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## NEMA urges flock size cut

DURHAM, N.H. — The Northeast Egg Marketing Association is calling on egg producers to participate in a four-point summer program designed to cut the national flock size by 15 million birds over the next three months.

The NEMA Board of Directors termed the requested action a "countrywide attack on the economic problems that have beset egg producers for many months."

Following a discussion of a number of proposals that have been put forth by industry leaders to bring about economic recovery

among egg producers, the NEMA directors outlined four suggested steps to reduce the national flock size.

—Sell fowl four weeks earlier than originally scheduled in June, July and August.

—If a producer follows a molting program, molt birds four weeks earlier than normally scheduled in June, July and August.

—In making plans for future flock size, reduce bird density by seven and one-half per cent.

—Join other producers in a call for a zero hatch for 30 days.

Each of the regional areas of

United Egg Producers, such as the Northeast Egg Marketing Association, will circulate a letter to members inviting voluntary support and participation of one or all of the steps outlined in the four-point program designed to trim the national flock size.

UEP will also exert efforts to stimulate participation among membership.

Commenting on the four-point program, NEMA president, John Ricca, of Billerica, Mass., said:

"Some producers have moved old birds and have trimmed flock size, but it will take this extra drive to hit 15 million less layers and put us back in the black."

Also, it was announced that at the next regular meeting of the NEMA Board on June 18 at Portland, Me., Maurice Pickler, of National Egg Company, will



Milk marketing and the current milk glut were key topics at NEDCO's meeting in Berks County Wednesday evening. Looking over a fact sheet are Jim Beaver, left, and Ralph Smith, right, for NEDCO and Bill Moore, secretary, Cleona Milk Producers' Co-op. See story on A34.

## Don't get caught on the tail end...

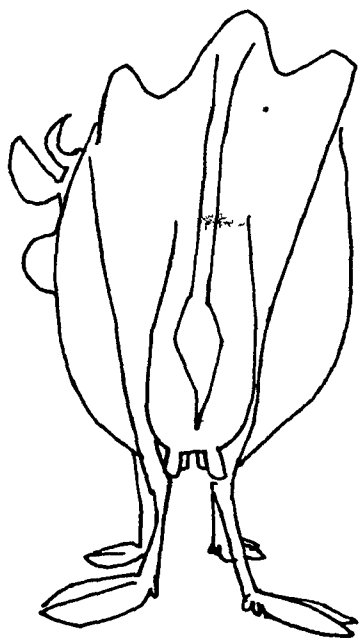
LANCASTER — If you're running a little "behind" in your reading, you may want to schedule ahead to save reading time for next week's dairy issue so you don't get caught in the "tail end" of the news.

Our special issue will be jammed full of dairy pleasers: features, how-to's, news, meetings, recipes, and opportunities to win money!

Cooks can share their favorite dairy recipe throughout the month of June. One recipe is the price for a Lancaster Farming thank you gift.

If you're always trying to make a little money, entry our dairy photo contest. The contest will continue until Friday, June 26.

To qualify, the photograph must have dairy livestock in it. It must have been taken by an amateur photographer - anyone who doesn't practice photography in their line of employment. Also, livestock photos taken for you by a professional photographer are ineligible.



The three categories of competition are:  
Posed - any photo showing  
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## Dobrosky interns at 'Farming'

LITITZ — Robert G. Campbell, publisher of Lancaster Farming, announces the appointment of Laurie Dobrosky to the position of summer intern. Laurie is a sophomore at Penn State majoring in Animal Production and Communications.

At Penn State, Laurie is a member of the school yearbook staff and the Block and Bridle club. She was assistant publicity manger for this year's Little International and helped with the sausage sale. Laurie showed a Polled Hereford heifer in the Little "I" and was named reserve champion Hereford fitter. She will be serving as the club's alternate representative to the Ag Student Council this year.

She also has been recently appointed to a committee to help with the revisions on the school newspaper, "Ag Hill Action". Laurie owns her own flock of

purebred Dorset sheep. In addition to her sheep she also owns a purebred Border Collie. Laurie says she is trying to scale down the size of her flock since she is away at college. She is retaining most of the better ewes to use as a foundation.

Laurie is active in the York Co. Sheep Producers Association. Last year she helped out with their first annual sale and both years sold sheep in the sale. She also helped with the Cumberland County Wool Pool for three years. In addition, she is one of the assistant Pa. Cattlemen's Queens.

Laurie's hobbies include: raising sheep, crewel, quilting, furniture refinishing, and acting.

Laurie is the daughter of Anthony and Patricia Dobrosky. Tony is the agriculture extension agent in York County. They live on a farm outside of Glen Rock.

Laurie was an active 4-H member for 11 years. She achieved many honors including: being on the national winning meats judging team, 25th individual in the national livestock judging contest, and attending national 4-H congress as a state winner in Wood Science.



Laurie Dobrosky

She also attended PAFC, Livestock Field Days, Judging Contests, Farm Show, and the York Fair.

"I am looking forward to working for Lancaster Farming," Laurie said. "I hope to meet a great many people in agriculture this summer."

## Milk promotion talks to be held

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN  
HARRISBURG — A meeting is expected to be held within the next few weeks to attempt to iron out how Pennsylvania's proposed Milk Marketing Promotional Program might be coordinated with similar Federal Order promotional programs.

The upcoming meeting will be held by marketing officials from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"The meeting has been delayed longer than originally expected because of the need to wait for the confirmation of certain key marketing people in the USDA," James Sumner, director of the PDA's Bureau of Markets, explained.

With the recent confirmation of the USDA's assistant secretary of agriculture in charge of marketing, the meeting is expected to be held in the near future.

The session is expected to center on a discussion of how the

operation of the two programs might be coordinated, including the distribution of promotional funds that are generated by assessments on producers.

The proposed assessment of three quarters of one percent, as set forth in the state program, would have quite an effect on the amount of funds which are now collected under Federal Order programs.

For example, in Federal Order 4 approximately three-fifths of the milk produced originates on Pennsylvania dairy farms.

Some USDA officials have given the opinion that if this portion of promotional funds is withdrawn, there wouldn't be enough monies remaining to continue the federal program.

"We do not wish to see this happen," according to Sumner.

"The proposed Pennsylvania program is designed to complement the federal programs."

Also, to be discussed will be the manner of assessment if dual

programs are conducted.

One method would be to have the state pick up those producers who are not participating in the Federal Order programs. But due to confidentiality provisions the

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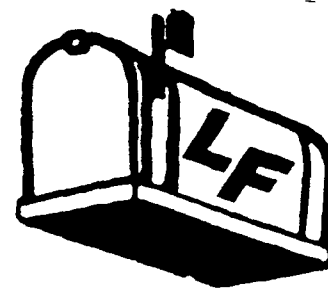
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Seventeen herds of hogs in the Lancaster County area, have been placed in quarantine as a result of pseudorabies testing conducted by the Bureau of Animal Industries A-34

Electronic marketing though it sounds like a product of the '80's, it was actually introduced more than 20 years ago when a conference telephone hookup was used for livestock markets. For updates, see page A22

The sixteenth annual Spring Rally at Dickinson College in Carlisle was attended by a whopping 1150 Farm Women. Featured this year was former Prisoner of War Commander Charlie Plumb. Read about his experiences on page C2

Northampton County holds a special Youth Day every year. This year, youths and calves share the spotlight as the experienced and the not-so-experienced joined forces for a bit of laughter and fun. C20