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## Fluid milk supplies overflowing

WASHINGTON, D.C. - With milk production continuing to increase steadily, and Class I utilization outlets not keeping pace, the U.S. dairy industry is facing the dilemma of what to do with surplus production.

Two dairy cooperatives in the Federal Order 4 Marketing Area have therefore requested that certain provisions of the Order be suspended for a period of four months. If approved, the revision would become effective for milk production from May through August. A spokesman at the Agricultural Marketing Service, here, told Lancaster Farming that this emergency action route was chosen rather than a hearing because of the temporary nature of the problem.

That emergency action, which was initiated in Washington on Tuesday, gives dairymen and anyone else who cares to comment, just a few days to respond.

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## AMA scores federal diet book

LANCASTER, - The National Commission on Egg Nutrition (NCEN) learned this week that the American Medical Association had filed a position paper with the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs (McGovern Committee) holding the Committee's Proposed National Dietary Goals as "inappropriate at this time," and "possessing the potential for harmful effects."

Hendrick Wentink, NCEN chairman, released with permission, the text of the AMA paper along with the text of a letter from Dr. James H. Sammons, AMA executive vice president, addressed to Senator George McGovern (D-S.Dak.). Dr. Sammons' letter requested inclusion of the AMA comments into the Select Committee's hearing record.

"NCEN praises this temperate, well-reasoned, socially responsible viewpoint," Wentink said. "as does the American Medical Association, NCEN also hopes that science will resolve these dietary

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Amy Carter, the President's daughter, beams happily over the farm set given to her by Evamae Crist of York County. It was presented to her at the White House recently.

## Hand carved toy barn gift for Amy

By JOYCE BUYP  
York Co. Reporter  
HALLAM, Pa. - "This is the White House calling." Not many telephone answerers across the nation pick up the receiver to hear a

message like that coming across the lines. But, that's what happened to a rural York County woman recently.

Evamae Crist, and her husband Dale, who's a

partner in the Rutter Bros. dairy farm, live in a country home near Hallam. Early this Spring, they vacationed in Plains, Ga., visiting the peanut farming area of

A second cousin of Evamae's lives in Montezuma, Ga., about 25 miles from Carter peanut country. The Crists stopped to visit the Amish farmer, President Jimmy Carter.

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## 'Golden egg' opportunity found

By DIETER KRIEG

LANCASTER - The layer business in the Pennsylvania-New Jersey-New York area has the potential of making a dramatic comeback. What's more, industry leaders, several of whom expressed considerable optimism here on Thursday, are studying all avenues to bring more egg production back to where the population centers are. Much of the business had been lost to the South during the past 15 years or so.

## Ag weather reports progressing

LANCASTER--Plans for bringing special agricultural weather forecasts to Lancaster County are still very much alive, according to Joseph Jacques at the Washington Science Center.

Lancaster Farming has learned that although the idea was thought to be new when it was first introduced to area residents last Fall, specific weather information for farmers is already being disseminated in other parts of

Lancaster Farming learned of the dramatic potential during a meeting here between New Jersey and Lancaster County agricultural leaders. The Garden Spot's poultry industry is regarded as one of the finest in the nation. Neighboring New Jersey, which is nicknamed the Garden State, had at one time been one of the great centers of egg production before egg production caught on big down South. Poultry specialists in the Garden State now believe

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the country. In West Virginia, for example, the University of West Virginia supplies weather information to farmers in the Kearneysville area. Some other areas have similar programs, as will be noted in later parts of this article.

In the Midwest Purdue University has initiated a project which feeds information from observers into computers in order to give farmers in that part of the

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## Cattle growth stimulant works

By DIETER KRIEG

YORK - Spending less than a dollar and getting a return of more than \$10 has become reality for hundreds of cattlemen across the country. In dozens of trials at various universities and other reputable organizations, a 36 milligram growth stimulant has caused implanted meat animals to gain an additional 30 pounds more weight than animals of the same age group which were not treated.

The dramatic gain is no secret. A sizable majority of York County 4-H Beef Club members used the method last

year. All of their implanted steers came up winners. But lest anyone think the control group was a bunch of dogs, County Agent Tony Dobrosky points out quickly that five of the seven animals which were not implanted went on to the Farm Show.

Dobrosky thinks the product which causes the extra weight gain at so little expense is for real. He has a lot of company. Livestock specialists in at least nine states from Pennsylvania to California are convinced an

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## Berries small sized but sweet

By JOANNE SPAHR

LANCASTER, Pa. - Pick-your-own season for strawberries has begun. And, according to reports from growers in Lancaster Farming's coverage area, this year's crop is exceptionally sweet and tasty. The berries are coming about 10 days early due to hot, humid weather, but the heat and lack of rain over the past few weeks has contributed to an excellent flavor. For the most part, the weather conditions have also led to smaller fruit, as well, although the quantity of berries produced should be comparable to other years.

In the broad geographic range of Lancaster, Lebanon, York, Berks, and Chester Counties, the scope of prices on pick-your-own runs anywhere from 40 cents to 50 cents per pound, which is the equivalent of 50 to 65 cents per quart.

Several of the growers spoken to said their crop would peak somewhere in the early part of next week, for those industrious strawberry enthusiasts who want to harvest at the height of the crop.

Individual reports from the various counties follow.

Berks County  
Ontelaunee Orchards, Leesport, reported winterkill on their early strawberries but that their later crop, which should be ready in the

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