



These 1987-88 county dairy princesses will compete for the state title on September 19 in Harrisburg.

Front rows (L to R): Vanessa Daniel, Northampton Co.; Susan Renee Post, Erie Co.; Marjorie Shearer, Juniata Co.; Junia Laughery, Crawford Co.; Tricia Roseberry, Clearfield Co.; Nanette Bushong, Lancaster Co.; Margie Fuoss, Lycoming Co.; Stephanie Meyers, Franklin Co.; Belinda Loht, Mifflin Co.; Patricia Dunkleberger, Cumberland Co.; Pamela Kindig, PA DAIRY PRINCESS; Josephine Hess, Adams Co.; Linda Hockman, Bucks Co.; Rebecca Sonnen, Lebanon Co.; Cheryl Taylor, Bradford Co.; Clarinda Leatherman, Berks Co.; Cindy Deabenderfer, Indiana Co.; Cathy Alt, Bedford Co.; Betty Jo Douglass, Potter Co.; Stephanie Walker, McKean Co.; Julie Metz, Huntingdon Co.; Amy Heasley, West-

moreland Co.

Third row (L to R): Nancy Vall, Wayne Co.; Kimberly Dietrich, Sun-Area; Paula Younkins, Armstrong Co.; Gail Carpenetti, Susquehanna Co.; Elisa Wilkinson, Chester Co.; Jennifer Barnett, Somerset Co.; Mary Frederick, Clarion-Venango Co.; Sally McClintock, Sullivan Co.; Lori Yost, Columbia-Luzerne Co.; Jenny Sue Bigelow, Blair Co.; Stephanie Corbin, Jefferson Co.; Susan Slater, Montgomery Co.; Christina McDowell, Beaver-Lawrence Co.

Top row (L to R): Martha Hartle, Centre Co.; Suzanne Hash, York Co.; Angela Haas, Mercer Co.; Michelle Lusk, Washington-Greene Co.; Jennie Groover, Tioga Co.; Tammy Leshner, Dauphin Co.; Robin Curtiss, Warren Co.; Jeanne Kummer, Butler Co.

## Princess Coronation Set For Sept. 19

Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and Promotion Services has announced that it's 31st Annual Dairy Princess Pageant will be held on Saturday evening, September 19th, at the Harrisburg Marriott. A milk reception will

start at 5:30 p.m. followed by a banquet at 6:30 p.m. and the Pageant.

Forty-two county Dairy Princesses will compete for the title of Pennsylvania Dairy Princess now held by Pamela Kindig of Lancas-

ter County. This is the largest group of county princesses to compete for a number of years. The newly selected Princess will reign for a period of one year from September 1987 to September 1988.

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## Vote Yes For Farmland

BY  
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When you get right down to it, ag land preservation really is good for everybody. It is good for all the taxpayers because agriculture is Pennsylvania's number one

revenue-producing industry of our tax base. It is good for workers because of the multitude of jobs created by agri-business and related manufacturing enterprises. It is good for the naturalist because it provides breeding and living grounds for wildlife and birds. It is

good for hunters because farm land provides food and shelter for small game and deer. It is good for vacationers because farm land provides a restful backdrop for a trip anywhere, even to specifically visit the farm land.

It is good for consumers because food grown close to home is fresher and costs less. And of course, it is good for farmers because they can make a living and raise their families around them.

So with all these things going for it, you would think that to keep good agricultural land in production in Pennsylvania would come naturally. But it just isn't that way.

With the competition between growing crops and building houses and high ways in many areas of the state, especially in the southeast part of Pennsylvania, the value of land for development has exceeded by two or three times the value for farming.

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## Workshop Aids In Nutrient Management

BY LOU ANN GOOD

Lancaster — "All farmers have a problem with nutrient run-off," Penn State's Professor of Soil Chemistry Dale Baker said. "But," he told the Nutrient Management Workshop held at the Lancaster County Farm and Home Center on Tuesday, "Farmers don't realize that they have a problem."

In an effort to assist farmers in curbing excessive soil nutrients, Penn State Cooperative Extension Service sponsored the one day workshop, featuring seven of their

Penn State College of Agriculture staff.

Water quality problems are affecting the ecological health of the Chesapeake Bay and the county's ground water. Studies show that much of the damage is linked to soil erosion and nutrient overloading from Lancaster County farmland. Over one-half of the manure production happens in the southeastern part of the state.

With slides, charts, graphs and computers, the speakers showed



Karen Baker (center) with the Elizabethtown supreme champion trophy and her family. This trophy comes after the grand champion cow, sheep, hog and steer are brought into the show ring for a panel of four experts to decide which animal represents its species. And this year Karen's prize hog was the judges' selection.

Karen's family surround her. (L to R) Melissa (who had the reserve grand champion hog) Marlin, Nancy and six-year-old Amy who gives a lot of sisterly support.