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## Officials Report Farmland No. 1 Public Concern In Rt. 23/30 Corridor

**BY EVERETT NEWSWANGER**  
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LANCASTER — PennDot officials listed loss of farmland and lifestyle changes as the number one and number two concerns expressed by the Lancaster County public on the subject of the proposed Route 23/30 Bypass. This information was just a small part of the report released here Tuesday afternoon at a press conference for the media and public officials. While farmland preservation is the number one local concern expressed at public hearings and letters by individual persons, no possible corridor through the local farm heartland has been eliminated for these reasons to

date. But two routes commonly known as number five and number six that followed a northerly route parallel to Route 23 and then cut down to Route 30 through the Welch Mountains in Chester County have been eliminated. These routes did not reduce traffic count enough to merit continued study according to PennDot officials. In addition, the combination of a north corridor along Route 23 and a south route directed toward Strasburg and out along Mine Ridge was called too costly and now must be treated as separate possible projects. This skirting combination had been favored by many local organizations and indi-

viduals as the solution to the strong opposition to a highway built through the nationally-famous Pennsylvania Dutch Country. In fact, cost was a major topic at the 2½-hour press conference in the Continental Inn. Robert Mueser, PennDot district engineer, said financing was a major concern at this time since the original feasibility study indicated about a \$100 million cost for the project. "That is what we have

been discussing," Mueser said. "But now we have received estimates from our consultants that most of these corridors are going to cost about two times that amount of money. Because of the limiting budget factors, we must look at prioritizing the projects. Some of these corridors that were looked at before included a north route and a south route, which many thought would work nicely together. But we are going to need to look at

these as separate projects. Money available to finance two corridors is very questionable," Mueser said. "Therefore we are going to ask the public to rank the corridors in the order of their preference to help us make our decision." In the question and answer period following the lengthy presentation, the topics included concern about the disregard for the local citizens desire for a combination (Turn to Page A28)

## Spread Of Pseudo Rabies Imminent, Recommendations Pending

**BY PAT PURCELL**  
LITITZ — "This is the year pseudo rabies will spread explosively. It will be a very rough winter. The problem with Lancaster County is that they have a dense concentration of sows in a small area," said Dr. Timothy Trayer, D.V.M. of Denver. "What is going to happen is that as more areas are infected the disease will spread to areas around those areas and then around those areas. This is the year for it." "In 1986 we had six herds infected with pseudo rabies and in 1987 there are 51 known herds identified in Lancaster County with the disease," said Dr. Timothy Trayer, D.V.M. of Denver, Pa.

Movement or transmission of the pseudo rabies virus (PRV), although it cannot survive the summer heat, flourishes in the cold damp weather of fall and winter and moves rapidly through new herds. "This past summer we saw an increase in the number of cases. When there is a spread of the disease in the low risk months we know that we will see a great increase in the high risk months,"

explained Dr. Larry Hutchinson, Penn State University Cooperative Extension Veterinarian. It is crucial that all infected herds be immediately identified, geographically located and isolated because February and March (Turn to Page A37)

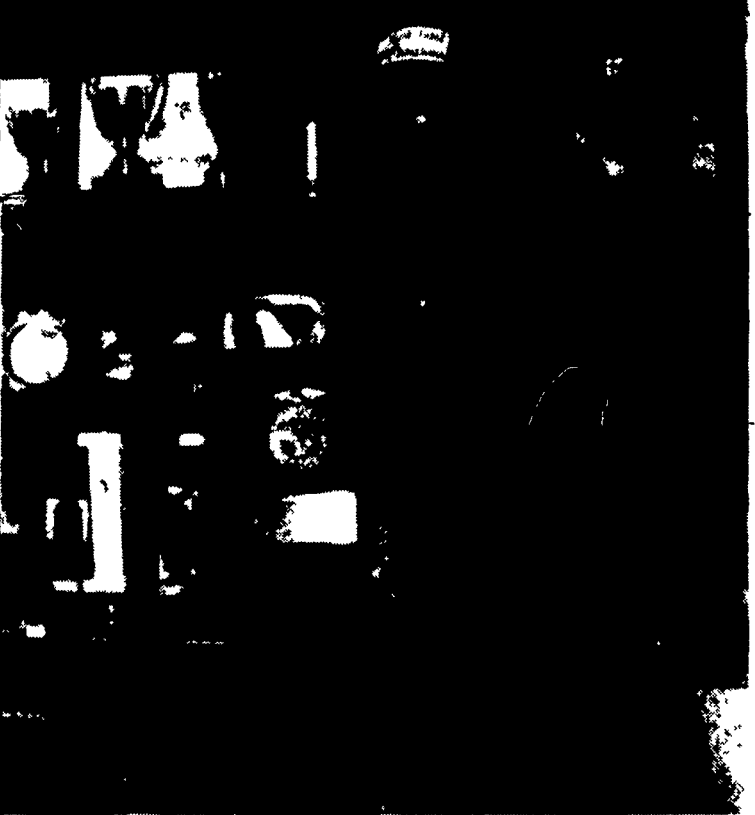
## Former Diagnostic-Lab Director Appointed Chief Of Avian Health

**BY LISA RISSER**  
HARRISBURG — Dr. Charles D. Clark has a philosophy about regulatory veterinary medicine:



Dr. Charles D. Clark, formerly director of Summerdale Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, recently began his new position as chief of avian health, a state office that has been unfilled since 1985.

"you should interfere as little as possible in the efficient production of food while still safeguarding the industry against systematic disease outbreaks." This philosophy will stand him in good stead as he assumes the position of chief of avian health, a state office that has been unfilled since 1985. Clark has been on the job for only about a week, but already he has gotten involved in the nitty gritty details. He is working with Penn State on establishing guidelines for the usage of a live mycoplasma gallisepticum (m-g) vaccine for use on infected flocks. "We will be monitoring the vaccine's use," said Clark. "It will only be used in certain situations such as on farms with a persistent m-g infection that they can't control. Another controlling factor is how far the farm is from other (Turn to Page A33)



Mark Welk displays one of the trophies that he's most proud of: a plaque naming him his chapter's outstanding vo-ag student in dairy. See page A38 for story.

## Adams Co. Couple Commit Future To Registered Holsteins

**BY GINGER SECRIST MYERS**  
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CROSS KEYS — When you meet Jeff and Mary Kay Roche, there are several adjectives that come to mind to describe this couple. They include young, ambitious, determined, and hard-working. But the one word that perhaps best suits them is confident. In times when interest rates at banks are on the rise and another 50 cent deduction in the support price is scheduled for the New Year, this Adams County couple have committed their financial future and their mutual work efforts to carving out their niche in the Registered Holstein business. Last Saturday, on the eve of their first wedding anniversary, the Roches hosted an open house to show off their newly built 38' by

144' tie stall barn and their 86 head of Jemaro Holsteins. While other couples their age are pursuing careers in 9 to 5 jobs, the Roches have made a commitment to dairying. The rigors of dairying is not new to either of them. Jeff, 33, is the third generation in his family to dairy on the 72 acre farm. Mary Kay, the former Mary Kay Reese, was raised on a dairy farm in Crawford County. She pursued a degree in agriculture at Murray State University, Murray, KY, and was working as an A.I. technician for Atlantic Breeders Cooperative when she and Jeff met. While the 60 stall barn, DeLaval milking system, and the Triple H ventilation system, the Roches feel the real attraction there is the cows. When she and Jeff took over milking, they were using an old 20 stall barn and milking 45 cows. Jeff (Turn to Page A32)



Jeff and Mary Kay Roche pause to pose with one of their favorites, MD- Maple Lawn Chairman Penny VG 86%, in their newly assembled herd. Penny made over 20,000 pounds of milk in each of her first two lactations.