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## Look Out Lancaster Farmers, A Super Highway Is 'Commin' Now

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LANCASTER — Most people agree that something must be done to alleviate the traffic problem on Route 30 and 23 in Lancaster County. The friends of agriculture are concerned that the most recent studies by a team of engineers and PennDot officials have largely ignored the impact of running a superhighway through the middle of prime farms that average about 50 acres in size and form the social and religious core of the Lancaster County farm community.

The routes most strongly supported by the new study cut right through the heart of Lancaster County where horses plow the fields and power lines are nonexis-

tent. While the burial of a few 1,000 acres of prime farm land in the concrete ribbon and wasted right of way is disturbing, the total economic impact of a disrupted farm community cannot be measured.

Allen Musselman, executive director of the Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board, says there isn't anyone in the farm community east of Lancaster that won't be affected by these routes. An interchange in a now more secluded area of the county will flood that area with tourists. And while farmers with the unique religious beliefs in Lancaster County do benefit from on-farm sales, the overall impact on the community is potentially very unacceptable.

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The Core-Dale Farm of the Roy Thompson family showed the grand champion Holstein to the supreme champion of the York Fair Thursday. (L to R) Sue Eisenhart presenting plaque, Rod and Jane Thompson, Shirley Thompson Trimmer, Roy Thompson and Leo Rutter representing York Fair.

## Eastern Sells Bottling Plant To Dairylea

Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative is selling its fluid milk bottling plant in Homer, NY to Dairylea Cooperative, effective Sept. 11.

The facility, which Eastern acquired five years ago from Kraft Dairy Group, processes nearly 2 million quarts of milk a month and employs over 40 people.

With milk volumes down in the Northeast due to the Whole Herd Buyout, "we decided that the time was right to get out of the fluid milk bottling business and to focus on supplying milk to other dealers and manufacturers," Eastern Presi-

dent Earl Forwood said. He noted that Eastern markets over 2 billion pounds of milk a year from its 3,700 member-farmers. About a quarter of that milk goes to the fluid market, with the remainder supplying manufacturers of such dairy products as cheese, yogurt and ice cream.

Michael Donovan, general manager, added that insufficient volume and lack of adequate return on investment were major reasons for selling the Homer plant.

"We tried to expand the business and develop a profitable oper-

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At Agribusiness Convention (L to R) Jack Dreibelbis, David Brubaker, Dr. Bryce Jordan and Michael Zapach.

## President Tells Agribusiness Leaders New Funding Has PSU On Positive Note

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STATE COLLEGE — The president of the Pennsylvania State University, Dr. Bryce Jordan, told agribusiness leaders here Monday morning that new funding for the state's Cooperative Extension Service and the prospect of breaking ground for a new agricultural and science industry center at University Park next spring has given an especially positive note to the beginning of the semester this fall.

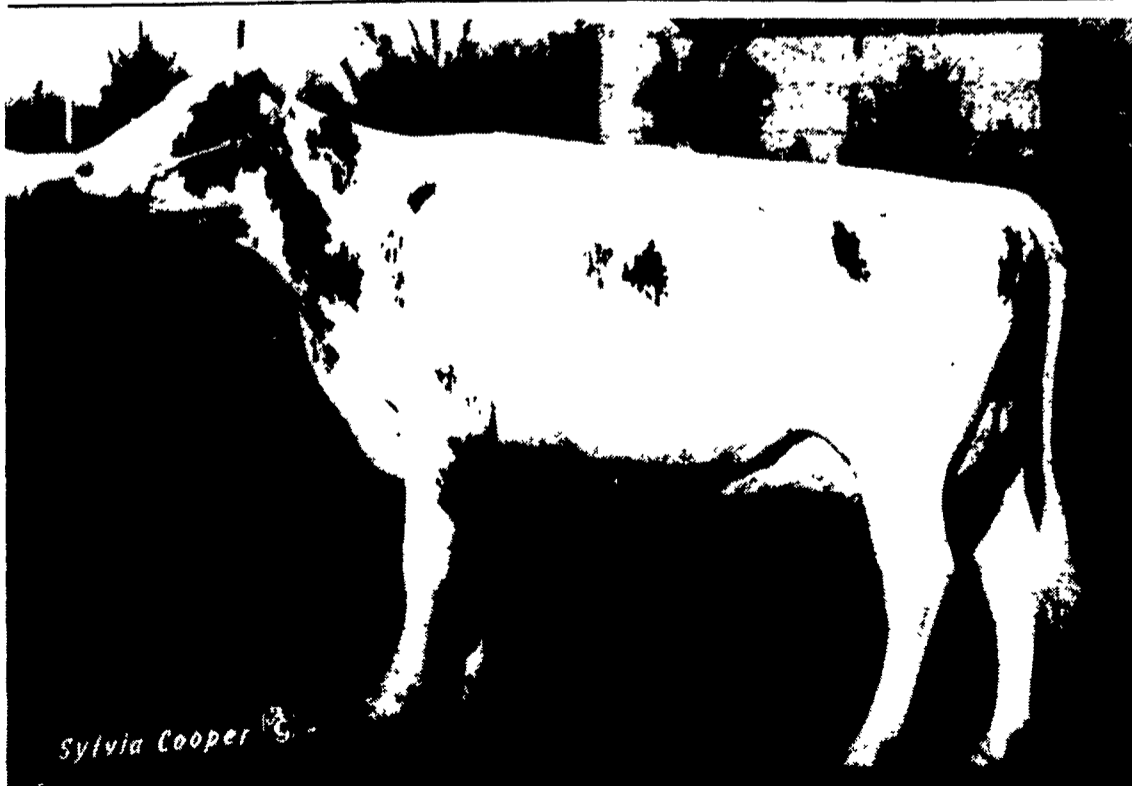
Speaking to the 109th Penn Ag Convention at Toftrees Resort, Jordan reported that in July the state general assembly and Governor Casey approved a \$5 million increase to the university's budget to be applied to the Extension Service. "This much-needed support gives new vigor to this university's ability to contribute programs

among the various ag industries," Jordan said.

As a result of this funding, the college of agriculture is able to fill 45 vacant county agents' positions that had been on hold for lack of funds, and the Cooperative Extension offices are receiving much-needed technical and operating support. "For the first time in history," Jordan said, "the commonwealth provides a larger share of funding than either the federal or local sources. And this is not a one-time appropriation, but part of the permanent funding for the university."

Another momentous occasion for the university came this summer when the federal government approved a \$16.2 million appropriation for a new agricultural and science industry center at University Park. This came on top of a

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Here she is, C Mount Haven Chrystan Reta-Red, the senior and grand champion of the 1987 Pennsylvania Holstein Show for a photo spread and story of the show. An announcement of the all Pennsylvania winners see Page D14-16.