

All Major Manufacturers Under One Roof At 'New' Farm Show

MICHELLE KUNJAPPU Lancaster Farming Staff HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — All of the slots on the Farm Show's new 175,000-square

foot commercial exhibit floor have been spoken for, according to Dennis Grumbine, Farm Show executive director.

New Holland, and Agco — will be represented.

"Our goal was getting the four Dealers for all major product major manufacturers represented





Christmas in July: Holly and Belles aren't reserved for holidays, as Holly Miller, Harrisburg, and **Great View Delaware Christmas Belle won the** 4-H and FFA supreme champion honor at the Lebanon Fair Tuesday.

In his first county fair competition, Chris Behney, 16, took home the overall grand champion hog honor with his crossbred animal at Lebanon Fair Monday. The hog is out of a gilt he purchased at the fair last year.

Photos by M. Kunjappu

Pa. Young Farmers Meet In Tioga County

CAROLYN N. MOYER Tioga Co. Correspondent WELLSBORO (Tioga Co.) -The Pennsylvania Young Farm-

the group at various conferences. In December, Grove will travel to Oklahoma to compete for the national spokesperson for agriculers Association (PYFA) con- ture position. She spoke about ducted its annual summer insti- the changes in agriculture tied in with diversity.

"I want people to know how diverse American agriculture really is. It's not just dairy or just wheat, but it's much more than

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lines — including Deere, Case, here with a sizable presence. I'm elated that they have taken as agressive an approach as they have," said Grumbine.

"We still have opportunities for people who want to exhibit, so we're not closing the door to potential exhibitors," Grumbine said.

The Commercial Agriculture Exhibit Committee knew that "we had a huge task to fill this new hall with the kind of exhibits that we were looking to put in there," said Grumbine.

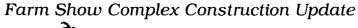
"We thought when we started this project that it would be a lot of heavy lifting for all of us to accomplish that goal. I am just amazed and astounded that at this point in July we have commitments for the entire floor. The ag community and agribusiness community has embraced what we're doing here and come to the table.

"We have all the major manufacturers represented with large blocks of space. I think everybody on the committee is just elated with what has been done here.

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66We're going to put some equipment demonstrations on in our Large Arena, so that with our new renovations we will be able to bring in sprayers, combines, corn planters, and large no-till drills, and can show people exactly what they (the equipment) can do in the arena in the dirt. I don't think there's another place anywhere that they can do that.99

> **Dennis Grumbine** Farm Show executive director







Pa Secretary of Agriculture

Building For The Future – On Schedule

Edutor's Note: Written by struction is on schedule to be Pennsylvania Agriculture Secrecompleted for the 2003 Farm tary Samuel E. Hayes Jr. exclu-Show. sively for Lancaster Farming, It's difficult to capture in just a this new column provides few words the scope and scale of monthly updates on the exciting the construction that is taking new construction under way at place at the Department of Agrithe Pennsylvania Farm Show (Turn to Page A30) Complex in Harrisburg. Con-

tute in Tioga and Potter counties recently, bringing about 80 farmers from across Pennsylvania to the Northern Tier.

The agenda for the three-day summer institute included board meetings, tours of local farms and industries, and plenty of time to renew old friendships and gain new ones.

"I think this is a wonderful opportunity for farmers to share ideas and resources and to learn from each other and learn what's new," said David Groff, president elect of the group.

During the meeting, Emily Grove, spokesperson for agriculture representing Pennsylvania, spoke to the group. In addition to serving in this capacity, Grove, Shippensburg, was also recently elected State FFA secretary. In this capacity, Grove represents

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Editor's Note: Many readers of Lancaster Farming are new or beginning farmers and would like to know some of the "ba-sics" of farming. What can be learned in the field can be taught, and this column will

serve as a forum for those who want to know. On a monthly basis, farm "basics" will be written by Penn State experts. This time out, however, the authors

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Beef Producers Check Out Innovative Dairy, Methane Digester

DAVE LEFEVER Lancaster Farming Staff **GETTYSBURG** (Adams Co.) - About 300 beef producers from across Pennsylvania had a full day in the Gettysburg area last Saturday as part of the 2002 Cattlemen's Summer Field Day.

The event was hosted on the Eisenhower Historic Site and included a tour of Mason Dixon Farms, a 2,300-cow dairy south of Gettysburg.

Why a dairy farm tour for a beef group? Well, consider cow manure. Whether it comes from an Angus or a Holstein, that product can mean power. Tour guests had a chance to see a methane digester system generating electricity from cow manure.

Mason Dixon Farms is owned and managed by Dick Waybright and his four sons along with

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