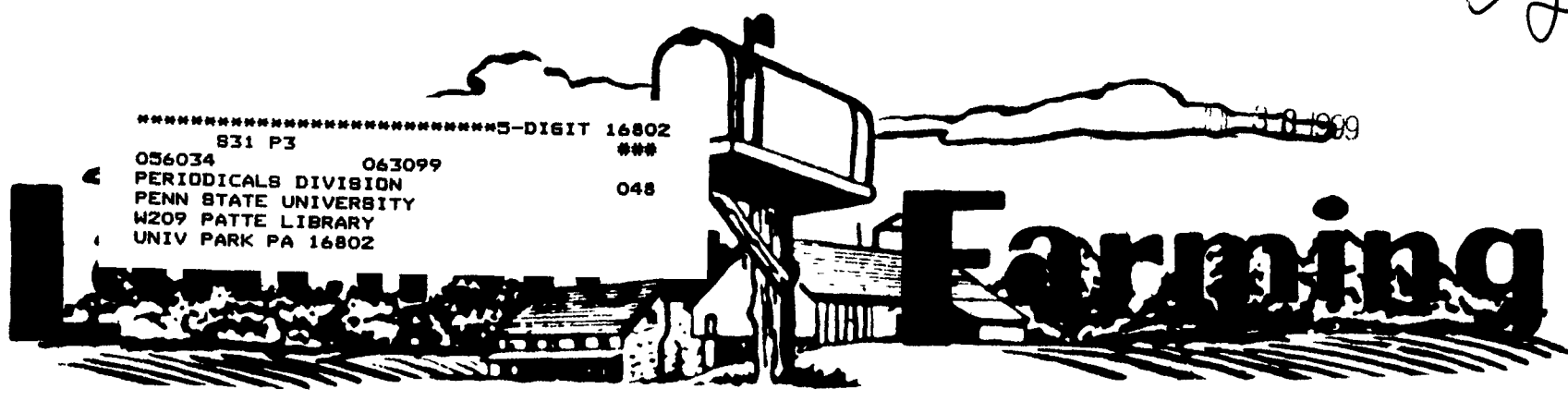


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Gov. Ridge Declares Drought Emergency

Editor's Note: Gov. Ridge warns that if conditions do not improve, Pennsylvania may face the worst drought on record in state history.

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Gov. Tom Ridge this week signed a proclamation declaring a drought emergency in 55 Pennsylvania counties and calling on Pennsylvanians to conserve water

as drought conditions statewide continue to deteriorate.

Gov. Ridge said that, should conditions not improve, this drought has the potential to be worse than the drought of 1964 — the worst drought on record in state history.

"Pennsylvania's water supply is at dangerously low levels," said Gov. Ridge, just before signing

the drought emergency declaration. "I urge all Pennsylvanians to do their part to conserve water in every way they can. Reduce the amount of water you use both inside and outside the home. If we don't act now to conserve our water, there won't be any water left to conserve. And we'll face the worst drought in our state's history. That's why today I will de-

clare a drought emergency in 55 Pennsylvania counties."

Four counties — Armstrong, Butler, Clarion and Jefferson — remain in a drought warning. Eight counties — Crawford, Erie, Elk, Forest, McKean, Mercer, Venango and Warren — are under a drought watch. With Gov. Ridge's action today, the remaining 55 counties now are under a drought emergency.

the third and most severe stage, imposes mandatory restrictions on water use. Gov. Ridge must declare a drought emergency.

Gov. Ridge cited the following reasons behind the deteriorating drought conditions statewide: little snow this winter; little rain this spring; and a dry, hot summer. The results of these factors are: record-low stream levels; very low groundwater levels; and wells running dry.

"The water levels we're seeing today — in the middle of summer — are on par with levels we would see in September or October," Gov. Ridge said. "Groundwater levels typically won't begin to re-

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Berks County Little Dairy Miss Ashley Mohn with her Sattazahn cousins, Brett, 8; Tyler, 6; and Jenna, 3; are the fourth generation to carry on the family's farming legacy in Womelsdorf. Read about the Sattazahn family on page B2, and about Ashley on page B10. Photo by Lou Ann Good.

Ninth Annual Farm-City Day Attracts 2,200 People

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LAWRENCEVILLE (Tioga Co.) — "Food is one of the greatest bargains in the world," proclaimed master of ceremonies Jim Welch as he launched the ninth annual Tioga County Farm-City Day.

John and Sandy Ogden and family served as the hosts for the event, agreeing to open their 200-acre farm to more than 2,200 visitors Saturday, July 10, in an effort to educate the public about the importance of farming.

"No farm-city day can exist without the host family," continued Welch as he told people that family farms like this one are going out of existence at an alarm-

ing rate. "The younger generation may not want to pursue this business with this kind of an income, or they might not be able to afford it."

Joining Welch in opening the day's events was chairperson Bonnie Keil, who thanked the committees and more than 100 volunteers for making this day a success. She especially thanked the volunteers who came to the rescue at 6 a.m. to re-erect tents that were felled by strong winds the night before.

Government officials including the Tioga County commissioners, Rep. Matt Baker, Sen. Roger Madigan, and Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding also

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Agri-Industry Out In Force At Annual FFA Golf Event

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DENVER (Lancaster Co.) — Two hundred eighty-two golfers braved high heat and humidity Monday afternoon at two golf courses to raise money for the largest youth organization in the world — FFA.

Agri-industry representatives from around the state turned out in force not only to golf, but to bid on a multitude of donated items at the annual Hoss's Fore FFA Golf Tournament at Fox Chase and Hawk Valley golf courses. A benefit auction was conducted after the tournament at Fox Chase.

About \$13,000 was raised at the auction, and overall about \$30,000, according to Kerry Hoffman of the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation, at the yearly event to benefit state FFA.

Not for an instant did golfers let the heat (as high as 100 degrees) and humidity distract them. Some-

went to the links Monday morning. When it was over, the top Fox Chase team, with a score of 57, was from Evergreen Farms Inc., Spruce Creek. The highest score for the Hawk Valley team, a 59, was recorded by Laret Sign Company, Hollidaysburg.

The Evergreen Farms team, Team 10A, was comprised of Abe Harpster, Mike Czap, Robert Bokunewicz, and Tom Buck. The Hawk Valley team, Team 5, from Laret Sign, included Jack Laret, John Gentry, Ron Dandrea, and Jim Parlier.

Placing second at Fox Chase was Team 18, comprised of Leon Fultz, Randy Herrold, Roger Bowersox, and Ken Swineford, with a score of 57 (losing the tie-breaker to Evergreen). Placing third with a score of 60 was John Coldiron, Scott Gold, Steve Moran, and Dave Huston.

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State FFA officers at the Hoss Fore FFA Golf Tournament. From left, Phillip Frankford, chaplain, Bermudian Springs FFA; Maria Trego, reporter, West Snyder FFA; Beth Frey, eastern region vice president, Manor FFA; Larissa Baney, north central regional vice president, Selinsgrove FFA; Adam Longenecker, treasurer, Central Cove FFA; Elio Chiarelli Jr., president, H.G. Parkinson FFA; Bart Gill, south central region vice president, Newport FFA; Sarah Biddle, secretary, Williamsburg FFA; Amy Sakers, sentinel, Milton Hershey FFA; and Bill Leib, state vice president, Cumberland Valley FFA. Photo by Andy Andrews