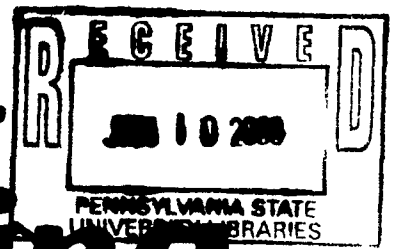


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Getting ready for the upcoming Farm Show are Holly, Heidi, and Harrison Miller from Dauphin County. Three generations of the Miller family have exhibited in the dairy show at Farm Show for the last 28 years. See story page A20. Photo by Jayne Sebright.



Kelly Dietrich, left, with "Whitey," and Kelly's sister, Kristy, with "Shania," are prepared for this year's Farm Show. See story page A41. Photo by Andy Andrews



Kevin Pfautz knows a good hog when he sees one. Not only did he place first in national 4-H swine judging but he and his brother also have worked hard to perfect the genetics of their Hampshire-Duroc stock. These are ready for Farm Show competition, where Kevin and his siblings Corey and Lisa will show. See story page A38. Photo by Lou Ann Good.

Farm Show 2000: Gala Event Showcases Diversity Of Pa.'s Agri-Industries

ANDY ANDREWS
Lancaster Farming Staff
HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania's greatest agricultural event — and probably the largest indoor exhibition in the Northeast — kicks off today here at the Farm Show Complex.

Sixteen acres of agricultural exhibits, shows, demonstrations, and great Pennsylvania-made products are housed under one roof at the complex for the 84th annual Pennsylvania Farm Show. The show runs today through Thursday.

New this year — for this first time in the 84-year history of the show — six information booths will be computerized. This year the computer setup will give visitors quick access to a variety of useful information, including the locations of every commercial booth, a particular farm's livestock, emergency service and hospitals, location of restrooms and phones, and information about

area lodging, transportation, and restaurants.

The booths will list daily activities in the large and small arenas, the entire show schedule, and phone numbers for all ag organizations. The six booths are spread out over the entire Farm Show Complex — one in the main exhibition building, one outside the Food Court, two in the North building, and two in the concourse of the Large Arena.

From its beginnings in 1917 (it was called the Pennsylvania Corn, Fruit, Vegetable, Dairy Products, and Wool Show), at the Emerson Brantingham Building in Harrisburg, the Farm Show has grown. That 1917 show attracted only about 5,000 visitors and featured \$735 in premiums.

In contrast, the 2000 Farm Show offers \$263,841 in premiums distributed to about 10,000 winners. Managers predict this year's show

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Pennsylvania Farm Show Issue

The annual Pennsylvania Farm Show issue of Lancaster Farming comes to you this week. More than 250 Keystone Farmer youths have been named this year (the most ever in the memory of our staff) and we have a whole section of profiles and pictures. Also the usual building layouts, exhibitors list, meeting and judging schedules and other stories are included. In addition, a large number of our advertisers have messages and invitations for you to visit them.



Pennsylvania Fair Queen Julie Sechler of Somerset County, Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes Jr., and Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Lori Connelly, Centre County, unveiled the 10th annual butter sculpture, a tribute to Pennsylvania's county fairs. See story page A24. Photo by Jayne Sebright