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IH Enthusiasts Gather At Fairgrounds For Red Power Roundup



Jonathan Dinterman of Bunker Hill, W.Va., left, shows his 1939 model F-20 to opening ceremony speakers at the Red Power Roundup in Bloomsburg last week. From left are Dennis Wolff, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture; Ben Trapani, president, Chapter 17 International Harvester Collectors of Pennsylvania; Fred Trump, Bloomsburg Fair director; and Bill Swope, president of the national IH Collectors Club.
Photo by Dave Lefever

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Lancaster Farming Staff
BLOOMSBURG (Columbia Co.) — Folks who love red tractors found what they were looking for in Bloomsburg last week. It was the 14th Annual Red Power Roundup, hosted in Pennsylvania for the first time since 1994. Collectors from across the

country and Canada brought more than 800 tractors to the three-day show, according to Ben Trapani, president of International Harvester (IH) Collectors Chapter 17 in Pennsylvania.

Tractors on display included the earliest McCormick Deering

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Plans for Pennsylvania

HON. DENNIS C. WOLFF
Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture

Editor's note: This issue we introduce a new monthly column, Plans For Pennsylvania, by the Hon. Dennis C. Wolff, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture. Wolff, owner of Pen-Col Farms, operates a 700-acre, 500-head dairy farm specializing in purebred Holstein genetics. He has served on various national and international marketing ventures, is a member of the Penn State Board of Trustees, and serves as board member on various

agriculture, lending, and insurance companies. The president of the Nicholas Wolff Foundation, Inc., Wolff is a Master Farmer.

Agriculture, Pennsylvania's top industry, has had its share of challenges. Despite the droughts of a year ago, the seemingly endless rains of this planting season, low milk prices, animal health, and environmental issues, Pennsylvania's agriculture industry re-

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Campaign Promotes Locally Grown Food

BRIAN SNYDER
Centre Co. Correspondent
PHILADELPHIA — It has become increasingly clear in recent years that, if family farms are to flourish once again across the American countryside, farmers must reconnect in a meaningful way with their closest neighbors and with the rural communities in their region.

Fortunately, at the same time that many farmers are rediscovering the enduring value of their neighbors, average consumers are expressing a preference to buy food that is grown on nearby farms, by farmers who they can know and visit, using methods that assure accountability and high quality.

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Most Commodities Represented At COOL Session

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The session began with a New York State senator and ended with a Virginia cattleman. During a last-chance effort late last week, speakers were given three minutes to voice their opinions on the controversial Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) law at the USDA's final listening session here at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

Written testimony was also accepted. Of the 45 who had signed up to speak, many also submitted written information which they could not present in the allotted three minutes.

E.S. Yates, administrator of the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), opened the listening and education session

with a brief statement welcoming the approximately 150 people scattered throughout the room for their interest in contributing information. USDA/AMS has the job of implementing the COOL legislation as mandated by Con-

gress in the 2002 Farm Bill.

William Sessions, AMS deputy administrator, provided a brief review of the current thinking on the regulations and the labeling of imported commodities. He said AMS must establish a compliance review process which would involve a recordkeeping trail of origin claims. A fine of \$10,000 per offense for willful violations is already mandated in the law, he noted.

Sessions made no mention of the tempest stirred up at the Lancaster Cattle Feeder's Day Feb. 4 in the same room when he presented a run through of the labeling law. Area cattle feeders were aghast at the possible record keeping involved to, which, required, provide traceback on all

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Northern Bedford High School FFA's dairy judging team took first place during FFA Activities Week recently at Penn State. Team members are, from left, Andrew Ritchey, Carissa Ebersole, Jennifer Cogan, and Kenny Stanton. Ritchey and Ebersole are students at Northern Bedford and Jennifer Cogan is a 2003 graduate. Kenny Stanton is an Everett area student who attends agricultural classes at Northern Bedford. Ritchey finished third individually in the state. Stanton was sixth in dairy judging. See story page A20. Photo by Linda Williams, Bedford Co. correspondent