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Meet Lancaster County's new dairy princess, 17-year-old Deb Greider. Deb was crowned during ceremonies held at the Landis Valley Resort Inn, Saturday. See story on A22.

## Ag heads consider PRV program

BY SHEILA MILLER  
HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell met with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block in Washington D.C. on Wednesday to discuss the current pseudorabies outbreak in the state's southeast corner and a possible USDA-funded pilot project for eradication.

According to Hallowell, Secretary Block said he understands the problems facing Pennsylvania hog producers because he, himself, is a hog farmer from Illinois where pseudorabies also is a problem.

Hallowell reported PDA will be applying for a grant of less than \$100,000 for the pilot project to eradicate pseudorabies in the concentrated Lancaster County area. He expressed optimism concerning the application and stated Pennsylvania "stands a chance — we will use the funds in a limited, small-size area where the problem is severe." He added Pennsylvania and North Carolina are the most logical states for the pilot projects and are in the upper 3-4 of the states that have applied.

In addition to soliciting aid from

USDA through Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Block suggested:

- enforcing the present federal interstate regulations controlling movement of hogs;
- promoting proposals for new state regulations, including intrastate movement of both breeding and feeder swine;
- exploring and promoting the eradication of the disease in known herds;
- maintaining quarantines until herds are depopulated or tested pseudorabies free;
- ear-tagging all feeder pigs sold at auction;
- enforcing dealer market laws so that no slaughter hogs can be sold as breeding stock; and

— advising swine producers to buy only swine that are certified pseudorabies free.

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### NOTICE

Due to the July 4th holiday next Saturday, Lancaster Farming will be going to press one day early.

Subscribers will receive their newspapers on Friday, July 3.

Deadlines for Mail Box Markets will be Monday, June 29 at 5 p.m. Classified ads must be submitted by Wednesday, July 1 at 9 a.m.

Deadline for news and markets is Thursday, July 2, 9 a.m.



Bob Livingston of Dover, York, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Livingston receives his first place judging contest award from State 4-H Leader, Carroll Howes, at Penn State's Junior Livestock Field Day on Saturday. See story on A28.

*But how and when?*

## Big piggies go to market

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN  
LANCASTER — How does the popular nursery rhyme go?

"This little piggy went to market."

"This little piggy stayed at home."

Well, this rhythmic choice learned as a child might be applied to those thousands of big piggies that go to market weekly in Lancaster County as hogs to end up as hams, bacon, pork chops or whatever in the supermarket.

Also, this choice and the route that hogs travel between county farms and the supermarket shelf is causing several ripples of concern and controversy presently in the local swine industry.

Several questions being raised due to these ripples include:

—What long-range impact will be felt if last week's "indefinite" closing by Penn Packing Co., of Philadelphia, develops into a definite cessation of operations?

—Are prices reported from some local auctions ever inflated, with lower figures being dropped from the ranges that are quoted?

—Do some buyers pull too many of the marketing strings, even to the point where they can get auctions to back down on requiring prompt daily cash payments for the hogs purchased?

Among these questions, the Number One topic of conversation in recent days centered on last week's Penn Packing closing.

On the average, approximately 2,000 head of hogs had been moving weekly through Penn Packing's receiving station at Ephrata's Green Dragon Market. And across

the state, the Philadelphia packers generally bought some 4,000 to 5,000 head, including those out of markets in the western part of the state, some directly off farms and those contracted through feed mills.

Although Penn Packing closed its doors on Thursday, June 18, the Ephrata receiving station remained open this week with the hogs going to A & B Packing in Allentown.

The station will continue to receive hogs next week for slaughter at A & B, according to

Henry Gruber, of the Allentown packing firm.

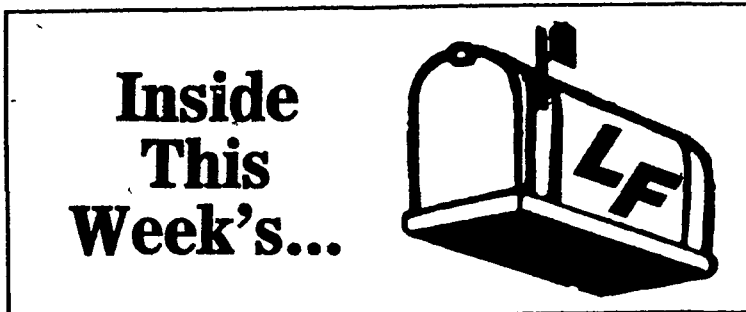
"It will take a few weeks until the situation shakes down," Gruber said.

"Someone will kill the hogs and they will find channels to go through. We've seen it before with Consolidated and others."

Lawrence Lipoff, of Penn Packing, said the closing was due to economic conditions in the industry.

He described Penn Packing losses recently as "staggering."

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The most recent Dekalb swine crossing farm built has been constructed in Lancaster County...A20.

What? An automatic milling system? There is now one in Lancaster County on a 70,000-bird operation owned by John Woglemuth...A26.

Let's all be judges! That was the consensus of over 150 adults and youth who gathered for the Southeast Judging Contest last week...C22.

Humans battle animals, or is it the other way around? Fird out on page...C30.

## FEC denies dairy Co-op's request

BY DONNA TOMMELLE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Federal Election Commission, last

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Thursday, voted 4-2 against Land 'O Lakes Cooperative's advisory request to solicit indirect members for political contributions.

However, a spokesman for the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives said Thursday, a change in the federal regulation governing member solicitation is being considered.

"There was an indication that some commissioners felt there was justification for a change in the regulations that would permit Land 'O Lakes to solicit," said Associate General Counsel Jim Krzyminski.

Under current federal regulations, Land 'O Lakes, a highly diversified cooperative, can solicit individual, direct members, but cannot draw contributions from incorporated membership in the form of local co-ops. Krzyminski explained the co-op is also prohibited from soliciting from individuals within the locals.

In a similar action last year, the Commission ruled against an advisory request from Midstate, a

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