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## Easter lambs bring up to \$1.30

By JOANNE SPAHR  
LANCASTER, Pa.—For sheep breeders, the coming of Easter traditionally brings with it the annual sales of Spring slaughter lambs and goat kids for use in the holiday meals among individuals of Mediterranean descent. This year was no different, with

Easter sales stretching out for a seven-day period throughout Pennsylvania markets and ending the Wednesday before Easter.

Prices were higher this year with as much as \$1.30 paid for 10-35 pound choice milk-fed Spring lambs.

These prices were paid at the New Holland Sales

Stables and Vintage where over 100 animals, combined sold near this level. Choice milk-fed kid goats went for as high as \$40 a head at the Chambersburg market.

In comparison to last year's trading which saw a decrease in young animals, this year's market was flooded. The Lancaster

Stock Yards experienced the largest receipts in 12 years with 2075 head sold during a 4½ hour auction on Monday which attracted approximately 50 buyers. Other markets also felt this overabundance.

According to Ben Morgan, Extension livestock  
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## Consumer affects farm trends

By DIETER KRIEG  
STOUCHSBURG, PA. — An educational meeting for area dairymen was held here recently to chart past developments and possible future trends. Dubbed "The 1977 Dairy Industry Update," the event is sponsored

annually by NEDCO milk producers and affiliates.

Ralph Smith, director of education for NEDCO, referred to the recent increase in milk price supports, stating flatly: "The price support program is largely around to assure

adequate milk supplies for consumers, not to put money into farmers' pockets." He also noted that milk prices are usually up above the support level anyway.

Explaining the support system, Smith said it works on account of the federal

government buying "milk solids" — butter, cheese, powder and barrel cheese.

According to Smith, the new support price of \$9.00 per hundred-weight will have little effect on the market this month. The full

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## Cow gets legislative citation

By JOYCE BUPP  
York Co. Reporter  
HARRISBURG, Pa. — The highest classified registered Holstein cow in the state has become the first animal to receive a citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Woodbine Ivanhoe Mollie, who at age 14 became the 13th animal in the breed to

score the near-perfect classification of 97 points, received her citation during a "Hello Mollie!" party given for her by the York County Holstein Association on March 31 at the Farm Show Building.

Representative James M. Burd of Butler County sponsored and presented the unique recognition to Mollie

and the George Knight, Jr., family of Airville R2, who bred and own the cow.

The House citation saluted Mollie's achievements and contribution to the state's dairy industry. She has produced 251,615 pounds of milk to date in her lifetime and been named an Honorable Mention All-American winner. Co-

sponsoring the presentation was Robert Butera, minority leader in the House of Representatives.

Raymond J. Kerstetter, Pennsylvania Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, represented the state Department of Agriculture during the recognition

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## Carter meets Farmers Union

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Pennsylvanian Albert Mellinger, along with National Farmers Union officials from 22 states, had a wide-ranging 80 minute discussion late Tuesday afternoon at the White House in which the farm group leaders indicated the "dismay" of the nation's farmers with farm com-

modity support rates established for 1977 and proposed for 1978.

President Jimmy Carter spent 50 minutes with the Farmers Union officials.

The discussion included Vice President Mondale, Secretary of Agriculture Bergland, and White House aides Stuart Eizenstat and Lynn Daft.

"From the campaign assurances, farmers expected that support protection at the cost of production meant the full cost of production. What we have gotten so far is an almost straight-line extension of the Butz support levels," National President of the Farmers Union, Tony Dechant, said. "On top of

that we are being nickel-and-dimed in the budget process."

President Carter said that "for the future we would like to have a stable agriculture with an aggressive export capability."

The President noted Monday's increases in support levels for 1977 and

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## Cinderella wins Holstein show

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Over 300 animals paraded around the large arena of the Farm Show building last Saturday as the Pennsylvania Holstein Association held their 24th annual Black and White Show.

The coveted grand champion banner and trophy went to Andfar Astronaut Cinderella, owned by the Robert Kauffman family of

Elizabethtown. The five-year old cow also placed first in her Aged Cow class.

Christine Gitt, Littlestown R1, won the Reserve Champion awards with Amply Rag Apple Ormsby Nellie, her eight-year-old 4-H project animal.

High point scores for accumulated winnings during the show by home-bred animals brought the Premier Breeder banner to

Tom and Cindy Shaeffer, Huntsdale Stock Farms, Carlisle. Mowry Farms, Roaring Spring R1, received the Premier Exhibitor presentation.

Judging the day long competition was William H. Hill, Jr., of Crewe, Va.

The show was the culmination of a three-day event by the state association. Thursday over 200 calves were sold in the

annual calf sale, with a number of animals going to out-of-state buyers. Bred heifers and cows were featured in the Friday sale.

The following are placings of the shows:

### BULL CALF

1. Paul R. Cornman 2. Arthur Baxter 3. Gordon and Dorothy Wood and Warren E. Buckman III 3. Russel H. Miller

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Easter