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## The All American — the best of the best



A new dairy princess, and the best examples of all the dairy breeds...that's what the All American Dairy Show has come to mean to the state, and even to the Northeast. For Lancaster Farming's exclusive same-week coverage of this

exciting event, review pages A22 to A24. For coverage of the coronation of Elizabeth Heald of Centre County as Pennsylvania's 1985 Dairy Princess, turn to page B14.

## Extension agents from across U.S. meet in Hershey

HERSHEY — More than 1,000 county agricultural agents are converging on this central Pennsylvania resort for the 70th annual meeting of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.

The convention, which opens Sunday and continues until Thursday, was four years in the making, according to Lancaster County extension agents Glenn Shirk and Jay Irwin.

In addition to hearing a variety of high-level speakers, the agents will have the opportunity to learn about central Pennsylvania agriculture by participating in some of the 20 tours that have been scheduled by planners of the event.

The tours, which will be hosted by agents from the respective counties, include a total of 84 stops in ten counties.

The convention may well be the largest in the organization's history, despite the fall date, which, it was thought, would deter families with children from attending, said Shirk.

Instead, many agents and their families have registered, pushing total attendance well above 2,000

and requiring spillover accommodations at a variety of hotels and motels throughout the area.

Speakers for the event include Governor Dick Thornburgh and USDA officials like Dr. Mary Nell

Greenwood, Administrator of the Extension Service, and Richard Rankin, Deputy Administrator for Management. Other speakers include:

- Charles M. Kittrell, executive

vice president of Phillips Petroleum Co.

- Bryce Jordan, president of Penn State University

- Russell G. Mawby, chairman of the board and executive officer

of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation

- Jim Meston, Director of Human Resources, Westinghouse Headquarters

In addition to the formal sessions and official business, the convention will also feature a full slate of "professional improvement sessions," on a variety of topics, including farm income, rural development, urban programs, youth activities and administrative management and public relations

Sites on the tours include agricultural highlights like the Sperry-New Holland Assembly Site, in New Holland; the Em-Tran embryo transfer facility in Elizabethtown; Atlantic Breeders Cooperative in Lancaster; Pennfield's feed and poultry operations, Rodale Organic Farm; and the extremely modern Frey Dairy Farm near Columbia.

Other tours include locations of general interest, like Seltzer's Lebanon bologna plant, San Giorgio's pasta plant, Utz's Potato Chips factory, the Betty Groff Farm and Three Mile Island nuclear power plant.



The Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, the site of next week's convention of county extension agents.