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Cow goes to Capitol



Bob Kauffman and Ada.

**BY LAURA ENGLAND
ELIZABETHTOWN** —
Traveling off the farm is not a new experience for Ada, a 5-year-old Holstein cow. The stylish bovine, which classified very good at 89 points, has had her share of competitive 4-H round-ups and FFA shows and has enjoyed her youth-oriented excursions.

But when her owner, Robert Kauffman, R1 Elizabethtown, told her she would be traveling to Harrisburg on Friday - and it's not even show season - Ada was just a bit surprised. She was even more surprised when she arrived in Harrisburg and was led up the steps to the Capitol Rotunda.

A weary look in her eyes following her trek up the steps, Ada had heard about walking up hill during her many trips to dairy shows, but this, in her opinion, was ridiculous.

Not aware of it at the time, Ada was about to make history. No, she wasn't using her pull to become the first bovine bureaucrat in Harrisburg, but she was about to become the first cow ever to set hoof in the Rotunda.

Of the 730,000-plus cows in Pennsylvania, Penns Springs Milestone Ada was chosen for the honor. A phone call from the

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Dairy Delight is 'Pleasurable Suicide'

It's Dairy Princess season in Pennsylvania.

Last weekend, Joyce Bupp rounded up the newly-crowned princess in York County, her alternates and court and took the above photo at Rutter's Dairy Store. And, that sundae is for real — loaded with lots of dairy goodies.

From the left are Lisa Warner, Kelly Kilgore, dairy princess Judy Perry, Karen Klahold and Darcy Feeser.

Lancaster Farming pays tribute to all dairy royalty in the state — those already named and soon to be named.

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Congratulations Dairy Princesses

Otis in Tux

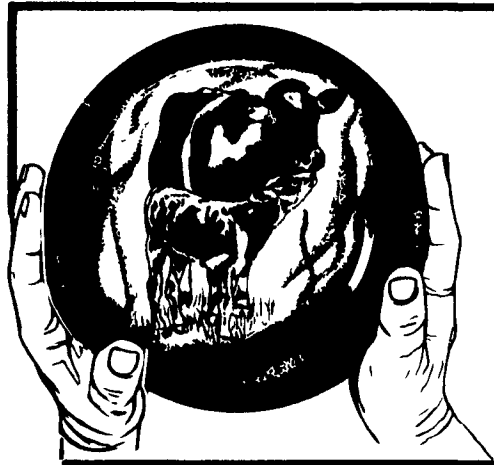
Did you ever think you'd see Otis in a Tuxedo?

Well, he's all decked out in his finest farming threads on our Editorial Page today.

To find out why, turn to Page A10.

Part I — An overview

(Editor's Note: Laura England, dairy editor of Lancaster Farming, has criss-crossed Pennsylvania in recent weeks talking to dairy farmers primarily about one topic - THE FUTURE. What does it hold? What happens after the Dairy Opportunity program ends? How do you see the coming years in dairying? She has put together a special series of articles on "Dairy's Future - Whatever it holds, it's in your hands." In this



Fred Hughes
Penn State

DAIRY'S FUTURE

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week's issue she sets the stage for this Special Dairy Report by talking with Fred Hughes, Extension farm management specialist at Penn State. Watch for this special series throughout June and get an insight into something on everyone's mind - THE FUTURE.)

**BY LAURA ENGLAND
UNIVERSITY PARK** — It's a picture-perfect scene.

The cows stand gracefully grazing in the lush, green pasture under a bright, blue sky. Peaceful clouds float pass the midday sun, while husband and wife diligently go about their chores. The children, oblivious to all the workings around them, shout and scream as they play tag in the yard.

It's a picture-perfect scene - almost.

A closer look at today's dairy farming reveals some disturbing flaws. An oversupply of milk, 14 billion pounds, plagues the dairy industry. Feed costs and machinery costs are on the rise. In fact, farmers can expect to see a seven to nine percent increase in input costs this year.

And while the cost of inputs is increasing, milk prices are decreasing and money supplies are in jeopardy. Farmers who overextended their credit in years

when the economic picture looked bright are now facing the realities of foreclosure. Dairy farmers, in general, are being forced to tighten their belts and watch their management tactics with a keen eye.

But despite the very real problems facing dairymen today, one farm management specialist is optimistic about the dairy industry's future. Optimistic, and yet at the same time, urging caution in farm management practices.

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**"We're going to have a real shakeout
of dairymen in 1985 and into 1986."**