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## Breckbills post double Solanco win

**BY DICK ANGLESTEIN**  
**QUARRYVILLE** — Ed Breckbill, of Breck-a-dee Farm, Oxford, Chester County, has been a busy Holstein showman in the past few months.

"And I've been quite busy back on the farm," his father, Richard, adds.

For when one member of a dairy partnership is on the show circuit, the other must stay back on the farm and pick up the slack.

But it all paid off on Thursday when the father and son took both the Holstein grand championship and the reserve grand championship at the Solanco Fair with a four-year-old and an intermediate calf. The "Mutt and Jeff" black and whites have been as busy as their owners recently, too.

The four-year-old, who is projected at over 20,000 milk and 850 lbs. of fat in her second lactation, previously took the grand championship of the Chester County Black and White Show and third in the champion show at Kutztown.

The calf, which shows all the promise already of developing into a top black and white, also has taken major honors at the county level and at Kutztown district FFA show.

The cow is out of Breck-a-dee Dora Topper Jo Jo, sired by Penn Octo Kenny, of Atlantic Breeders.

The calf was sired by Tiho Kit Builder. The dam is Zion-Meadows Ele Margy, an Elevation daughter.

Judge Bob Gregory, of Pennfield, paid due respect to both of the Breckbill entries when he decided on the twin honors.

The father-son partnership includes some 75 milkers and about 130 total head. Their rolling herd average is over 17,500 lbs. of milk and 670 of fat.

And the show circuit isn't finished yet for 20-year-old Ed Breckbill. After catching his breath from a long day of showing on Thursday, it's packing the calf back up over this weekend and heading for Harrisburg.

For Ed and the promising bovine  
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Ed Breckbill, of Oxford, is sandwiched by a couple of champions at Solanco Fair — an intermediate calf reserve grand champion and a four-year-old grand champion.

## Farm Bill's dairy provision draws fire

**BY DONNA TOMMELLEO**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The National Milk Producers Federation and several leading milk marketing cooperatives have openly attacked this week's Senate's revision of the dairy price support program of the federal Farm Bill.

This controversial legislative action, which occurred here Tuesday, included a 70 percent parity level and eliminated semi-annual price adjustments.

"It is totally unacceptable," declared NMPF Communications director Doni Dondero.

The Senate adopted the Reagan Administration's proposal for a minimum 70 percent parity level

with an annual adjustment. The annual adjustment, however, is tied into CCC net purchases — they must stay below \$750 billion or else the adjustment is cancelled.

Not surprisingly, CCC purchases easily exceeded the proposed level last year, coming in at \$1.3 billion. And Dondero explained the government's purchases this year have increased at a rate greater than last year's.

If passed, said Dondero, the Senate's acceptance of the Administration's package would maintain the present \$13.10 support price well into the 1982-83 marketing year. By then that \$13.10 support price would equate to below the 70 percent level.

"This is not going to keep dairy

farmers in business," Dondero exclaimed.

Dairy's spokesman Bruce Snow estimated that every 5 percent below 80 percent parity can cost farmers 91 cents per hundredweight.

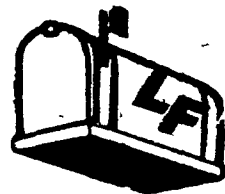
For example, a million pound producer can expect to receive \$18,000 less with a 70 percent level.

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## Crowds pack York Fair

**YORK** — The York Fair, which began its line-up of beef, sharp, dairy and swine champions last Friday, is wrapping up a soggy week today. The annual event, one of the largest in the state, did not disappoint visitors this year.

Acres and acres of fairgrounds were packed with exhibits, spine-tingling rides along the midway and enough food stands to feed the entire city of York.

The Fair had something for everybody. Both city and country people could feel at home. Jammed with daily visitors, the Fair offered the hustle and bustle of any booming metropolis. And not far from the crowded parking lots, where scores of buses unloaded visitors from as far away as Virginia and the nation's capital, the latest farm machinery stood

for inspection by both farmers and city folk.

Some of the finest livestock in southeastern Pennsylvania filled barn after barn as visitors ogled

animals and had questions answered by friendly exhibitors.

One of the highlights of the

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In the advent of the Pennsylvania All-American, several families are preparing to take their top dairy animals to Harrisburg. One family tells their story of developing a top Holstein herd. Find out how they did it while making it a 'family affair' on page D8.



The grand champion heifer at the Polled Hereford Summer show was exhibited by Mike Cummings, West Minister, Md. Pictured with Mike are Show judge Marvin Minor, Richmond, Va., and Jackie Kirschner, Pa., Polled Hereford Queen.