



Winners of last year's Crawford County's calf contest, each winning a registered Holstein heifer calf from Crawford County Holstein Club, are (front row, left to right) Rose Morian and Andy Tobin. Also in the picture, second row, is Cathy Duncan, headperson for Atright Farm. In the back row stands Eric Wright, Kyle Wright, and Lisa Fowler from Atright Farm, with Jodi and Don Coldwell from LA-JADO Holsteins, Saegertown.

If you are interested in entering the contest should send a 100-word or less essay why you would like to own a calf and how you would care for it, and be willing to be interviewed by a panel of judges. The essay should be sent to the Crawford County Holstein Club by October 1.

Heifer, Slaughter Sale For Relief

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — As part of a cattle restocking project for Mozambique, Africa, the 21st annual Heifer Sale will take place on March 21 at New Holland Sales Stables.

Any age weaned heifer, registered or grade animal, is open. The animal can also be milking, bred, or open. Producers can also donate a heifer and receive one half of the sale price.

During the 16-year civil war in Mozambique, 80 percent of the cattle were killed. Through this project, ten families will receive three female cattle. These families will give the first three calves born to another family, helping the farmers to cultivate idle land.

Thirty head of cattle were purchased at the March 2000 Heifer Sale, adding \$50,500 to the cattle restocking project. The project also supports veterinary expenses, equipment, and training in animal health. Hay, straw, grain, or farmseeds donations are

also accepted.

New this year is the all-year activity of a slaughter sale. Donations of slaughter cows, steers, bulls, calves, hogs, and goats are accepted. A producer can deliver the animal to New Holland Sales Stables, designate the animal for

the Menonite Central Committee (MCC), and receive a receipt for the amount of the sale price. The sale amount will be sent to the MCC for support of their worldwide programs.

'Cornucopia' Provides Networking Forum

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Making contacts, beginning relationships, and building bridges were results of a recent event for members of the General Assembly and representatives of the agriculture industry.

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations, afternoon events featured the introduction of new legislative members and a policy meeting.

At the evening reception, event organizations expected 100 legislators, their staff, council members, and agriculture representatives to attend and discuss legislative agenda around Pennsylvania-grown agricultural foods.

Dr. Dean Kelley, dean of the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School, emphasized the breadth of service available at the facility, such as a web page which updates the commonwealth on infectious disease research (cahpwww.nbc.upenn.edu/bse/bseinfo.html).

To keep up with the science community, the school has added a genome institute, since "genome sequencing will lead to huge amount of information available and provide a revolution in science."

With an \$18 million matching grant from the government, the school is working on completing a teaching and research building.

In addition last week

sows were moved into a farrowing unit, part of a new swine facility. A new equine facility opening in March at the New Bolton's Medical Center will aid in research for horses, along with advances in the study of fish nutrition taking place at the center.

Samuel Hayes, agriculture secretary, spoke briefly about the new recommended budget, which he said is "a good base for the legislature to spring from, to consider. There has been a lot of effort put into it, and we're very pleased at what the government has agreed to so far.

"We're pleased with where we are; we're also pleased with the legislature being pro-agriculture. We should be in good shape."

Dr. Neil Vincent, Delaware Valley College, updated the audience on events and changes at the college. A new greenhouse and laboratory space now accommodates the increase of students in landscape design and nursery majors.

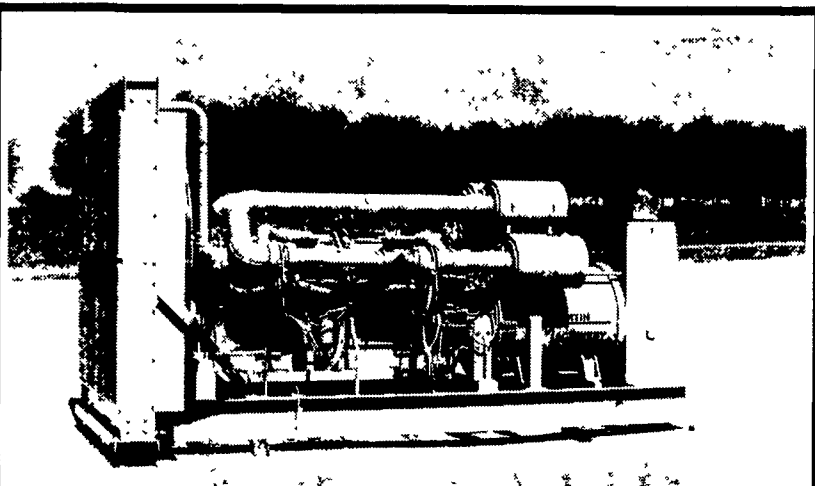
The school has also begun

work on an agri-marketing center facility. The new facility will provide a research and exploration opportunity for companies interested in marketing internationally.

During the "Heifers-For-Scholars" project, students raised and prepared heifers to be exported. The students were then able to follow the animals to their new homes in Puerto Rico.

The college has approximately 800 agriculture students on campus and has seen a steady increase in the last 3-4 years of enrollment in the agriculture program. The school hopes to further develop and enhance the marketing skills of its students, hopefully in the form of an educational center, "to prepare students for sales and marketing, which is part of agriculture," said Vincent.

Dr. Robert Steele, dean, college of agriculture at Penn State, gave a report on the increased (Turn to Page A31)



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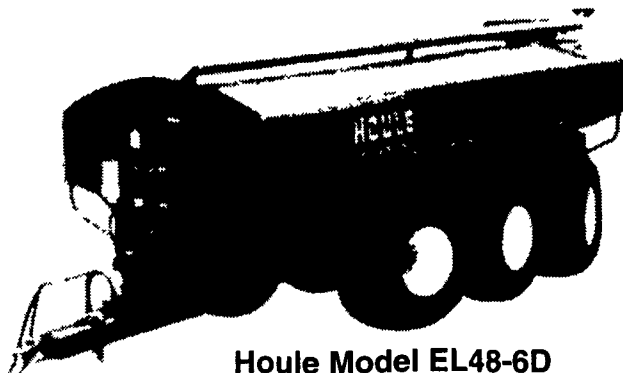
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