



Dignitaries Break Ground At Farm Show



A groundbreaking ceremony was conducted on the Farm Show Complex parking lot Thursday afternoon to celebrate the \$76 million renovation and expansion project. More than 200 representatives of a variety of agricultural industries and agencies attended. Lt. Gov. Mark Schweiker, center, noted that Pennsylvania "makes products for the planet — a profound obligation." He pointed to the complex as something "to enhance the visitor experience" of those who attend Farm Show and other events. Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Sam Hayes, far right, is joined by area 4-H and FFA members, of which he noted the state is building "something they will be able to use in their profession of agriculture." At far left is Dennis Grumbine, Farm Show executive director. Read more about the complex in the center spread, pages A22-23. Photo by Andy Andrews, editor

Pa. Ag Secretary Invites Livestock Exhibitors To KILE

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Sam Hayes invites all livestock breeders and enthusiasts to join him for the 45th annual Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE), Oct. 2-8 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg.

"The Keystone International Livestock Exposition is one of the premier livestock shows in the nation. Animals from across the U.S. and Canada will travel to Harrisburg to compete in the beef cattle, swine, sheep, and horse events. I encourage all livestock breeders to plan to show at KILE in October," Hayes said.

The Keystone International Livestock Exposition will host several regional and national competitions over the week long event. Many of the livestock on display are nationally recognized for type quality, breeding, production, and showmanship. KILE provides the opportunity

for livestock breeders, livestock industry representatives, and enthusiasts to see some of the best animal genetics in the nation, exchange ideas, and advance the quality of the livestock industry.

Continuing to recognize the 45-year tradition of the genetic and type quality at KILE, Hayes pointed out that premium increases would be given for the breed champions and reserve breed champions for each species of livestock on display. Each champion and reserve champion will receive a \$50 cash premium.

Anyone interested in receiving a premium list can contact the Farm Show Complex at (717) 787-2905.

Some of the best horse, sheep, cattle, and swine competitions will take place at the 2001 show. The Draft Horse show is a qualifying show for the North American Six Horse Hitch Classic Series, with top rated Six Horse Hitch Teams trying to qualify

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Rebecca Mowrer Is Pa. Dairy Princess



Dairy royalty celebrated the 45th Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Coronation last Saturday evening when Rebecca Mowrer, center, was crowned. With her are Virginia Dairy Princess Jennifer Leech, left, and New York Dairy Princess Kendra Inman. See story page B2.

Photo by Lou Ann Good

Somerset Farm Family Close To Tragedy

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ROCKWOOD (Somerset Co.)

— On the morning of Sept. 11, Luke Svonavec, 19, was several miles from home, doing chores on the beef farm where he has a part-time job.

On the radio he heard the news that airliners had crashed

into the World Trade Center.

A short while later, he stepped out of the barn with another worker as they moved on to their next task.

A few miles away, across the fields, they noticed a swath of black smoke and dust that appeared to be several hundred yards wide.

Even though "we thought it looked peculiar," Svonavec said smoke is not an unusual sight in coal-mining regions like this one.

"We really didn't think there was a connection (with the news on the radio)," he said. "We really didn't think anything like

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Supreme champion lineup at the All-American Dairy Show. From left, Kristi Crutch, co-owner; Becky Mowrer, Pennsylvania dairy princess; Ernie Kueffner, co-owner; David Dymant, leadman; Samuel Hayes, Jr., Pa. secretary of agriculture; and Andrew Slaugh of Agway. Tri-Day Ashlyn is classified Ex-94 and produced 36,237 pounds of milk in her last lactation.

4-Year-Old Holstein All-American Supreme

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — At the end of week of dairy shows that included more than 3,000 entries from six breeds and 24 states, it was a 4-

year-old Holstein cow, Tri-Day Ashlyn, selected supreme champion.

Exhibited by Ernie Kueffner

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