

# Lancaster Farming

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## Hoover Named Farmers' President

LANCASTER — At the reorganizational meeting Tuesday evening, the directors of the Lancaster Farmer's Association elected Gordon Hoover as president for the coming year. Hoover is a dairy farmer from Gap.

James and Virginia Hess, Quarryville, were elected vice president and secretary respectively. Esther Stoltzfus, Gap, continues as treasurer and Ruby Bollinger was named the chairman of the ladies' committee.

Other board members include: Jane Balmer, Isaac Geib, Donald Ranck, Marvin Witmer, Walter Augsberger, Earl Newcomer, Paul Hartz, Karl Herr, James Hostetter and Glenn Aument.



Senator Noah Wenger accepts Bull-by-the-Horns trophy from Allen Musselman.

## Enthusiasm High At Friends Banquet

BY EVERETT NEWSWANGER  
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LANCASTER — Enthusiasm was high at the Friends of Agriculture Land Preservation Banquet here Thursday evening right after the favorable yes vote on the ballot referendum. More than 1,000,000 Pennsylvanians (as Allen Musselman, executive director, phrased it) confirmed the rightness of farmland preservation. And they did it according to Musselman with a significant public investment to protect the common wealth represented by our rich agricultural land

resources. James Jolly, president of Friends, said that agriculture and ruralism has been largely responsible for Lancaster County's attractiveness, uniqueness and solid character. Jolly called attention to the \$700 million farm industry and the \$345 million tourist industry. "This is a pleasant place to live, and a special place to visit," Jolly said. "Let Lancaster County be Lancaster County. We are at the place where the availability of water and sewer invites development. But the more development

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## House Subcommittee Holds Hearing

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The whole herd buyout program may have been successful in temporarily reducing surplus milk production and government costs, but it has failed to invalidate the grim arithmetic that will push milk prices lower if government purchases of surplus dairy stocks exceed 5 billion pounds next year.

That was the underlying message at a field hearing by the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry held Nov. 2 in Westminster, Md.

The hearing was intended to be a retrospective on the buyout program, whose "active period" -- the 18 months in which participants had to slaughter or export all their dairy animals -- came to a close Aug. 31. But many of the 16 invited witnesses who testified coupled praise for the program with pleas that the government not resort to future price cuts as a means of holding down production.

"We strongly believe that further reductions in the milk price support will cripple the dairy industry

on the East Coast," said Alan Brauer, a Rocky Ridge, Md., dairy farmer who serves as master of the Maryland State Grange.

Legislation in the 1985 farm bill that authorized the dairy termination program (its moniker in official circles) also gave Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng the authority to reduce the support price 50 cents Jan. 1 if U.S. Department of Agriculture officials estimate the government's purchase of surplus dairy products in 1988 will exceed 5 billion pounds on a milk equivalent basis.

Although many forecasters have said ongoing production and consumption trends will make this estimate a close call on one or the other side of the 5-billion-pound "trigger level," upswings in milk output since the end of the buyout appear to have swung the majority of predictions to the high side -- a development noted by Dr. Paul Hand, the general manager of Atlantic Dairy Cooperative, in his testimony.

Accordingly, Hand asked the

subcommittee to support legislation that would "avoid or delay the implementation of the Jan. 1 50-cent per hundredweight cut in the dairy support price."

Walter Martz, a Frederick, Md., dairy farmer representing the National Milk Producers Federation, a major lobbyist for the dairy industry, also made an argument against further price cuts.

"We do harbor a great deal of trepidation over the possibility of

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## Berks Co. Farm-City Banquet Held

BY ROBIN PHILLIPS  
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READING — A record crowd of over 400 farm and city folk gathered on Monday evening this past week to celebrate the fourth anniversary of Berks County's efforts to promote agriculture and also a mutual understanding of two very different lifestyles. The Fourth Annual Berks County Farm-City Banquet was held at the

Sheraton Berkshire, Reading. Sponsored by the Berks County Chamber of Commerce Agri-Business Committee and the Berks County Farm-City Council, the event marks the opening of Farm-City Week in the county and features an exchange of workdays between farmers and businessmen as well as several days of farm tours when county farmers open their doors to city neighbors.

The Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture and Honorary Chairman of the 1987 Farm-City Week Observance, Boyd Wolff, was on hand to open the program.

"We all need each other," he greeted the diverse crowd of city dignitaries and rural officials. "We suffer or profit together," Wolff went on to say.

His comments also included a reminder about the upcoming election and the important issue of sav-

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## 32 Years Old This Week

The first issue of Lancaster Farming was published 32 years ago this week. Created to be devoted to the interests of the farmer, that first issue covered the farm news of Lancaster County. But over the years, the growth has been evident.

Now with more than 150,000 readers in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Delaware and surrounding states, Lancaster Farming has become the largest agricultural weekly in the east and has gained a national reputation for coverage of farm news and responsible advertising. And Lancaster Farming continues to grow.



Receiving high production awards from the Lancaster County Holstein Club were: (from left) Robert H. Gocheaur, John H. Howard and Landis Weaver. The Pennsylvania Holstein Association will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 1988.

## A Good Year For Lancaster Holstein Club

BY PAT PURCELL  
 LANCASTER — Bill Nichol, Executive Secretary of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association

liked what he saw at the annual Lancaster County Holstein Club Banquet at the Willow Valley Conference Center Thursday night. What he saw was a lot of young faces, young members.

"This is a young group and I think that's great," said Nichol to

the Lancaster County Holstein Club. Nichol complemented the Lancaster County club, which is the largest in the state, on its membership and involvement in the statewide Holstein association.

The Pennsylvania State Holstein Association will be celebrating its 75th anniversary in February of 1988. The celebration will be held at the Willow Valley Con-

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Dalton Paul, president of the State Farm-City Council, presents the state award to Stephen Burkholder, president Berks County Farm-City Council.