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Exciting Exchanges Explained At Lebanon Farm-City Banquet



During the recent Farm-City Banquet at the Lebanon Expo Center, Agriculture Secretary Samuel Hayes and Farm Show Director Dennis Grumbine presented the Century Farm Award to Arthur and Sara Jane Krall, who own a 120-acre dairy in south Annville area. The farm has been in the family for 140 years. Photo by Michelle Ranck



The Millers care for about 100 colonies of bees near Manheim. Kelly and Tim, who began managing beehives in 1994, went through several hives early on, but learned how to become experienced beekeepers. The cold, wet spring posed some challenges this year, too. The Millers are pictured on the lawn of their home near Manheim with children, Caleb, 7, standing; Kelly holds Angela, 2 and Julia 4; and Tim holds Elizabeth, 5. Read more about the Millers in a special section, *Grower & Marketer*, this issue. Photo by Andy Andrews

Special Deadlines For Dec. 30, Jan. 6 Issues

Because of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays — combined with the promotions for the Pennsylvania State Farm Show and Keystone Farm Show — here are the deadlines for the Dec. 30 and Jan. 6 issues of *Lancaster Farming*:

Dec. 30

Public Sale Ads: Tuesday, Dec. 26, noon.
Mailbox Markets: Friday, Dec. 22, noon.
Section D Classifieds: Tuesday, Dec. 26, 3 p.m.
Farm Equipment Ads: Wednesday, Dec. 27, 9 a.m.
All Other Display Ads: Friday, Dec. 22, 5 p.m.

Jan. 6

Public Sale Ads: Friday, Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Mailbox Markets: Friday, Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Section D Classifieds: Tuesday, Jan. 2, 5 p.m.
Farm Equipment Ads: Wednesday, Jan. 3, 9 a.m.
All Other Display Ads: Friday, Dec. 29, 5 p.m.

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NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — "We do need to learn to work together," said emcee Arletta Schadler at the recent Farm-City Banquet in the Lebanon Expo Building.

The Farm-City program, she explained, is designed to make people aware of the relationship between agriculture and busi-

ness, the importance of agriculture to the economy, and to highlight that we have an agriculture economy that coexists with the business economy, said Schadler.

A crowd of more than 600 people attended the banquet, the seventh in the Lebanon Expo Building and the 20th in recent history in Lebanon County. Lebanon County hosts 1,000 farms

which generate more than \$186 million in agricultural products. Agribusiness adds an additional \$86 million in payroll, said Schadler.

Schadler also called attention to the fire at Kutztown Bologna Products which damaged the facilities and destroyed the pork chops and bologna slated to be

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At the Lancaster DHIA dinner are from left, John Wanner, vice president; Jay Mylin, manager; Gary and Jenny Bowman, lowest SCC count; Elizabeth Smith, Lancaster County dairy princess; and Steve Hershey, president. Photo by Everett Newswanger, editor

Lancaster DHIA Has Banner Year

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The management team and farmer directors reported another prosperous year for Lancaster DHIA at its annual meeting Tuesday at the Good 'N Plenty Restaurant. In the manager's report, Jay Mylin said cows on test increased by 20,000 this year to a total of 120,000 cows in 2,000 herds in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Somerset and Blair counties were added this year.

"The dairy industry continues to change at a rapid pace," Mylin said. "Herds are getting larger and production is climbing. The average herd size is up 3 cows, to 66 cows, for all herds we service. Production is up 400 pounds per cow, to 21,062 pounds per year. We service 50 herds of over 200 cows, many with electronic I.D. and milking recording systems. Milk weights are transferred electronically from the dairymen's computer to Raleigh Processing Center."

Steve Hershey, president, said the growth from 1,085 herds in 1992 when the organization was formed to the 2,050 herds today would not have seemed possible. "And we are not just picking up large herds," Hershey said. "We have added many small herds that were never on test before."

After giving the history of

how the association came to provide service in 15 counties, Hershey said the future is bright for the association because of strong management and a focus on the technicians.

In the lab committee report Rodney Denlinger reported that a new piece of equipment has in-

creased the ability to process the increasing number of samples going through the lab. And in other business, Denlinger presented the board's recommendation that the by-laws be changed to limit director terms to a total of 3 5-year terms. The recommendation passed.

Clair Oberholtzer, treasurer, reported total assets at \$273,426.81 with total income for the year, \$2,045,219.59; cash in the bank of \$17,695.64; a cer-

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Milk Marketing Board Mandates An Increase

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board chairwoman Beverly R. Minor announced Wednesday that the board members voted unanimously to establish an over-order premium of \$1.40 per one hundred pounds of milk (this does not include the \$.25 fuel adjustment premium). The current over-order premium of \$1.20 expires Dec. 31, 2000. The over-order premium is paid on Class I (bottled) milk produced, processed,

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Hilda Fisher recently received the Berks County Ag Woman of the Year Award. Turn to page B2 to read about Hilda and her husband Frank. Photo by Lou Ann Good.