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Farm Show Promises New Events, Record Premiums



Kayla Dull of Manns Choice, Bedford County, will be exhibiting a crossbred wether lamb at the 2002 Farm Show. Read more about Kayla on page A32.

Photo by Linda Williams, Bedford Co. correspondent



Pictured on the barrel of Isaac Burgess's handcrafted bucking rig is his brother, Paul, while Isaac gets a workout rocking it. They love bull riding and anticipate watching the rodeo at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Read more about the family on page A32.

Photo by Gay Browniee, Virginia correspondent

Event Honored **Internationally**

DAVE LEFEVER Lancaster Farming Staff HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The 2002 Farm Show has begun.

Touted by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture as the "largest indoor agricultural event in America," the show kicks off today with a variety of shows and competitions, including swine judging and other farm commodity exhibits.

The fun will continue through Thursday, Jan. 10, with between 350,000 and 500,000 people expected to attend, depending on weather conditions, said Dennis Grumbine, Farm Show director.

The start of the event this year fell as close as possible to New Year's Day, making exhibitors scramble more than usual to get set up on time, Grumbine noted.

"Things are a little hectic right now," he said Wednesday, three days before the show opened to the public. "But we'll survive.'

With construction now in progress for the new \$76 million Farm Show Complex expansion - including a new horse barn, exposition hall, and large arena, a new 2,400-space parking lot has been constructed to the east of the complex, along Elmerton

New parking accomodations will compensate for the space taken over by the new construc-(Turn to Page A23)



Kendy Gable, 17, daughter of Bernetta and Bradley Gable, New Enterprise, will sing at the opening of the Farm Show today. Read more about the Northern Bedford High School senior, holding "Gracie," her St. Bernard puppy, on page B2. Photo by Linda Williams, Bedford Co. correspondent

From 4-H To Farm Show, Brandt Sisters Have Show Ring, Showmanship Success

MICHELLE KUNJAPPU

Lancaster Farming Staff MIDDLETOWN (Dauphin Co.) - Start with a ring. Add top livestock competitors from across Pennsylvania. Mix in lots of food, a little snow, craft exhibits, a butter sculpture, throngs of people, and there you have it. he Pennsylvania Farm Show

The Brandt sisters of Windy Hill Farm know the lure of the commonwealth's largest agricultural event. They will be returning to the Farm Show Complex this January looking for show ring or showmanship success.

Lynn, a junior at Lower Dauphin School District, and Amy, n eighth grade at Lower Dau

phin Middle School, will take their sheep and hogs to Harrisburg. This will be Lynn's sixth year and Amy's fourth year at the commonwealth's competi-

In addition to the Farm Show, they also exhibit their animals at

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Christi Graver, 12, cares for her purebred Hampshire and purebred Poland China hogs. Christi will be an exhibitor in the junior market swine show. See story page A34. Photo by Deanna Cunfer, Carbon Co. correspondent

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