

Hoffines Has Supreme Champion

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ELIZABETHTOWN
 (Lancaster Co.) - In her last year of showing at Elizabethtown Fair, Jill Hoffines, Marietta, went out on top showing the supreme champion steer, the champion

preview steer that is her Intell steer getting ready for the Pennsylvania Farm Show in January, and the reserve champion heifer.

Amanda Grube, Elizabethtown, had the reserve champion steer.

Jessica Schmidt, Drumore, had the champion heifer, an Angus.

Courtney Wolfgang had the reserve champion preview steer.

Jeffrey Hitz had the champion medium weight preview steer and John Hess had the reserve

champion lightweight preview steer..

Christopher Hess had the champion lightweight steer;

In all, 28 steers were dispersed in about 20 classes for Judge Tim Livingston from Dover to place.



Jill Hoffines showed the supreme champion steer at the Elizabethtown Fair.



Jessica Schmidt showed the champion heifer, an Angus, at the Elizabethtown Fair.

Hundreds Of Farmers Headed To Washington

WASHINGTON, D.C. — With the depressed farm economy worsening, hundreds of farmers and ranchers from across the country will descend on the nation's capital in September to fight for positive solutions to the farm crisis.

The National Farmers Union (NFU) grassroots lobbying campaign, or legislative fly-in, is set for Sept. 13-15. The lobbying push follows months of steadily declining farm prices for all commodities and livestock, weather disasters, and other poor market conditions.

"The fly-in is an opportunity to take the concerns of farmers and ranchers straight to the doorstep of Congress," said NFU President Leland Swenson. "This fly-in couldn't have come at a more critical time as Congress prepares to finish work on a farm relief package. We will also deliver a strong message from rural America calling for long-term structural changes to the farm program."

Fly-in participants will visit congressional offices from every state, pushing for short and long-term solutions to the crisis in the farm economy. NFU members will lobby for key improvement to a farm relief package passed by the Senate just prior to the August recess.

In addition, participants will tell lawmakers the farm program lacks an adequate safety net to buffer farmers during sharp downturns in prices, and that the secretary of agriculture should have more discretionary authority to respond to disasters in agriculture. Participants will also push for tools to manage large supplies that have driven down prices, such as a farmer-owned grain reserve and a short-term conservation reserve program.

Fly-in activities will also include a briefing with Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman and his top deputies on Monday, Sept. 13.

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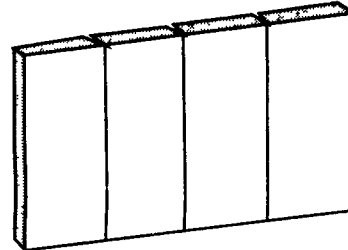
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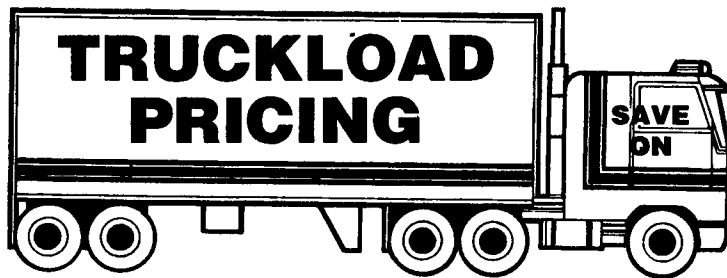
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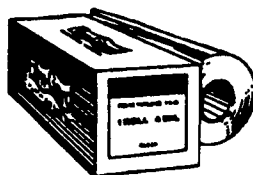
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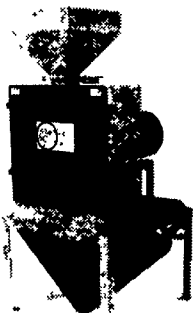


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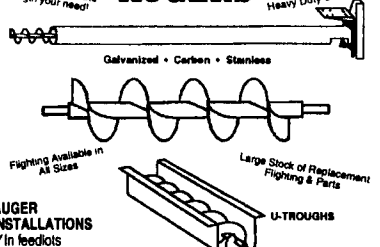


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