

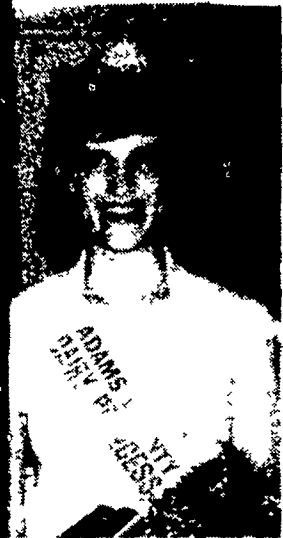
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Dairy princesses crowned



Ann Murren
Adams County



Carol Hawbaker
Franklin County



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York County

Farms said secure as TMI vents

BY PAT KAUFFMAN
LITITZ — Officials at Three Mile Island nuclear plant have scheduled Krypton venting for next weekend, and so far the public in this state and surrounding states appears to be calm. Farmers are not expected to encounter any hassles from the venting.

While farmers felt the brunt of public sentiment during the TMI crisis with customers in Maryland and New Jersey turning away from Pennsylvania produced milk and products temporarily, there is no sign that this will happen during next weekend's venting procedure.

Boyd Gartley, director of member and public relations for Inter-State Milk Producers, said the Co-op routinely tests the milk it receives. He said that there was no significant rise in the test during the TMI crisis, and that since Krypton is a noble gas, it will not enter the food chain and therefore

should not show up in the milk. Gartley also said that milk routinely gets the brunt of public sentiment, because it is monitored for radioactivity. But he said, it is the only product produced fresh daily so it provides the most ready medium for testing.

Al Zimmerman from Quality Control Labs, which handles the testing for Inter-State, said that right now the lab is only performing routine tests, and that during the venting, they will consult with the state.

Extra tests will only be run if the state advises QC it is necessary. Zimmerman said he did not expect this to happen.

Dairy farmers near TMI have received no word of extra testing procedures. Mrs. E. Wayne Beshore

He did mention one phone call recently from a consumer concerned about the venting and he said he suspects there may be others like her but that he has not had any calls from them. (Turn to Page A27)

Some hope for Farmland shippers Eastern members move to shake up management

BY CURT HARLER
TROY — Members of Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative, apparently seeking a brighter future under their new president, have mounted a campaign, complete with advertising, to clean up the Co-op's operations.

program is the Eastern Board of Directors which meets Tuesday, June 24.

in the battle to turn Eastern around.

The main battle is going to be over Arden Tewksbury's continued employment at Eastern.

Ads appear this week in a number of farm and local rural newspapers urging Eastern members to demand "new management and cleanup of all operations."

The advertising, paid for out of the pockets of individual Eastern members, (Turn to Page A38)

Meanwhile, independents told by Eastern to join the Co-op or lose their market found the first breaks in a solid wall of northeastern dairies who maintain they have no room for more members or more milk. Two other co-ops have said they would be willing to talk with the Farmland shippers looking for an alternative to Eastern.

As Co-op President Stanley Korona explained, Tewksbury served his limit of nine years as a Board member. Now, Co-op General Manager Howard McDonald has hired Tewksbury as Assistant to the General Manager at a reported \$30,000 a year.

BY SHEILA MILLER HARRISBURG — Pseudorabies, the contagious disease that has been cropping up in Southeastern Pennsylvania, has affected the state's breeding swine herds in a way similar to the cholera outbreak several years ago, said John Henkel, Strasburg, director of the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council. Henkel was referring to the fact that the state's

Focus of the Eastern members' advertising

A resolution to limit McDonald's power to hire ex-officials of the Co-op was defeated at Eastern's annual meeting earlier this month.

Department of Agriculture has recommended that breeding swine classes be curtailed until February, 1981.

Blue mold sporulation found

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
LANDISVILLE — Blue mold sporulation, the first really visible sign of the fungus on tobacco plants and the stage at which it can spread and reproduce, has been detected in Lancaster County.

John O. Yocum, agronomist and tobacco researcher at the Penn State Southeast Research Lab, Landisville.

The blue mold was found on plants left in a seedbed after transplanting had been completed. No field evidence has as yet been found.

The grey-blue discoloration on the underside of leaves was found this week in a seedbed in the Leola-Leacock area by Arnold Lueck, county extension agent. Presence of the fungus was confirmed by

"It is a time that growers must remain vigilant," Lueck emphasized.

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"We recommend that they follow three important practices.

12 infected swine herds confirmed in 4-county area

"If transplanting is not completed, continue to spray the seedbeds until the transplanting is finished entirely.

MYERSTOWN — Two more Lebanon County swine herds were found to be infected with pseudorabies this week.

"As soon as transplanting is completed, turn the seedbeds under.

This brings the number of infected herds in the four-county area of Lancaster, Lebanon, Berks and Dauphin to 12, according to Dr. John W. Cable, Chief of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Department's Swine Health Division.

"Finally, keep a close eye on fields for any visible evidence of blue mold." Both Lueck and Yocum stressed that blue mold could "explode" in the fields if certain weather conditions all come together to provide an atmosphere suitable for its growth and spread. Continued cool, cloudy

Besides the three Lebanon County cases, there are single infections diagnosed in Dauphin and Berks and seven in Lancaster County currently. The infected Lancaster County herds are concentrated in the Ephrata-East Earl section of the northern part of the county.

president of the Pa. Cooperative Swine Breeders Association, there were "ump-teen many doctors from PDA, Penn State and USDA" present at the meeting, too.

The producers and officials met to discuss the pseudorabies problem in the state, and what effect it could have on the show and fair season.

Max A. Van Buskirk, Jr., V.M.D., who heads PDA's Bureau of Animal Industry, was there along with several other veterinarians.

The producers were represented by Clyde McConaughy, Smicksburg; Clayton Weinbart, Rochester Mills; John Henkel, Strasburg; Ken Fetterolf, Centre Hall; Reno Thomas, Beavertown; and Dennis Grumbine, Myerstown.

Grumbine noted there were also representatives of the dairy industry there. He mentioned that they were concerned about the disease infecting the cattle exhibited at fairs where hogs carrying pseudorabies might be exhibited, too.

According to Grumbine,

"They have a right to be concerned," added Grumbine, "because cattle don't usually make it through the disease—for cattle it's a sure death."

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12 infected swine herds confirmed in 4-county area

The two new confirmed cases in Lebanon County involve neighboring herds to the original infected herd in the Myerstown area, Dr. Cable said.

denominator has been found to indicate the original source of the disease, Dr. Cable explained.

"We still have the three different, separate groups that were diagnosed as original cases in the outbreak," Dr. Cable explained.

"We haven't been able to find any cross-links so far between these original cases in Dauphin, Lebanon and Lancaster counties.

In addition, a thirteenth herd is under quarantine due to exposure to the disease.

"The other confirmed (Turn to Page A34)

Thus far, no common