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American Dairy Goat Enthusiasts Gather At National Convention

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She is a member of the Cecil County 4-H Explorers and a student in the Keystone National High School, a correspondence study program. Her parents are Laura and Glenn Linton of Port Deposit.

Youth at the convention participated in a variety of activities, such as a soapmaking contest and quiz bowl tournament. Seven quiz bowl teams were tested on their understanding of dairy goats as well as their ADGA knowledge. The winning team consisted of John Arts of Couer D' Alene, Idaho; Natalie and Ariana Marsh of Parker, Colo.; and Ben Rupchis of Sperryville, Va.

In its 98th year, the ADGA is primarily a registry association and boasts a total of 15,500 members in numerous countries throughout the world, according to Joan Vandergriff, convention committee chairwoman.

While many members raise dairy goats as a hobby, the ADGA also has plenty of resources for commercial goat dairies, Vandergriff said. She also noted the ability of goats to provide affordable, farm-fresh food for people, an especially attractive trait during economic downturns.

"When times are tough, people have more goats," she said.

Dairy goat products available in select stores and restaurants across the country include raw milk, yogurt and ice cream, as well as soaps. Cheeses, however, are the chief products made from goat milk. These include fresh, ripened, French, dessert, pre-

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Jennifer Linton of Port Deposit, Md., left, was chosen this week as the new youth representative for the American Dairy Goat Association. Joining her is Rebecca Potosky, New Jersey, outgoing youth representative, and Heather Arts of Idaho, newly selected alternate. Photo by Dave Lefever

Russia Requires More For U.S. Poultry Exports

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MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — New requirements for exporting poultry to the Russian Federation were the topic Monday for a gathering of approximately 25 poultry producers and allied in-

dustry representatives at Kreiders Restaurant here.

At the poultry management and health seminar, Dr. Cheryl Hall, poultry health programs coordinator, USDA/APHIS, from Washington, D.C., updated the audience about the changes that have come about because of recent requests made by the Russian Federation.

Export to the federation generates approximately

\$600-700 million annually.

Since Russian citizens buy dark meat — mostly leg quarters, not as popular in the U.S. — the outlet is important to the poultry industry.

"We pay a much more reasonable price for poultry because the poultry industry can market this by-product, if you will," she said.

Recently the Russian Federa-

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'All American Fair Power' Theme For Nov. Convention

TIMONIUM, Md. — "All American Fair Power" is the theme for the Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs and Shows Convention Nov. 1-2 at the Holiday Inn in Timonium.

A number of speakers will address topics ranging from enhancing fair security to improving fair partnerships and relations.

Some 300 conventioners are expected to attend this year's

event, hosted by the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair. Convention attendees will notice the traditional three-day confab has been shortened to two days. All of the seminars and workshops will be Friday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 2. The MAAFAS annual meeting will be 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2.

The trade show promises to be

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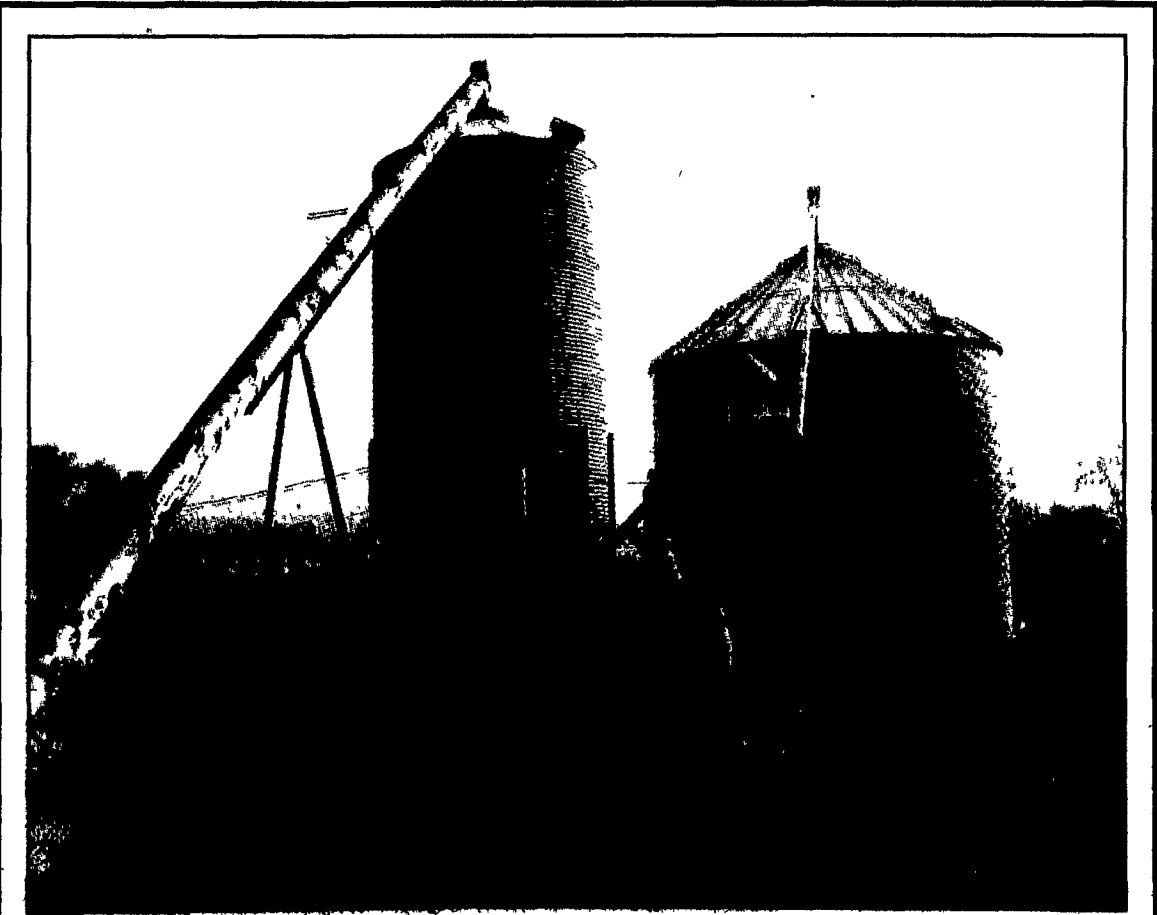
Farmers Seek Disaster Aid

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — Pennsylvania Farm Bureau is urgently seeking weather disaster assistance from Congress.

With only about a week remaining in this session of Congress, Farm Bureau is calling on its members to contact their legislators for support.

"Time is running out for Congress to provide emergency aid to address crop losses because of the worst nationwide drought in many years," said Pennsylvania Farm Bureau President Guy Donaldson. "Farmers need to contact their members of Con-

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Russell McLuca's grain system allows him to dry 25-percent moisture corn for about 7 cents a bushel and store half a year's crop. After initial drying, a forced air system in the large bin runs inexpensively until January. Read more about McLuca in this issue's Corn Talk. Photo by Dave Lefever