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## Hungary Buys Pa. Holsteins

A contingent of five Hungarian dairy specialists visited Charles Myers' Black and White Holstein Farm last Friday on the first leg of a U.S. buying trip.

The Hungarian expect to buy 320 registered Holstein heifers for air shipment to state farms in their country. About 120 of the heifers are coming from Pennsylvania, with some 40 of those coming from local farms.

Because the animals are being shipped by air, the Hungarians are buying open heifers, 6 to 14 months old, to save on transportation costs.

Oscar Kennedy, representing the National Holstein-Friesian Association, attended the Lancaster sale, where all 120 Pennsylvania cows were examined by the buyers. Kennedy said this is the first shipment of U.S. Holsteins to be sent to Hungary. "About three years ago, this group bought some Holstein heifers from Canadian farms, as an experiment. The experiment was a success, so now they're back for more."

Kennedy said Simenthal is the most-used dairy breed today in Hungary. Simenthals are good dual-producing animals, Kennedy pointed out, but the best cows now are producing only about 8000 pounds of milk.

"We expect that these heifers to produce about 15,000 pounds a year in Hungary," Kennedy noted. "That's almost double what their Simenthals are doing now. We don't expect the Hungarians will be giving up much in beef production either, another reason they decided on Holsteins."

## Kauffman Cow Sells For \$5,000

Hundreds of spectators and dozens of buyers attended a dispersal sale on Friday at the Robert H. Kauffman Penn Springs Farm in Elizabethtown.

The sale was a complete dispersal of one of the area's better-known Holstein herds. Auctioned off were 95 head at an average of \$845 each.

A top price of \$5000 was paid for a three-year-old cow, Penn Springs Bill Maid. She was bought by John F. Fullington and James E. Howes, and she'll be going to a dairy farm in Antwerp, N.Y.

Some 40 of the Kauffman herd were sold to out-of-state buyers, mostly in neighboring states. Two of the cows, though, will be shipped to California.

After the sale, Kauffman told LANCASTER FARMING that they had been planning a

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On their way to the FFA convention in Kansas City last week, the five members from the Cloister FFA Chapter dropped in on The North American Dairy Cattle Show in Columbus, Ohio. All five of the local lads entered an FFA dairy judging contest, and all five scored well. In fact, the three man team of Paul Horning, Melvin Weiler and Marlin Smoker captured the top prize, beating out 81 other teams to do it. Left to right above are: Melvin Weiler, Daniel Harting, Marlin Smoker, Richard Bollinger and Paul Horning.

## Environmentalists Say Farmers No Problem

Farmers were told Thursday night that normal farming operations would not be affected by actions of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (DER).

Speaking at a meeting devoted to managing waste water in agricultural areas, John Durr, a DER sanitary engineer, said that his department was not concerned with pollution from farms as much as it was with the more serious problems of municipal and industrial waste disposal.

The meeting was attended mainly by township supervisors, borough officials and extension personnel.

Durr quoted from an amendment to article 1 of the Pennsylvania Constitution which affirms that all the people have a right to clean air and pure water. The amendment states that Pennsylvania's natural resources are the common property of all the people.

According to Durr, the clean streams act passed in 1970 now allows for action to preserve public waters. Previous laws allowed action only after criminal acts of pollution.

According to the 1970 law, the department can "order municipalities to provide sewage treatment facilities"; it can "order industry to provide waste water treatment"; and it puts the responsibility for clean water with landowners and land occupiers.

Plowing is covered by the law if the work follows approved soil conservation contour farming practices, Durr stressed.

This was explained to mean that a farmer could accomplish the desired results without direct cooperation with the SCS, but Durr said proper conservation techniques should be followed to comply with the law.

Regulations regarding ponds, Durr said, require that any pond above 250,000 gallons must have a permit. This includes any facilities, lined or unlined, which handle liquid wastes, such as liquid manure systems.

He stressed the importance of plowing under liquid manure within 24 hours, saying that while there is no law at the present time, there probably will be one in the future.

William LaCour, a DER

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## Ephrata FFA Wins Ohio Meet

Pennsylvania teams competing at the national FFA convention in Kansas City last week came home with lots of good memories, but very few ribbons or trophies. The Ephrata group fared about as well as the rest of the state in Kansas City.

The Ephrata lads, though, proved their skills at dairy judging during a side trip to the convention. Stopping off at Columbus, Ohio, the five FFA members entered a judging contest being held in conjunction with the North American Dairy Cattle Show.

Competing in a field of 82 three-man teams, the Ephrata team came in number one. The winning team was composed of Paul Horning, Melvin Weiler and Marlin Smoker, all of Stevens R1.

Also entered in the contest were Daniel Harting, Denver R2, and Richard Bollinger, Lititz R4.

Horning placed third highest among all judges and was first in judging of Holstein cattle. Weiler was eighth overall and Smoker 12th in the final standings. A total of 272 individuals competed in the contest.

Also judging, but not on the actual Lancaster team, were Dan Harding, Denver R2, and Richard Bollinger, Lititz R4. Harding placed ninth in the overall judging.

When the Lancaster boys pulled out of Columbus later that day, they were toting a 30-inch high winners' trophy.

The students were accompanied on the trip by Charles Ackley, vocational agriculture teacher at Ephrata High.

Another highlight of the Ephrata group's trip to Kansas City was a stopover in Chillicothe, Ohio. Each of the five boys stayed overnight with an FFA member from the Chillicothe chapter. They also visited with farm families and toured farms in the area.

## Farm Calendar

Saturday, October 21  
8 p.m. - Lancaster County  
Pomona Grange meeting,  
Oakryn. 59th Horticulture

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## USDA Declares National Hog Cholera Emergency

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz has declared a national emergency because of hog cholera, in order to protect the consumer's supply of pork products.

Noting that serious outbreaks of hog cholera in midwestern and southeastern States threaten the

Nation's \$4½ billion pork industry, Secretary Butz stressed that emergency action is needed to eradicate the disease and thus prevent further losses of hogs, which might otherwise greatly decrease the supply of pork.

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Firemen from five companies responded to a blaze at the R.W. Sauder egg processing plant in Lititz on Wednesday evening. The fire was confined to the firm's main offices and supply storage building, sparing the processing line from serious

damage. The fire was fed by paper and corrugated egg crates and cartons stored in the attic. It roared out of control for more than two hours before firemen could enter the building.