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## Voluntary producer action

### Task force to fight PRV

**BY DICK ANGLESTEIN**  
 LANCASTER — A full-scale voluntary action program among pork producers is being launched by a Lancaster County Pseudorabies Task Force to combat the highly contagious disease which has infected more

than 60 herds throughout the state since its outbreak in January, 1980. The Pseudorabies Task Force, which is composed of producers, veterinarians, feedmen, marketers and educators, has prepared guidelines to voluntary action, which will be distributed to

Lancaster County pork producers. The Task Force also will hold two public meetings for pork producers to discuss the guidelines and answer any questions.

The pseudorabies meetings will be held:

—Monday, Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bergstrasse Elementary School, east of Ephrata, near the junction of Rts. 222 and 322.

—Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the basement meeting room of the Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

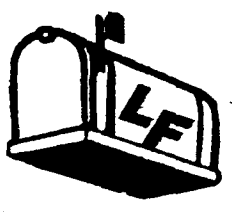
"The main objective of the program and the meetings is to motivate producers into participating in the voluntary action effort," according to Glenn Shirk, County Extension Agriculture Agent and member of the Task Force.

"We want to provide leadership and coordination for a voluntary effort and get everyone in the industry moving together in unison and in the same direction."

The Task Force began meeting several months ago to formulate the guidelines for voluntary action. Their preparation included researching the scope of the problem and the nature of the disease, analyzing the local area, investigating what other areas have done to combat pseudorabies and attempt to find any weak links

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Jersey & friend. Just two of the winners in the South-central District 4-H Dairy Show. Turn to D6 for all the winners.



Two Philadelphia citizens receive \$10,000 for proving milk's as good as gold. See page C25.

The 4th Performance Tested Boar Sale attracted buyers from six states and Canada and set a new average...Find out more on page A28.

## Ag Progress packs 'em in

**DONNA TOMMELLEO and DEBBIE KOONTZ**

Rock Springs — Over 70,000 visitors made the 1981 Pennsylvania Ag Progress Days one of the largest ever. The three-day event included more than \$15 million worth of equipment from various exhibitors.

This year's Ag Progress Day was dedicated to outgoing agriculture dean James M. Beattie

who is credited with the expansion and improvement of the field days.

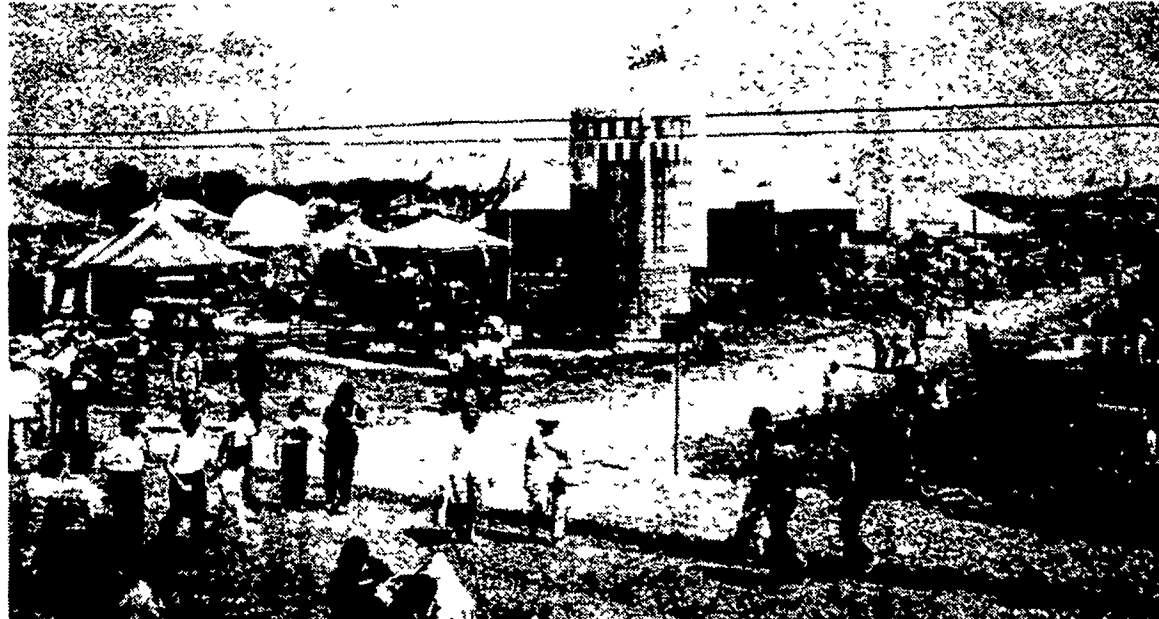
"The annual event continues to gain in popularity, attracting both farmers and urban persons," says Joseph D. Harrington, Penn State professor of agronomy and field days general chairman. "There's something for everyone, including programs for women and youth."

A sea of visitors covered the grounds and kept the exhibitors and food concessions hopping. The

large crowd proved once again this year, the need and the eagerness to keep up with the changing agricultural trends.

In various sections of the expansive 1500 acre research center, farmers found the latest techniques and equipment and watched demonstrations on mowing, chopping, baling, and much more.

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Over 70,000 people packed onto the 1500-acre expanse to see the 1981 Pennsylvania Ag Progress Days, Tuesday through Thursday.

This issue takes you there with our cameras. See more photos on page A20.



Congratulations are extended by Ben F. Morgan Jr., right, executive vice president of Dairymen, Inc. to Ralph Drock, general manager of MCMP.

## MCMP tally shows overwhelming 'yes'

**BY JOYCE BUYP**  
 Staff Correspondent

BALTIMORE, Md. — Members of Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers, Inc., voted an overwhelming "Yes" on Monday to the proposed merger of the milk marketing cooperative with Dairyman, Inc., based in Louisville, Ky.

About 400 members converged at the Hunt Valley Inn for what became the Baltimore-based dairy producer co-op's last annual meeting.

To resounding applause, teller committee chairman Robert L. Grove announced when the 1152 cast votes had been tabulated, 1105 of them, or 94.93 percent of the total membership, had voted affirmative. Nays numbered 28, with 16 contracts voting neutral based on religious beliefs, and 3 ballots returned unmarked.

Members of MCMP had looked at merger possibilities for more than a decade. Monday's final balloting climaxed a series of impromptu "shade tree" field meetings and more formal district caucus sessions held to brief the

1165 members on all phases of the possible merger.

With the considerably more than two-thirds member approval needed for merger, MCMP will become the Middle-Atlantic Division of Dairymen, Inc.

At the close of the business day of August 31, 1981, the assets of the cooperative will be consolidated with those of Dairymen, Inc. and the Middle-Atlantic Division will start September 1 as one of a dozen districts of the large southeastern regional marketing cooperative.

"Dairymen, Inc., is our best alternative when considering the welfare of our dairy members," said MCMP president Fred Butler of Inwood, West Virginia. "They have a strong philosophy of Class I sales, are innovative in their

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## Fungus creeps into Pa. fields

**BY DONNA TOMMELLEO**

ROCK SPRINGS — An alfalfa-destroying fungus, uncommon to Pennsylvania, was recently reported in Centre County, a USDA spokesman said Thursday.

However, alfalfa varieties resistant to the fungus — verticillium wilt — should be available within the next two years, said Kenneth Leath, USDA Research Plant Pathologist at Penn State.

"It's (the fungus) not going to do the damage it could have done," Leath said.

He expressed confidence that the complex disease will not remove alfalfa from the state cropping system.

"The biggest impact in Pennsylvania," he said, "will be a change in varieties grown in the state."

Leath discovered the fungus last week on a Penn State farm and a private farm.

"We don't know how much is out (Turn to Page A29)

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