# Gov. Ridge Opens Farm Show

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and Sec. Hayes, a visit was made to the PDA booth to make a donation of food to the Food Harvest-

Created by Gov. Ridge and First Lady Michele Ridge in 1995, the Food Harvest works to increase the availability of food for Pennsylvania's 23 regional food banks. Three specially marked bins are in the Farm Show Complex to collect items for the Food Harvest.

Gov. Ridge also toured the FArm Show's exhibits, stopping to meet with agricultural youth participating in the Farm Show. During the opening ceremonies in the large arena, Hayes noted that under Gov. Ridge's leadership, there have been a number of positive developments fdor Pennsylvania agriculture.

"In August, Gov. Ridge unveiled the 'products for the Planet' campaign, which is a new initiative underscoring his commitment to promoting and delivering high-quality Pennsylvania agriculture products to the world,"

Hayes said. "These efforts have resulted in exports of Holstein heifers to Lebanon and Puerto Rico; beef livestock genetics to Poland; fine hardwoods to Mexico and Italy; and a new market for fresh poultry in Japan."

The Pennsylvania State Police mounted drill team performed during the opening ceremonies. The 20-member team performed a choreographed drill identical to one conducted for the State Police Rodeo that was held last in 1976 at the Farm Show. Created in 1905, the team was the first of its kind in the nation. The original team consisted of 228 men and 228 horses and was the primary transportation for the state police at that time.

Following the opening ceremonies, Gov. Ridge stayed to watch the Pennylvania High School Rodeo Association Championship Rodeo. In July, the Farm Show's rodeo was recognized as America's Top Rodeo/Livestock Event of 1998 by Events Business News Magazine.



Gov. Ridge and son Tom pose for the press at Rutter's Dairy show string including Reba, their three-year-old entry. Cindy Rutter-Johnson seen beyond the cammerman welcomed the governor.

### Beef Show Results

Following are the placings for the junior beef show:

ANGUS: 1. Ternmi Grubb, York Co. 2. Christopher Willhide, Perry Co. HEREFORD: 1. Travis Reid, York Co. 2.

Amanda Daugherty, York Co. 3. Donald Weitzmann, Philadelphia. SIMMENTAL: 1. Valerie Blauch, Lebanon Co 2. Raymond Stough, York Co. 3. Michelle Blauch, Lebanon Co.
OTHER PUREBRED: 1. Nathan Tice, Lebanon Co 2. Kristy Dietrich, Berks Co. 3.

Joshua Cogan, Bedford Co. CROSSBRED LIGHTWEIGHT 1: 1. Blaine Brown, Lebanon Co. 2. Jesse Brant, Somerset Co. 3. Jordan

Conner, Franklin Co. LIGHTWEIGHT 2: 1. Kevin Campbell, Greene Co. 2. Nicole Fairman, Indiana Co. 3. Justin Fuls, Lebanon Co. MIDDLEWEIGHT 1: 1. Julie Campbell, Cen-

tre Co. 2. Shanna Cambruzzi, Westmoreland Co. 3. Brittany Fairman, Indiana Co. MIDDLEWEIGHT 2: 1. Justin Claycomb, Bedford Co 2, Cassandra Hake, York Co. 3. Alex Stillman Mattocks, Crawford Co.

HEAVYWEIGHT 1: 1. Ryan Groff, Lancaster Co. 2. Jacob Logan, Westmoreland Co. 3. Richard Heineman, York Co. HEAVYWEIGHT 2: 1. Travis Donough, Lancaster Co. 2. Katle Logan, Westmoreland

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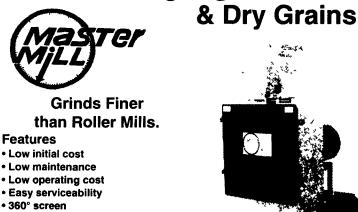
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