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Dairy problems cause re-evaluation of feeding

By Dieter Krieg
CENTERVILLE - Dairy nutritionists and researchers are taking a second look at some feeding practices which previously had not been questioned much.

The apparent tide of breeding problems, low fat tests, retained placentas,

weak calves, over-conditioned cows and complications in the digestive tract are causing scientists and dairymen alike to re-evaluate management and especially feeding programs.

Particular attention is being focused on the practice

of feeding large amounts of grain just prior to freshening, because it may be responsible for a number of problems in dairy cattle. Improperly balanced rations, notably the absence of adequate, good quality

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Ben F. Morgan honored

By Dieter Krieg
MECHANICSBURG — The man who has been in extension work longer than any other man in the state of Pennsylvania and who has served as an advisor to more than 50 Pennsylvania livestock groups, has been chosen as the recipient of the 1975 Livestock Man of the Year award.

Benjamin F. Morgan, professor of animal science at Penn State since earlier this year, received the prestigious award at a dinner Tuesday night sponsored by the Pennsylvania Livestock Association. Although Morgan has been professor of animal science for only a few months, he had been

associate professor of the subject since 1957 and has a career in livestock extension work which stretches back to 1935.

A native of West Virginia, the 1975 plaque recipient was described as a "really good and outstanding livestock man" by Max Smith, Lan-

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Professor Benjamin F. Morgan, left, from Penn State was chosen as the Livestock Man of the Year for 1975. Making the presentation is Lancaster County Agricultural Agent Max Smith.

Lanc. Co. farmers praised

By Dieter Krieg
LANCASTER — More than 200 people from Lancaster County agriculture and industry sat down for dinner here at the spacious Farm and Home Center on Thursday night to extend the hand of friendship and to illustrate that neither agriculture nor industry can

accomplish its tasks without the help of the other.

Sponsored annually by the Agriculture Committee of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, this was the 15th such banquet to take place for the mutual benefit and better understanding of rural and urban society.

Dan F. Dilley, a member

of the Chamber's Agriculture Committee and employee of Sperry New Holland, stated in his opening remarks that the dinner was designed to promote National Farm-City Week which begins next Friday. "Agriculture and

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York hog breeder wins

By Melissa Piper
Although the barrow and breeding classes of swine shown early in the week at the Keystone Expo were dominated by southern and western entries, several breeders in the southeastern Pa. area fared well with their stock.

John Strawbridge of Stewartstown in York County had the highest list of

winners capturing the reserve champion Hampshire barrow on foot. In the breeding swine classes, the York Countain took the champion Hampshire boar and the champion Hampshire in the same breed.

Although not a stranger to the hog shows, Strawbridge was happy with his placings. "We had some fine hogs," he

noted, "I didn't expect to do so good, but I'm glad."

Another swine producer from York County joined Strawbridge in the winnings. James T. Parlett, Airville, exhibited the reserve champion Poland China barrow on foot.

The grand champion junior barrow on foot was

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Tom Arnold, Lebanon, exhibited the grand champion junior market barrow on foot during the Keystone International Livestock Exposition held in Harrisburg this week. Arnold is a member of the Lebanon County Livestock 4-H Club.

Two capon roundups held

LANCASTER — Two 4-H capon roundups were held here this week with ten youths preparing some 40 capons for the judging.

Mike Pfautz, a first year 4-Her from Stevens R1, exhibited the grand champion capon at the Lincoln 4-H community club roundup held Wednesday evening in Ephrata. While

winning grand champion was "really exciting" for the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Pfautz, selling his capon was even better. The youth received \$9 per pound for his 9½ pound bird making the total \$85.50.

Scott Augsberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Augsberger, Reinholds R1, exhibited the reserve grand

champion capon and received \$36.56 for his capon.

The roundup is sponsored each year by the members of the Ephrata Rotary with area businessmen purchasing the capons for the 4-Hers. All of the exhibitors were members of the Lincoln 4-H Community Club with

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Mike Pfautz (right) exhibited the grand champion capon at the Lincoln 4-H Club roundup held in Ephrata Nov. 12. Scott Augesberger had the

reserve grand champion capon. The youths are shown with their trophies sponsored by the Ephrata Rotary Club.

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