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

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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.
Dealers for all major product

lines — including Deere, Case, New Holland, and Agco — will be represented.
"Our goal was getting the four major manufacturers represented

here with a sizable presence. I'm elated that they have taken as aggressive 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.

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.

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 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."

"We thought when we started this project that it would be a lot

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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 cross-bred animal at Lebanon Fair Monday. The hog is out of a gilt he purchased at the fair last year.

Photos by M. Kunjappu

"We'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."

Dennis Grumbine
Farm Show executive director

Pa. Young Farmers Meet In Tioga County

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WELLSBORO (Tioga Co.) — The Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association (PYFA) conducted its annual summer institute in Tioga and Potter counties recently, bringing about 80 farmers from across Pennsylvania to the Northern Tier.

the group at various conferences. In December, Grove will travel to Oklahoma to compete for the national spokesperson for agriculture position. She spoke about 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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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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Helpful hints for new and existing farmers

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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 "basics" 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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Farm Show Complex Construction Update



Hon. Samuel E. Hayes Jr.
Pa. Secretary of Agriculture

Building For The Future - On Schedule

Editor's Note: Written by Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Samuel E. Hayes Jr. exclusively for Lancaster Farming, this new column provides monthly updates on the exciting new construction under way at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. Con-

struction is on schedule to be completed for the 2003 Farm Show.

It's difficult to capture in just a few words the scope and scale of the construction that is taking place at the Department of Agri-

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Beef Producers Check Out Innovative Dairy, Methane Digester

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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.

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.

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.

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

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