

# PA Dairy Promotion Program Names New Program Coordinator

Laura B. Long, a Penn State University College of Agriculture graduate, and dairy enthusiast — has been named Program Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program.

One of Lolly's main responsibilities will be that as a liaison with the local promotion committees. She will be developing new programs and special events. To facilitate further development of the committees, she will be compiling a promotional guide handbook. By enhancing the local promotional efforts, it is her goal to create a definitive grass roots appeal, thus; making the general public more aware of the importance of the Pennsylvania dairy industry and its nutritious dairy products.

In making the announcement, PDPP Board Chairman Jim Harteis of Ebensburg noted that Lolly served as a summer intern with the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Markets in 1985. She was an Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology major at Penn State. While attending college, Lolly was active in the Dairy Science Club, and Ag Student Council.

Lolly is a Huntingdon County native, and her family has been involved in the dairy industry for

many years. She succeeds Cindy Weimer, who has returned to Cla-

ron County to farm with her husband.

## ASCS Authorizes Special Honey Loans

Honey producers may request special honey price support loans on 100 percent of their 1987 production if they immediately repay the loans using the honey buyback provisions. A recent revision in honey program regulations also waived the eligible honey container requirements for these loans, according to Donald E. Lutz, Chairman of the Berks County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

To obtain the special loans, honey producers must certify that they: (1) own title to the honey when the loan request is made; (2) maintain ownership of the honey until the loan is repaid; and (3) present acceptable written buyback documentation.

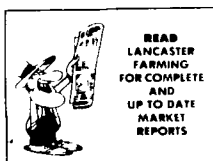
Under the loan buyback provision, producers are allowed to repay their loans at the price support rate or a lesser price as determined by the Commodity Credit

Corporation, Lutz said. Beekeepers who buy back their honey under the program may not repledge the same honey as collateral for another loan, he said.

Loan proceeds will be used to repay the special honey loan at the buyback rate in effect when the loan is disbursed, the ASCS official said.

Price support loans on 1987-crop honey may be obtained until March 31, 1988, at a national average rate of 63 cents per pound.

For additional information on special honey loans, producers may contact the Berks County ASCS Office.



## Farm Calendar

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GPM PA Livestock Assoc. Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, Sheraton Harrisburg East.

Saturday, October 3  
PFA McKean Co. Meeting, Halls Restaurant, 7 p.m.

## FARM FORUM OUR READERS WRITE

Editor:

Lycoming County is losing valuable farmland. From 1964 to 1982, more than 23,475 acres of farmland were converted to other uses. Isn't it time to save some of that farmland for food production here at the local level?

It doesn't take a lot of imagination to realize that local farmers grow local, fresh, and high quality food for surrounding consumers. Farmland provides open space for outdoor activities such as hunting, hiking and fishing. We not only lose these benefits when farmland disappears, but more importantly food prices go up.

Now, the voters of Lycoming County have an opportunity to

show their support for agriculture.

On November 3rd, the voters of the Commonwealth will be asked by way of a referendum, whether they support a one-time bond of \$100 million to fund a purchase of development rights (PDR) program in Pennsylvania.

Agriculture is the state's number one industry, generating more than \$35 billion worth of business in the state, and providing jobs for one in every five persons. Pennsylvania ranks in the top ten nationally in more than 30 agricultural commodities.

Here in Lycoming County, agricultural cash receipts in 1985 were more than \$28,347,000.

Now, agriculture needs the help of all citizens of Pennsylvania. We are encouraging a "YES" vote for Farmland Preservation. In order to do this, you must be registered to vote.

The Lycoming County Farmers' Association is encouraging everyone, not just farmers, to register to vote in the upcoming election, and to cast a "YES" vote for Farmland.

Last day to register is October 5th!

Ed Snook  
President  
Lycoming Farmers' Assn.

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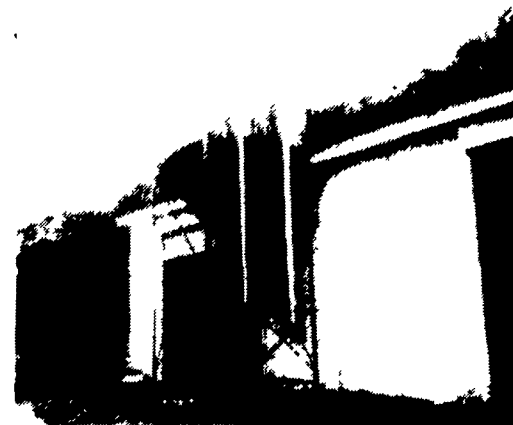
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