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Doug and Jenny Lawton, left and Warren Lawton, right, accept the Century Farm sign from Representative Matt Baker, former Secretary of Agriculture Boyd Wolfe, and Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes during the opening ceremonies of the event. Photo by Carolyn Moyer, Tioga Co. Correspondent

## Tioga County Celebrates 10th Annual Farm City Day

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WELLSBORO (Tioga Co.) — It was a day of awards and celebration as Tioga County observed its 10th annual Farm City Day July 8 at Sunset Mountains Farm located in the rolling hills not far from the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon.

It was an anniversary of another sort for the Lawton family, who hosted the event.

Former Secretary of Agriculture Boyd Wolfe, current Secre-

tary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes, State Sen. Roger Madigan and State Rep. Matt Baker joined the festivities and had the opportunity to honor the host family by presenting their Century Farm sign, marking the family's 114-year ownership of the farm.

The plaque was accepted by Doug and Jenny Lawton, who operate Sunset Mountains Farm with their son, Scott, and Doug's parents, Warren and Ella Lawton.

During his presentation, Secretary Hayes also presented a mock check to the farmers of Tioga County, representing their share of disaster payments from the drought of 1999. The \$1,086,099 check represented the total monies received by Tioga County farmers for the Pennsylvania Livestock Assistance program, the Pennsylvania Crop Loss Assistance Program, and the Pennsylvania Crop In-

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## Haymakers, New Book In Foraging Around

This issue of *Lancaster Farming* includes the summer issue of *Foraging Around*, the newsletter of the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council (PFGC). The issue includes haymaking techniques, the announcement of a special PFGC 40th anniversary book, pasture walk schedules, and other information for the grower and grazer.



The Savage family of Frederick County, Maryland, enjoys working together both on the farm and at dairy shows. They spend all year long preparing their show string for the show season. From left are dad Wayne, children Chip and Jami, farm employee Dave, son Ryan, and mom Cindee. Missing from photo is daughter Kelli. For story, turn to page A26. Photo by Jayne Sebright

## Pa. Herds TB-Free

EVERETT NEWSWANGER  
Editor

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — An event with wide-ranging implications for both livestock producers and the entire public was conducted Tuesday here at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA).

The USDA presented certification that Pennsylvania has now received bovine tuberculosis (TB) "Accredited Free State" status.

Dr. Enrique E. Figueroa, deputy under secretary, market-

ing and regulatory programs, made the official certificate presentation to Samuel Hayes Jr., Pennsylvania's ag secretary. This climaxed an extensive effort in testing and meeting innumerable regulatory hurdles by local, state, and national public officials and private individuals to obtain a necessary TB-clean recognition.

Slightly less than 10 years ago, an outbreak of TB in the state caused Pennsylvania to lose certification and go from a

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## Young Farmers, Ag Educators Join In Summer Conference

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SHIPPENSBURG (Franklin Co.) — A joint venture of educational activities, tours, workshops, and exhibitions was conducted this week at the Shippensburg High School.

The Pennsylvania Association of Agricultural Educators (PAAE) and the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association (PYFA) came together for their summer institute and conference and the event really worked well, according to planning committee officials.

A special group of hands-on educational tours were taken to dairy, veal, and horse farms. In addition, orchards, woodlands, and agribusinesses were visited.

The women also had a full program of events.

Workshops included environmental law, shop equipment service, judging, nutrition, welding, and other management practices.

The ag teachers elected a new slate of officers that include LeRoy Dreibelbis, Jr., president; Wayne Irish, president elect; Thomas Richey, treasurer; Stephen Kline, assistant treasurer; Gerald Reichard, executive secretary; and Merrill Brofee, past president.

At the awards banquet Wednesday night, a tableful of plaques and certificates was given. The PAAE's candidates for NAAE Region VI were pre-

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## FFA Officers Scheduled To Be At Golf Outing



STEVENS (Lancaster Co.) — Recently the Pennsylvania FFA Association announced new officers for 2000-2001. In front, from left, Jennifer Whitman, vice president; Jessica Hyland, western region vice president; and Jennifer Zimmerman, eastern vice president. Second row, from left, Jimmy Mullen, president and Michael Livingston, chaplain. Third row, from left, Heidi Good, central region vice president; Lisa Allen, reporter; and Kristen Pfeifer, secretary. Back row, from left, Tony Resh, treasurer; Amos Aurand, sentinel; and Andy Flinchbaugh, south central region vice president. Officers are scheduled to help conduct the state association's annual fundraiser, Hoss's Fore FFA Golf tournament Monday, July 17, at the Fox Chase Golf Course, Stevens.