Issue

This issue of *Lancaster Farming* is dedicated to the Pennsylvania Farm Show that runs January 9 to 14. Advertising messages and the building layouts will help you find the products, services, and events. Meeting and judging schedules will get you there on time. See page three for our regular index and page A22 for Farm Show references.

Perhaps Hog Heaven Can Provide Blue Ribbons

ANDY ANDREWS
 Lancaster Farming Staff

KINZER (Lancaster Co.) — To some Farm Show livestock exhibitors, "hog heaven" begins with a fine, fresh bed of straw.

The Brubakers of Kinzer understand this.

After the Brubakers spread straw on the dirt floor pens inside the Christian Brackbill Farm barn used for the show animals, the purebred Berkshire gilts looked pleased as . . . well, pigs.

"It's like heaven to them," said Brenda Brubaker. "We like to keep the hogs as comfortable as possi-

ble, the pen as warm as possible. They'll make their beds. When you put in new bedding, it's playtime."

For the Brubaker children, Jacob and Rachel, "playtime" goes full speed next Tuesday when they will compete with 4-H'ers across Pennsylvania at the Farm Show's junior swine contest. Competition begins Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 8:30 a.m. in the small arena of the Farm Show Complex.

Jacob, 14, and Rachel, 11, are the siblings of Doug and Brenda Brubaker.

Jacob, Lancaster County 4-H
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