



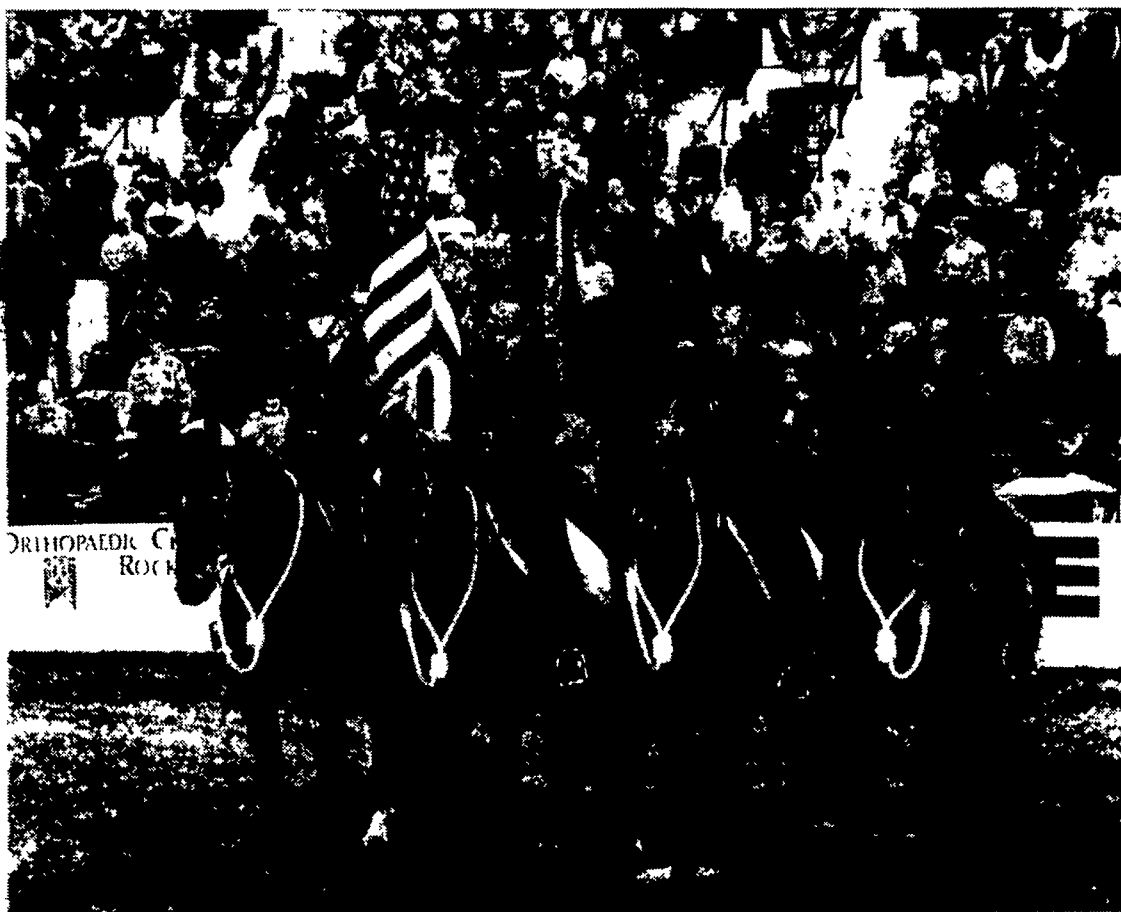
Dr. Tom Zigler receives the award for mid-size agribusinesses from Secretary of Agriculture Sam Hayes.



The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce was represented by Brent Landis, left, and Rob Barley. Presenter is Secretary of Agriculture Sam Hayes.



Lt. Gov. Mark Schweiker visits with Lexie, Charles, and Victoria DeLong from Camp Hill. Schweiker took a short tour of the show Saturday, before officially opening the show in the large arena.



The color guard at attention.

## Pennsylvania Farm Show Captures International Flavor

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) - In what officials called the largest international event in Pennsylvania, the International Celebration 2001 Pennsylvania Farm Show dinner attracted representatives from 60 foreign countries and more than 1,000 total attendees. Gov. Tom Ridge was the featured speaker and spoke to the foreign visitors as friends and trade partners. "Our interest is economic and trade, of course," Ridge said. "But we want to build relationships and friendships. If we can help you to make your country better, we want to do that."

Gov. Ridge announced that he was called to go to Texas the next day to consult with president elect George W. Bush, and would not be able to open the farm show in the large arena. He said Lt. Gov. Mark Schweiker would take his place, which he did.

In addition to the opportunity to host foreign trade visitors, the dinner serves to highlight several significant awards that include the top agribusiness awards, the farm-city award winners, and the Governor's Gold Cup award for the best of show wine entries.

In the Agribusiness awards, Wengers of Myerstown, Zeigler Brothers, Inc., and Welsch Markets were honored.

These awards were established to recognize agribusinesses that contribute to Pennsylvania's number one industry. They are presented to agriculture, food, and wood companies that make a special contribution toward the development and expansion of Pennsylvania agriculture, as well as a positive commitment in their local community.

The winner in Category One (under \$15 million annual sales) is Wengers of Myerstown. This

family-owned and operated agribusiness has served many farmers as a supplier of used farm equipment and new, used, and reconditioned farm tractor parts for over 53 years. Originally founded by Carl Wenger, Wengers of Myerstown has grown from a small project supplementing a dairy farm to a corporation that is poised to enter the new millennium offering parts and equipment on-line for the first time.

Zeigler Brothers, Inc. is the winner in Category Two (\$15 to \$50 million annual sales). Located in Gardners, Zeigler Brothers has built a strong customer base by supplying quality aquaculture, zoo, pet, and laboratory feeds for the commercial, research, and retail markets. After beginning by manufacturing farm feed, founding brothers Ty and LeRoy Zeigler decided

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Watching the crowd watching.