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## Faith And Farming III

LAURELVILLE — Farmers' eyes turned to the future at the third Faith and Farming Conference at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center here this week. "During one of the darkest periods of North American agriculture—like the Hebrew exile in Babylon—we again looked to God and to the future," said Levi Miller of the Laurelville Center.

Howard Brenneman, Hesston Corporation, Hesston, Kansas, gave a major address about the future of North America and Mennonite farming.

Lancaster Farming will have a full report on this address next week. In the photo participants at the farm conference included (from left) Elaine and Leon Good and son Daren, Lititz; John and Ada Graybill, New Providence and Mim and Glen Thomas, Lititz.

## Dairymen Face \$5.2 Million Decision

HARRISBURG — Richard E. Grubb, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture, reminds Pennsylvania dairymen in Federal Order 4 that they have until Dec. 15 (one week) to choose a dairy promotion program to support in 1987 with their milk production assessments.

They must decide between the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program's statewide campaign and the Mid-Atlantic Milk Marketing Area's regional promotional efforts.

"This is an opportunity for our dairymen to be active in the decision making process, and to control how their money is spent," Grubb said.

Dairymen must issue written notice to Joseph Shine, federal milk market administrator, by Dec. 15 if they choose to contribute assessments to the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program, Grubb advised. Shine's address is: P.O. Box 25825, Alexandria, Va. 22313.

In the absence of such notice, assessments are automatically credited by Shine to the MAMMA program.

Under federal law, a 15-cent assessment is collected for each 100 pounds of milk produced. Five cents is earmarked to the National Dairy Promotion Board for nationwide advertising, promotion and research. Producers decide which state and regional promotion efforts receive the remaining 10 cents.

A phone survey conducted by Bob Williams Associates of Camp Hill revealed that 57 percent of Pennsylvania dairymen in Federal Order 4 did not realize they had a choice of directing where the remaining 10 cents would go. Of those surveyed, 95 percent were uncertain where their 10 cents was going.

The majority of the dairymen polled were aware of the 15 cent per hundredweight deduction and that 5 cents of the 15 went to the assessments.

## Worldwide View Given At National Ag Conference

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WASHINGTON D.C. — When you think agriculture, you need to consider more than conditions at the local level. At least that's the message that evolved from the 63rd Annual Agricultural Outlook Conference here in the USDA building this week. Speaker after speaker gave reasons for farm problems and made predictions of things to come. Politics, supply, demand, world markets and economics. Not just in the U.S., but also in Australia, Brazil, Europe, Russia and Japan.

"World agricultural markets are in their worst state since the Great Depression," said Geoff Miller, Department of Primary Industry, Australia.

Wheat stocks have risen by 69

### Wengers Buy Wolgemuth

Wengers Food Mills Inc. in Rheems has agreed to purchase Wolgemuth Bros. Inc., a Mount Joy manufacturer of livestock and poultry feed. The purchase price was not disclosed.

Wolgemuth at 230 S. Market Ave., Mount Joy, has 70 employees and two milling operations at the Mount Joy plant. Wolgemuth manufactures Florin livestock and poultry feed.

Wengers, founded in the early 1940s by Melvin M. Wenger, is in Rheems.

per cent and prices have plunged by 45 per cent. Grain stocks in the U.S. have risen and are now alone equivalent to around two years' total world trade. Sugar prices have fallen dramatically and are still 86 per cent below 1980 levels; stocks have risen 45 per cent. World butter stocks have soared to a massive 1.7 Mt. and prices have fallen by 50 per cent. Stocks of beef in the E.C. have risen to over 700 kt.—about 30 per cent of world trade.

The costs of farm programs have escalated dramatically.

U.S. taxpayers paid U.S. \$3.5 billion in the early 1980s. This year they will pay around U.S. \$30 billion, almost 15 per cent of the national budget deficit. This is a contribution of nearly U.S. \$700 by each nonfarm family in the country.

Taxpayers, as consumers, are paying an additional estimated U.S. \$6 billion a year because prices for products such as sugar and dairy products are administered at levels above international prices.

The Common Agricultural Policy is also faced with a runaway budget. Despite the increase in the proportion of value added tax spent on agriculture from 1.0 per cent to 1.4 per cent this year, costs are running well above income.

At U.S. \$23 billion in 1986-87, direct subsidy costs of the CAP have doubled in five years. This

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## Dairy Policy On Hold

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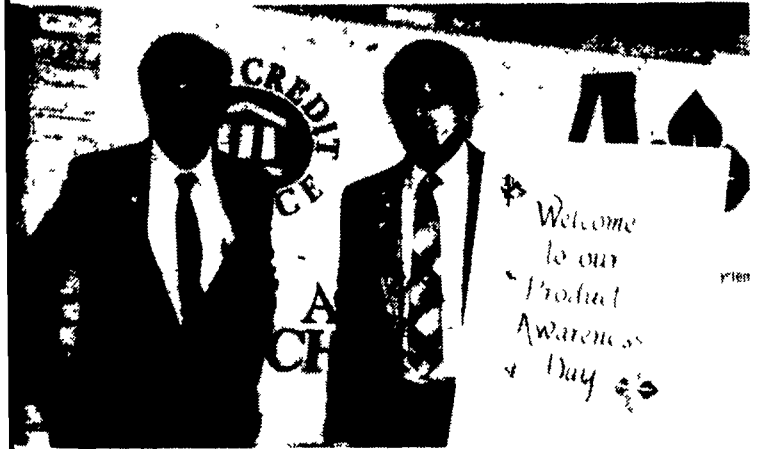
LAS VEGAS — Improving prices and a smaller surplus have resulted in a wait and see attitude hovering over much of America's dairy leadership meeting here this week for a National Dairy Summit.

As a result, the controversial issue of milk supply management for the nation's dairy industry seems likely to simmer on the back burner behind the more heated political issues of glaring budget deficits, grain gluts, trade imbalance and economic instability on the farm.

In fact, delegates to the annual National Milk Producers Federation meeting rejected a policy amendment to intensify groundwork on framework of supply management options for the milk industry. More than 1,500 dairy industry leaders, delegates and guests gathered at Caesar's Palace Monday through Thursday for the Federation's annual meeting and dairy summit.

Featured on the program headlined by Washington notables were Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng, Senators Jesse

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### This We Must See!


On Tuesday morning these two loan officers at the Anville office of Farm Credit were still in excellent health at their Office Products Awareness Day. But along with some other door prizes like cheese, bologna and fruit baskets, Greg Snyder, left, and Keith Silfee were up for a loan to a full-time farmer (or his wife) in a drawing.

According to the rules, very visibly displayed by the entry blank box, Greg and Keith will be available to work on the farm of the winner one day approximately 10 hours Monday through Friday according to the winning farmer's schedule. The sign said, "We are at your mercy for the day."

But both loan officers were a little hesitant to take credit for the quote since the nature of the work they may be asked to perform was not clear. Cleaning out box stalls, feeding pigs or calves, changing the baby's diaper, stripping tobacco or making dinner. Any one of these jobs plus numerous other jobs might be in store for them.

For now it's still uncertain. But some time before January 31, we'll know. And then we'll let you know how two loan officers from Anville feel after a "real" day's work on the farm.

### All-Maryland Holsteins



Don't miss the winners of the All-Maryland Holstein contest in the open and junior divisions. To see the remaining pictures of the class winners turn to pages A26 and A27.

**100,000 Pound Cow**  
 Coldspring Elevation Insert owned by Marlin Hoff.

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