

## Baby Green Championship Awarded to Cruising Bay

NEW LONDON (Clearfield, Co.) — The Triangle Horse Show series started the year 2000 series on Sunday, April 16. The first show of the season was held at Grazing Acres in New London. The start time of 8 a.m. was delayed for ½ hour and the rain lessened and the sky cleared, making for pleasant horse show weather for the rest of the day.

New for this year's series is the awarding of cash prizes for the Baby Green Division. This is in addition to the cash prizes for Low Hunter and Pleasure Horse and Pleasure Pony Divisions. The first Baby Green Champion of the season under the new prize system was Cruising Bay, shown by Jessica Hinderer of Landenberg.

Hinderer was also the Champion of the Advanced Short Stirrup Division. Wrinkle In Time, shown by Brooke Holloway of Marlboro Road, Kennett Square, was Reserve Champion of the Baby Green Division. Liz DiSabatino of Flint Hill Road, Landenberg, riding Trouble Sue, was Reserve Champion in Advanced Short Stirrup.

Other changes for 2000 include having two halter classes instead of one. Now there is a Hunter class and a Stock-Type class, with the Champion and Reserve Champion selected from the top entries in both classes. First Halter Champion under the new rules was Luck Be a Lady, handled by Betsy Kobetis of West Grove, with Quarter Moon Princess, owned and shown by Audrey Saunders of Rising Sun, MD, as Reserve

Champion. The halter class is open to horses and ponies aged 3 and under.

An age limit was placed on Leadline for the year 2000 (this division is now open to riders age six and under) and the age limit for Beginner Riders was lowered. Beginner Riders, who are in their first or second year of showing, can be age 6 or higher (riders who are exactly six, must choose between Leadline and Beginner Rider).

Leadline Champion on April 16 was Chelsea Frank of Greenfield Road, Cochranville, riding Waldo. Reserve Champion was Anthony DiNunno of West London Grove Road, West Grove, riding Sabrina. In the Beginner Rider division, the Champion was Kristin Deets of Old Wilmington Road, Coatesville, riding Siri. Reserve Champion was Kasey St. John of New London riding Poco Bo Reiney.

New this year is a separate class, with its own set of year-end awards, for advanced young riders, a Junior Medals Class. Winner of the first class of the season was Melissa Donohue of General Cornwallis Drive, West Chester, riding Without a Doubt. This pair were also Reserve Champions of the Pleasure Pony and Low Hunter Divisions.

Pleasure Pony Champion was Dixie, ridden by Leane Buckley of Steelville Mill Road, Atglen.

Low Hunter Champion was Caserio Tsalturi, ridden by Sara Wilson of Elizabeth Drive, Coatesville.

Four farms participate in this show series. They are KA Equestrian Center and Blue Goose

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In the Mini Mini Division, for riders 8 and under, the Champion was Ciara Danese of Thomas Farm Lane, Landenberg, riding Zamahirah. Reserve Champion was David Deets riding Desert Fire Belle. "Belle" then carried a different rider to the Championship of the Mini Division (for riders 10 and under), with this award going to Jenna DiNunno of West Grove. Reserve Champion of the Mini Division was Taylor Marcus of Street Road, West Grove, riding One Last Trick. Miss Marcus then moved up a division and was Champion of the Beginner Short Stirrup Division. Reserve Champion in Beginner Short Stirrup was Kelsey Sherman of Waverly Road, Kennett Square, riding Starburst.

In Open Equitation, for rider 13 and older, the Champion was Jennifer Haines of Boothwyn riding Sidekick. This pair were also Champions of the Pleasure Horse Division. Sarah Shaffer of West Grove, riding Low Down Louie, was Reserve Champion in Open Equitation.

In the Western Division, the Champion was AB Sunset Hunter, ridden by Alicia Boyle of Farmington Circle, West Grove. Reserve Champion was Indian Jane, ridden by Bethany Moore of Peachtree Lane, Landenberg. Indian Jane and Miss Moore were also Reserve Champions of the Pleasure Horse Division.

## Corn Growers President Presents Alternative To Current Farm Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In an address before the Consumers Federation of America's 23rd Annual National Food and Policy Conference in Washington, D.C. recently, American Corn Growers President Keith Dittrich showed that consumer food prices has risen sharply compared to prices farmers receive for their commodities.

Dittrich, a Tilden, Neb. corn and soybean producer, used these numbers to show that farm prices have very little relationship to retail food prices.

Dittrich showed that consumer food prices have risen about 250 percent since the 1975-1979 period, but prices farmers receive have declined or remained nearly steady.

"Consumers have long been given the excuse by food processors and retailers that food prices have risen because of increased farm prices. These numbers clearly show that not to be the case," said Dittrich.

Citing the failure of Freedom to Farm and the influence that giant food processors and exporting companies had on writing this legislation, Dittrich wondered why consumers of this nation should feel comfortable allowing the continued concentration of agribusiness. He predicted that two or three of these companies will very soon domi-

nate the entire food chain from seed to finished product.

"Will consumers then get what they want in their food system safety, reliability, and fair prices? I bet not. Due to ignorance, shortsightedness, and most of all greed by large agribusiness corporations, we may soon see a feudal system of agriculture paid for by the taxpayer," said Dittrich.

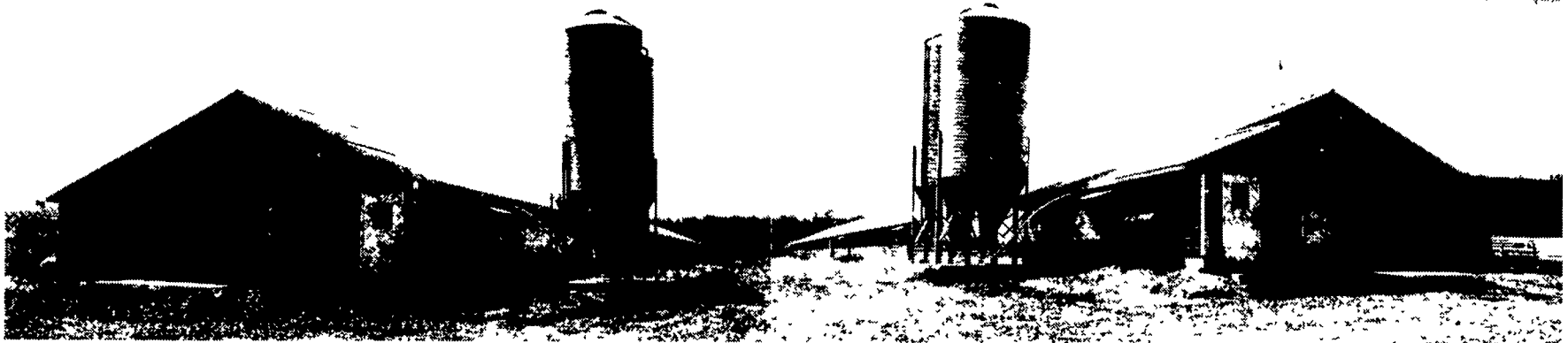
To change course and guarantee that family farm agriculture remains stable and viable as the major source of food for America's consumers, the ACGA has developed a comprehensive farm policy proposal that would replace the current Freedom to Farm legislation.

"This farm proposal protects not only farmers' interests but also consumers' as well, by ensuring a strong, safe, abundant and fairly priced food supply produced by family farmers. This would be accomplished by encouraging fair market prices, providing food reserves for consumers and allowing producers to manage their inventories," said Dittrich.

The food and farm prices charts presented by President Dittrich to the Consumers Federation of America are available on the ACGA website at <http://www.acga.org/foodvrsfarm/>.

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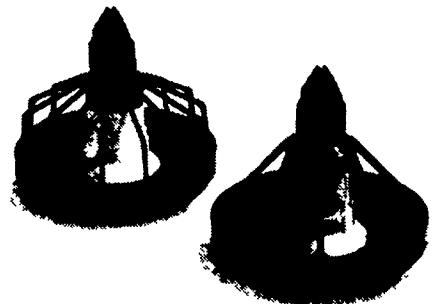


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