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Ag Preserve PP&L Saves 620 Acres

LANCASTER — At a news conference Thursday afternoon in the Lancaster County courthouse, the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company announced plans to donate perpetual preservation deed restrictions on nine adjoining Manor Township farms consisting of approximately 620 acres to the Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board.

Donald Smith representing the company said the land was acquired by PP&L in the 1960s for a potential power generation site for which a need is no longer projected. The site will be resurveyed with most farms to include existing farmstead buildings, and preservation deed restrictions will be placed by donation.

"We live here," Smith said. "We work here. And we want to keep this land in agricultural preserve as our commitment to the best interest of the county."

Allen Musselman, director of the Agricultural Preserve Board, gave the sequence of events to follow after this announced declaration of intent by PP&L. "Next the land (Turn to Page A38)



Janae Martin, Lancaster County's Dairy Princess, holds a carton of CalciMilk, one of the newest additions to the dairy case.

New Products, Promotions Spur Dairy Sales Increases

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LANCASTER — There is nothing new under the sun, that is unless you look in the dairy case.

The variety of items found in the dairy case has been steadily increasing in recent years. New dairy products are continually being developed to answer changing consumer tastes.

Dairy Research Inc. has developed prototypes of new two products, with anticipated general

distribution in early 1987, according to Joseph O'Donnell of the Product/Process Research and Development Division of DRINC.

One product is a high-calcium milk that utilizes only natural milk calcium. The second is a butter that is spreadable directly from the refrigerator. A reduced calorie product, the new butter is made with natural milkfat that has been modified to give it this new trait, explained O'Donnell.

Extensive consumer testing of these products has met with positive results.

DRINC is also working on a carbonated milk, low calorie milk, and raspberry, pina colada, banana and peach flavored milks, all in the early stages of development.

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CCC Cash Flow Dries Up

WASHINGTON — Farmers participating in USDA programs such as the whole-herd buy-out found Uncle Sam's pocketbook empty earlier this week when the Commodity Credit Corporation ran out of money.

According to CCC Treasurer Ted Langlois, the agency is authorized to borrow up to \$25 billion from the United States Treasury to finance the operations of farm loan and subsidy programs.

"Our operations have caused us to borrow up to that limit," said the USDA official, who was not willing to single out any one program as the cause of the current predicament.

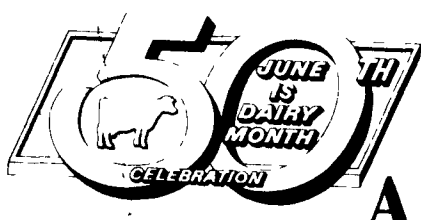
Prior to last year, funding USDA programs had not been a problem for CCC. Although the agency closed down for three days in February, 1985, the books balanced for the next two decades until July 17, 1985, when the funding well ran dry for a week.

Since then, the problem has become chronic, with a shutdown in February of this year and again this week. Farmers participating in USDA programs will not receive any further payments until Congress approves a supplemental spending bill.

Although Congress is currently considering a \$5.3 billion supplemental appropriation, ASCS Budget Officer David Hall would make no prediction as to if and when the money would be available.

Hall echoed Langlois' statement that no specific program was responsible for the fiscal crisis. He pointed out that the 1985 crop loan program has cost CCC \$15 billion, with only \$2 billion being repaid to date.

Advance payments being offered at producer signup for 1986 crops have also resulted in a hefty cash outlay of \$3 billion, Hall said.



A Tribute To Dairy Farming

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Back in 1937 when the National Association of Chain Drug Stores sponsored the first national milk month, they never dreamed of biotechnology or UHT milk processed at ultra high tem-

peratures to allow the milk to be kept at room temperature for seven months. But they knew they had a good product. And they knew if you told people about this good product, people would drink more milk. And that's what this special dairy issue of Lancaster Farming is all about.

Drink more milk. Use more dairy products. Salute the farmers, agribusiness people and advertisers who support this tremendously important industry—important economically and important as a way of life.

New Dairy Columns This Week

Two new features of interest to dairy farmers start this week. First, the copywrited "National Dairy Cow Sale Index" gives the sale price averages in several categories for all the breed and dispersal sales reported in Lancaster Farming.

The first of its kind, this national summary will help dairymen evaluate the worth of their own cows in relation to national and state averages. "The National Dairy Cow Sale Index" will appear weekly with the "Major Dairy Sales and Dispersals" column. This week the column appears on Page 34.

In addition, the "All Breed Dairy Club Registry" of directors and activities will be the place for county and state club reporters and secretaries to publish their local breed news to the 120,000 readers of Lancaster Farming. This week this new column starts on Page 20.

You'll find feature stories from all over Lancaster Farming Territory by our staff correspondents. You'll find recipes galore. Recipes that use dairy product ingredients. You'll find two new dairy columns (one copywrited) that were brought into existence because of Lancaster Farming's sensitivity to the needs of farmers in their business operation.

And you'll find our usual columns and coverage of farm news, editorials that speak to the world for farmers and advertising that lets farmers in Lancaster Farming Territory know where to obtain the products and services they need to run the home farm operation. And you'll find the markets and farm sales as usual.

So here's Lancaster Farming's golden anniversary tribute to the national celebration of "June is Dairy Month". A celebration that honors thousands of men and women and their families who produce and process nearly 140 billion pounds of milk annually. Happy reading!



A milking contest, butter making demonstration and lots of dairy products officially ushered in Dairy Month in Pittsburgh's Market Square this week. Here, Pa. Dairy Princess Beth Heald shows Pittsburgh Radio Station KDKA's Jay Pochapin how to milk a cow. Both participated in a milking contest, which Beth went on to win. For more photos of this event from Butler County Correspondent Barbara Rader.