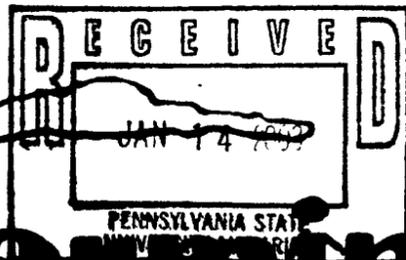


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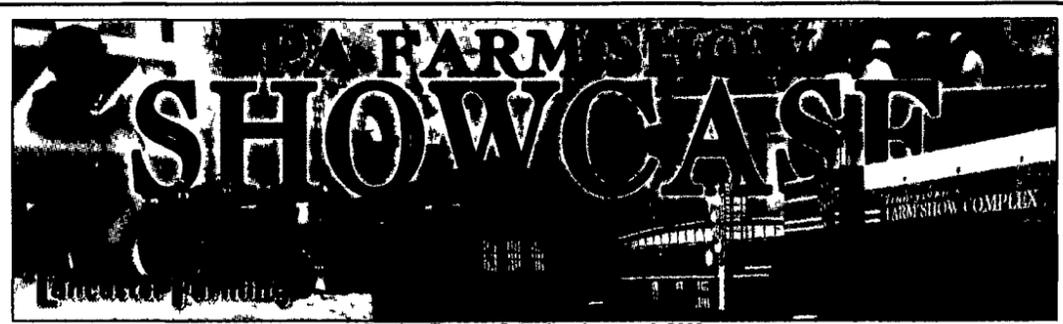
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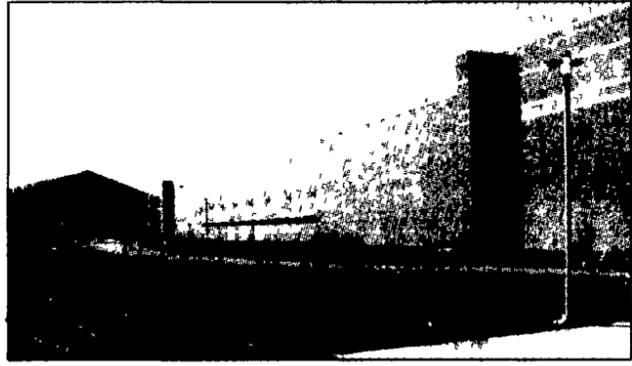
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## 'Showcase' Section Unveils A New Farm Show



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### Pa.'s Bigger, Better Farm Show Complex: Long Overdue, Well Worth The Wait



**ANDY ANDREWS**  
Editor  
HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Take a look at the new, improved version of Farm Show here in Pennsylvania's capitol

But before you gaze up-upgrades and new construction amounting to about \$90 million — before you wonder about just

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Farm Show Complex Construction Update



Hon. Samuel E. Hayes Jr.  
Secretary of Agriculture

Who built the new Farm Show? What did the Farm Show look like years ago? What happened along the way? Find out about the glories of the past and the new Farm Show to come as we look over 86 years of Farm Show and its new construction in our Farm Show "Showcase" Section this issue.

## York County 4-H'er Preps For Big Show

**DAVE LEFEVER**  
Lancaster Farming Staff

DOVER (York Co.) — Donald Sunday's career raising Hereford cattle began as a young boy when one of his grandfather's feeder heifers gave birth to a surprise calf.

"My grandpa (Charles Sun-

day) always used to feed out heifers," Sunday said. "One time, one of them calved and he gave that one to me."

Since then, Sunday has gone on to make a name for himself throughout seven years in the show ring. He takes his Hereford heifers and steers to various live-

stock exhibitions, including the York Fair, York 4-H livestock shows, the Pennsylvania Farm Show, and even a national Hereford exhibition in Montana.

Right now, he's gearing up for the Pennsylvania Farm Show

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Donald Sunday is busy getting his market steer, Spot, ready for the Pennsylvania Farm Show junior beef exhibition and sale. Photo by Dave Lefever



Turn to page B12 to find out why 2002 has been an emotional roller coaster ride for 16-year-old Jessica Rayburn. Shown with Jessica are her mother Janice and grandfather Robert Coates.

Photo by Lou Ann Good, food and family features editor

## PASA's Farming For The Future Conference Feb. 7-8

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Continuing what has become a midwinter tradition for many farm families throughout this region of the country, the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA) announces its 12th Farming For the Future Conference here Feb. 7-8.

The theme for this year's conference is "Local Food Systems, Local Decisions: In Search of True Security."

This two-day educational event features two keynote speakers, more than 40 workshops, meals from food that is sustainably grown, and a trade show full of exhibitors. It offers a lineup of events for many in the agri-industry.

Regularly drawing more than 1,000 participants, this annual event has gained a national reputation as the largest of its kind in the East.

The significance of the conference theme will unfold with the opening keynote address by Mark Ritchie. Ritchie is the president of the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (www.iatp.org), a nonprofit and nonpartisan research organization based in Minneapolis, Minn. Ritchie will underscore the importance of the connection between locally based food systems and true security and uncover the subtleties of today's agriculture trade policies and who these policies are really protecting.

Following the opening festivities on the morning of Feb. 7, a large and diverse menu of work-

shops will be conducted. The assortment of conference workshops will help you make decisions on your farm and in your life that are profitable, environmentally sound, and socially beneficial.

Among the host of offerings, there will be instructional workshops on such topics as innovative tillage techniques, selling food directly to colleges, and legal issues involved with direct marketing.

Notable workshop speakers include Aaron Silverman of Greener Pastures Poultry in Oregon. Silverman will describe the workings of a multifarm collaborative that operates a state-licensed, USDA-exempt processing facility, and enables participating farmers to access a wider market for their pastured poultry. Larry Shearer (from Massachusetts), a sustainable farm educator through the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program, will discuss how he operates his dairy in a management-intensive, as opposed to capital-intensive, manner.

Inspiration will come from many speakers, including nationally known author Jo Robinson, who will unveil the benefits of grass-fed meat products and describe research efforts to discover the world's healthiest diet. Also, three women farmers will describe their experiences in agriculture and how they are work-

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## Families In Spotlight For Annual Farm Show Issue

A new and greatly expanded Farm Show opens to the public on Saturday, Jan. 11. And one of our largest and best issues is soon to hit mailboxes. Next issue, Jan. 11, will be *Lancaster Farming's* own Farm Show Issue, which

highlights the newly expanded, largest indoor agricultural event in the country. Included will be Farm Show family highlights, Keystone Degree recipient biographies, events schedule, and maps.