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## Pork honors awarded

By MELISSA PIPER  
**BLUE BALL** — Pork producers from the Berks - Lehigh Area and in Lancaster County recently named the winners of their spring carcass contest which was held at the Hatfield Packing Co.

Otto Schick, Kutztown R2, exhibited the grand champion animal in the Berks - Lehigh contest. The champion crossbred barrow weighed 195 pounds and recorded statistics of .8 inch backfat, 5.26 inches of loin eye, 33.6 percent ham-loin percentage with a length of 30.6 inches.

Reserve champion honors went to a crossbred animal exhibited by Herbert Schick of Kutztown R2. Schick's reserve animal weighed in at 230 pounds with the following statistics: one inch backfat; 5.8 inches loin eye; 32 percent

ham-loin percentage and a length of 31.6 inches.

Other top breeders included Mike Moore, Reading R2 and Paul Gansinger, Kutztown R2. Both men exhibited top placing animals.

Winners in the Lancaster spring show were announced at a banquet held last Friday evening at the Fire Hall

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Lancaster County Pork Producers recently honored for their exhibits in the carcass contest were (clockwise) John Strawbridge - Fall champion;

Dale Nolt - Spring champion; George Getz - Fall reserve champion and Gehman's Mill - Spring reserve champion.

## 'Homeless' milk possible

By DIETER KRIEG  
**NEW HOLLAND** — Reports about there being so much milk around this spring that some will have to be dumped are erroneous, reports Lisle Dutton, PR man for Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative, the largest such organization in the Northeast and within Pennsylvania. But there may be some "homeless" milk around, as he called it, due to steadily increasing production which could leave some independent producers without a market. He sees no

such problem for dairymen who belong to dairy cooperatives and adds that "Eastern assures a continuous market and guaranteed milk check... never in 54 years have members been without a market."

The Eastern executive, speaking here before a group of dairymen, also cautioned members of Federal Order 2 against some of the dangers which currently exist within that marketing order. He explained that there has been some pressure by

NEDCO, Dairylea, some milk handlers, and the NFO that the Order be amended. Eastern opposes all of the proposals, claiming that such a move would result in milk prices 23 to 25 cents below those obtained otherwise. Singling out the proposals made by the NFO, Dutton said: "The NFO proposals would have been

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## Candidates speak up

By DIETER KRIEG  
**LANCASTER** — Ten Republican congressional candidates addressed themselves to the Lancaster County Farmers' Association a week ago during a "Meet the Candidates Night" here at the Farm and Home Center. Lasting for more than three hours, the affair allowed each candidate to present a maximum length of five minutes talk; answer seven general questions; and one specifically for him. An 11th candidate was also present to the surprise of the other office-seekers as well as the audience. He was Martin Ross, a self-proclaimed communist, who is running on the Labor Party ticket.

dissatisfaction, particularly by State Representative Marvin Miller, who thought the last question was unfair. He advised that such "cheap shots" be omitted from further political engagements because "every cheap shot that a candidate takes here tonight is a cheap shot the Democrat is going to give us in November." Several other candidates also expressed dissatisfaction. No apologies were made by the LCFA, sponsors of the event.

We present each of the 10 Republican candidates running for retiring Ed Eshleman's seat in alphabetical order, and then Ross, the Labor Party candidate. Each segment begins with that respective candidate's five-minute or less talk, followed by answers to the above seven questions, an answer to a specific question, and finally a closing statement. The complete story begins on page 50.



Eugene Blevins, York County peach grower, points out how blossoms on his trees have advanced. There had been some fear of frost-kill, but a feeling of optimism is now prevalent. It won't be safe until mid-April however.

## Weather favorable to area peach growers

By DIETER KRIEG  
**STEWARTSTOWN** — "There's still plenty of time for 'em to freeze, but so far we're still counting on a 90 per cent crop," the Blevins Brothers of Blevins' Orchard, here, exclaimed happily.

William and Eugene Blevins, life-long fruit growers in southern York County, expressed some

concern, however, over the pleasant weather we've been having. It's pushed the peach blossoms out about two weeks ahead of schedule and could result in disaster if temperatures drop into the teens some night. "We've had killing frosts as late as May 10, and we normally don't consider things 'safe'"

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## Free markets wanted

**CHICAGO, Ill.** — An international food policy which encourages the production and movement of food without political manipulation is the only way the world can feed itself in the opinion of Allan Grant, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Speaking here on Wednesday to a joint meeting of the United States - Japan Trade Council and the Chicago Association of

Commerce and Industry, Grant said, "Our past experiences in America of the government trying to manage food supplies should convince any reasoning person that political control of food supplies is not only a failure, but actually contains the seeds of disaster."

Noting that the problems of feeding the world's hungry are infinitely more complex

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## Meet our Berks correspondent

Lancaster Farming's new Berks County correspondent, Judy Mitchell, lives in Stony Run, Pennsylvania, with her husband Stan and children David and Wendy. The Mitchells moved to Pa. a couple of years ago from their native South-Central New Jersey when Stan decided to take a job offered

him by Confer-Smith, Hamburg. Judy claims that the tiny village where they live now is the closest the family has ever come to living in a town, but adds that they love this part of Pennsylvania because it seems so much more like "country" than their homeland did. Although they

lived in rural New Jersey, she says that the farms were rapidly disappearing and you could feel civilization crowding in on all sides.

Judy says that the question she is asked most often by people she comes in contact with on her job is how she

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Judy Mitchell