

# Lancaster Farming

## Kirkland Supports Policy To Deter Support Price Cut

**BY PAT PURCELL**  
**HARRISBURG** — Jack Kirkland, Dairy Marketing Specialist at Penn State University, urges Congressional policy makers to look at the surplus purchases by state prior to cutting support prices nationwide. Because much of the overproduction, according to Kirkland, is coming from western producers, he suggests that those producers be encouraged to cut production. Kirkland adds that dairy farmers in the northeast and southeast are keeping supply and demand in line and should not be hampered by a nationwide price cut.

Pennsylvania milk production figures supplied by the United States Department of Agriculture for September showed a decrease in number of milk cows by 2.2 percent and milk production per cow was up by 1.3 percent for a total production decrease of 0.9 percent.

For September of 1986:  
 — number of milking cows was 734,000  
 — milk production per cow was 1120lbs.  
 — total milk production was 822 million pounds  
 For September of 1987:  
 — number of milking cows was 718,000  
 — milk production per cow was 1135lbs.  
 — total milk production was 815 million pounds.

Although the Dairy Termination Program ended August 31st, dairy farmers continued to sell off an additional 2,000 head in Sep-

tember. Figures recorded in August for number of milking cows was 720,000 with milk production per cow at 1175lbs. Total milk production was 846 million pounds.

"It is interesting that in September, dairy farmers sold off their cows, after the end of the dairy termination program," said Kirkland. "2,000 cows were sold, and I'm not sure what the reduction is a result of. In southeastern Pennsylvania the drought was extensive in some areas and maybe caused some farmers to get rid of some cows, but certainly there is plenty of feed available."

**21 Major States**  
 For September 1987 in the 21 major dairy states which account for approximately 85 percent of the total national production, total milk production was 9.887 billion pounds which shows that in spite of the dairy termination program

total production had increased by 2.3 percent over last year. Although the number of cows had actually decreased from 1986 by 2 percent, production per cow had increased by 4.4 percent with obviously better producing cows. Also,

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## National Leader Urges Farmland Preservation

**BY EVERETT NEWSWANGER**  
**Managing Editor**  
**HARRISBURG** — A national farm leader told reporters at the capital here Monday that what Pennsylvania lost in the steel industry to foreign production could be small in comparison to

what could be lost if the agricultural industry is not preserved.

Cy Carpenter, president of the National Farmers' Union, said, "I admire those of you who are working toward farmland preservation. Agriculture is your number one industry. And if you lose farmland

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## Ressler Heads Up New Holland Satellite Office

**BY LISA HAMM**

**NEW HOLLAND** — Over fields and through barns, bottle and bag in hand, Leon J. Ressler is collecting pieces of the Upper Conestoga Watershed.

As the new project associate for the Lancaster County Extension Service's satellite office, Ressler will help farmers maximize crop yields and reduce water pollution by tailoring nutrient management programs to individual farms.

Formerly a Mennonite missionary in Africa, Ressler has taken over for Robert J. Anderson, who was hired as county agent to

replace retiring agronomist Arnold Lueck. Assisting Ressler is Jeffrey Stoltzfus, who holds a degree from Penn State in agricultural education.

Ressler graduated from Penn State in 1975 with a degree in agronomy. In 1978, he enrolled in the Columbia Graduate School of Bible and Missions in Columbia, S.C., after which he departed for a six-year program in Kenya where he worked with the Maasai and Luo tribes. The program involved developing a small demonstration dairy farm and an educational program.

Kessler and his wife, Lou Ann, and their two young sons, Lynn and Lee, left Africa once a native was trained to do Ressler's job. For the past two years, Ressler has been working on Spring Lawn Farm, just south of Lancaster, and his family has grown to include 7-month old Lorielle.

The program that Ressler and Stoltzfus are working on is federally funded by the Rural Clean

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### Fall Back To Standard Time

### Tomorrow Morning

At 2 a.m. tomorrow morning, things will get back to normal, or should we say back to standard. Standard time that is. Really us farmers don't need officials or even clocks to tell us the time has come to turn our time pieces back one hour. The shorter days to make the last cutting of alfalfa told us that already. Hopefully the time change won't affect our milking or feeding schedule. At least we'll gain back the hour we lost last spring.

## Lancaster 4-H'ers: A Parade Of Winners

**Editor's note: See all those award winners of the Lancaster 4-H Dairy Awards Banquet not pictured, in next week's issue.**

**BY PAT PURCELL**

It was a parade of winners at the Lancaster County 4-H Dairy Banquet Thursday evening at the Country Table in Mt. Joy and winning was not restricted to only 4-H members. The youths' accomplishments were shared by parents, leaders and the county's extension dairy agent, Glenn Shirk. Without this support system, Lancaster County 4-H would not be the source of pride it has become.

### Dairy Judging

Coached by Gary Akers and Peter Witmer, the dairy judging team placed sixth out of 38 teams at the national level. Team members are: Bob Barley, Tom Arrowsmith, Tom Barley and Tom Wiker. Tom Arrowsmith placed 18th out of 152 competitors in overall individual judging and Bob Barley placed 24th and took fourth

place in the Guernsey division.

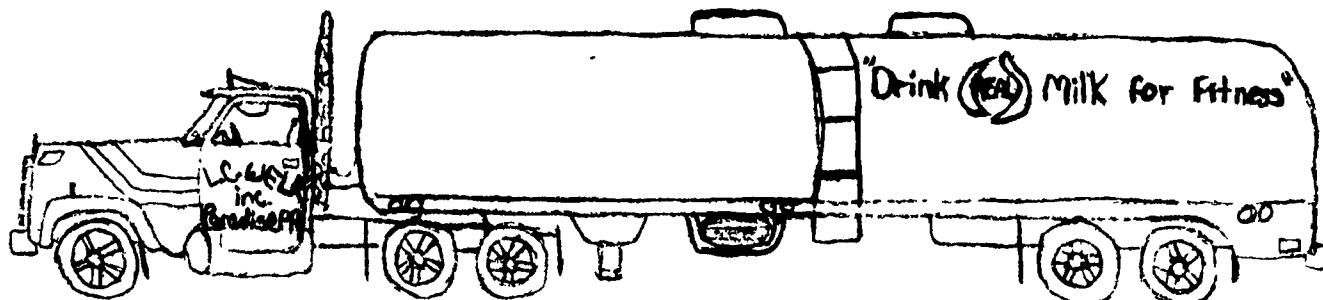
### Dairy Bowl Awards

Jason Herr, George Bard and Daniel Bard, members of the junior 4-H dairy bowl team took a first place in regional competition.

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## Captivated By Our Children's Pencils

Reuben Lee Stoltzfus age 13 White Horse PA



Out of the mouth of children often comes wisdom. If you have been following the drawings of poetry that the children and grandchildren of our Lancaster Farming readers are sending to staff writer Lou Ann each week, you know that the ideas they convey by pen and pencil can be very captivating.

In the above drawing you can be sure the milk in this truck by Reuben Lee Stoltzfus, White Horse, is of excellent quality because it has the Real Seal on it. Even the handler gets a plug.

For more drawings from our children, watch Section B each week--this issue on Page B-10.



At the news conference Monday afternoon is Cy Carpenter (left), National Farmers' Union president and Chet Reed, Pennsylvania Farmers' Union.