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The Pennsylvania Holstein Association named its Distinguished Junior Members during last week's Junior Convention. From left are the senior division finalists Joshua Ford, Erica Davis (winner), Alisha Risser (winner), and Katie Suba. See full photo essay from Convention on pages D4 and D5. Photos supplied by the Holstein Association



Adams County 4-H team captured first place at the Keystone Pork Bowl Wednesday at the Lebanon Fairgrounds. From left, team members Missy Jeffcoat, Chris Jeffcoat, Coach Ronald Funt, B.J. Wagner, and Brad Keefer. See story page A36. Photo by Andy Andrews



First-place winners of the Pennsylvania Five-Acre Corn Club contest were announced at the crops conference Tuesday. From left, Dan Wolf, state corn association president, who presented the awards; Chris Pilgrim; Jeffrey Reed; and Carl Shaffer. See story page A23. Photo by Andy Andrews

## Pa. Young Farmers Name Award Winners

EVERETT NEWSWANGER  
 Editor

WYOMISSING (Berks Co.) - A former county agent and agriculture-teacher-turned-Berks-County-Commissioner, Judy Schwank, told the Pennsylvania Young Farmers at their annual meeting Wednesday evening, that farmers drive the whole (economic) engine.

"It's important we keep you (financially) healthy," Schwank said. "We have the land (in Berks County) and we are able to protect it. But we must pro-

tect you, the farmer."

Schwank said farmland preservation efforts in Berks County started in 1989. Since that time, 14,500 acres have been protected. The goal is to protect 200,000 acres. The County has committed \$7 million to the farmland preservation effort this year.

"More than 40 percent of the land in Berks County is devoted to agriculture," Schwank said. "We have 1,200 businesses and 1,800 farmers that provide jobs

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The year 2000 Honorary Young Farmer is Dr. Ferman Moody, right, retired Pennsylvania Department of Education director of vocational-technical education. Dr. Moody spent a lifetime in agricultural education and received this award at the Pennsylvania Young Farmers convention Wednesday evening. Making the presentation is Timothy Weller, adviser, agricultural education, Pennsylvania Department of Education. Photo by Everett Newswanger, Editor

## Cornucopia Unites Legislators With Ag Leaders

JAYNE SEBRIGHT  
 Lancaster Farming Staff  
 HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Key agriculture influencers had the opportunity to network with state legislators during Monday's legislative reception.

About 75 legislators and 75 representatives of state farm organizations attended the annual reception, hosted by the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm

Organizations. Representatives from both the Senate and the House attended the reception, often as the cornucopia.

Held in the Capitol East Wing Rotunda and set around a buffet of Pennsylvania foods, the reception gave legislators and guests a chance to talk about some of the key issues in agriculture. It was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of

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## Grazing School, Laneway Design In Foraging Around

The first of four quarterly issues of *Foraging Around*, the newsletter of the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council (PFGC), appears in this week's *Lancaster Farming*. The newsletter features information on a beginning grazer's school, important tips on laneway design, and a preview of the upcoming Pennsylvania Grazing and Forage Conference March 1-2 in Grantville. Of interest to the grazer are messages from the PFGC and others.