

# Lancaster Farming

## RCMA Begins Milk Diversion

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Special Correspondent

In a move that may well determine its long-range future, the Regional Cooperative Marketing Agency has begun diverting milk from Farmland Dairies, agency officials announced this week.

The action could prove decisive in the intensifying struggle between Farmland, a fluid process-

or based in Wallington, N.J., and RCMA, which bargains for over-order premiums for dairymen in federal orders 1 and 2.

RCMA — which claims to have about 22,000 members among cooperative and independent shippers in New England, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey — began charging higher prices for fluid milk than the Class I mini-

mums set by the federal orders in September. On Dec. 18, the agency filed a lawsuit against Farmland and three other dealers it said were failing to comply with its efforts. RCMA has since reached agreements with three of the dairies, leaving Farmland as the only handler not cooperating with the agency's efforts, according to executive director Ed Anna.

Anna, in a phone conversation Wednesday, said Farmland has not paid RCMA \$400,000 in over-order charges accumulated between September and November. He estimated the dealer will owe another \$250,000 for December and January milk for which charges have not yet been made. In addition, Farmland continues to decline to provide payment

records to RCMA, forcing the agency to use milk check stubs to determine premium payments for members who ship to Farmland, Anna said.

Agency representatives also claim Farmland has stepped up efforts to recruit producers without RCMA contracts, an action they view as destabilizing.

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Serving Lancaster County Extension Service in 1988 are, from left, first row: Jay R. Irwin, County Extension Director; Doris Thomas, Extension Home Economist; Glenn A. Shirk, Extension Agent - Dairy; Zoann Parker, Extension Agent - 4-H. Second Row, from left: Mitchell D. Woodward, Nutrient Management, Project Associate, Chesapeake Bay Project; Robert J. Anderson, Extension Agent - Agronomy; Leon J. Ressler, Nutrient Management, Project Associate, RCWP Project; Chester D. Hughes, Extension Agent - Livestock; and Jeffrey Stoltzfus, Nutrient Management, Project Assistant, RCWP Project.

## Lancaster Extension 75 Years Young

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LANCASTER — The Lancaster County Cooperative Extension Service is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 1988, giving special recognition to the milestone at its annual meeting on February 11, 1988, at the Farm and Home Center.

Monday is the deadline for tickets for the dinner meetings, which cost \$10 per person. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Featured as part of the program

will be a slide presentation of Extension's 75 years of service to Lancaster County, including early pictures of Lancaster's first county agent, Floyd "Dutch" Bucher.

Pennsylvania's first county agent was appointed in Bedford County in 1910, followed by an additional five in 1912. It was in the next group, in 1913, that Bucher was assigned to Lancaster County.

The very first agents were employees of the Office of Farm

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New officers of the Ephrata Young Farmers are (L to R): Francis Uhland, president; Paul E. Zimmerman, vice president; Leonard Martin, public relations; Daryl Martin, treasurer and Scott Smith, secretary. Ephrata received the state award for the largest chapter membership.

## Ephrata Young Farmers Introduce Officers

EPHRATA — The Ephrata Young Farmers' Association annual banquet is scheduled to be held tonight at the Mount Airy Fire Hall. Two features of the event are the introduction of the new officers and the presentation of numerous awards.

The new officers are president Francis Uhland, Lititz; vice president Paul E. Zimmerman, Lititz; secretary Scott Smith, Denver; treasurer Daryl Martin, Lititz and public relations director Leonard Martin, Ephrata.

The awards recipients are: Community Service Award, Frank Mohler; Active Member Award, Samuel Martin; Outstanding Young Farmer Award (under 30), Steve Graybill; Outstanding Young Farmer Award (over 30), Marvin Sauder; Outstanding Beef Production Award, F. Roy Weav-

er; Appreciation Awards, Leon Carvell, Lem Weist and Tony Eberly; Water & Soil Conservation Award, Walter Augsburg.

Outstanding dairy awards: Top Herd Average-Milk & Protein, Kerry & Deb Boyd; Top Herd Average-Butterfat, Gerald Martin; High Herd Improvement-Milk & Fat (1 yr.), Kerry & Deb Boyd; 2nd High Herd Improvement-Milk (1 yr.), Tom Zartman; 2nd High Herd Improvement-Fat (1 yr.), Ray P. Bollinger.

1987 PYFA honors: Largest PA Chapter Membership, Ephrata; Outstanding Young Farmer (under 30), Kerry & Deb Boyd; Outstanding Young Farmer Advisor Award, Charles Ackley.

Mike Pfautz, the current president and Ken and Rita Martin, contemporary gospel singers are also on the program.

## PA Jersey Club Meeting Set For March

STATE COLLEGE — Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club President David Norman has put out the Call to Order to the membership for the 1988 Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club. This year's meeting will be held Friday and Saturday, March 11th and 12th at the Tofrees Resort, State College. It will be hosted and planned by the members of District II. Reservations must be received no later than February 22.

The Tofrees Resort is conveniently located just off of the 322

By-pass north of the Penn State Campus. Boasting luxury accommodations, the Tofrees also has a complete 18 hole golf course, tennis courts, the LePapillon Restaurant and Lounge, and Fanny's Restaurant and Tavern. Room reservations should be made directly with Tofrees either by phone or use of the room reservation form.

The meeting plans include activities of interest for young and

old alike. Starting on Friday, March 11th, consignors should deliver their calf sale consignments to the Ag Arena between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. There will be a Board of Directors Meeting that afternoon at Tofrees. Those

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## Bradford Veal Producer Appointed To National Board

HARRISBURG — A Bradford County veal producer was appointed director on the National Livestock and Meat Board at its winter meeting in Chicago, Illinois, January 31 — February 2nd.

Robert Earle of Troy, Bradford County, who serves as director on the Pennsylvania Beef Council, was seated on the Board of Directors of the Meat Board, representing Pennsylvania's beef and veal industries. He was recently elected Vice President of the Pennsylvania Veal Producers Association and had been recommended for appointment to the National Board by the Pennsylvania Beef Council.

Pennsylvania now has two directors on the National Board.

Paul Heffner, beef producer from Gettysburg and Chairman of the Pennsylvania Beef Council, was appointed to the Meat Board last August at its annual meeting in

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## Soviet Visitors On Farm

Eleven visitors from Moldavia in the Soviet Union visited Lancaster County this week as part of an exchange with the Friendship Force. While in Lancaster, they visited the dairy farm of Marvin Witmer, Lititz, where they learned about family farms in Lancaster County. Senator Gibson Armstrong, right, organized the visit. The Moldavian visitors lived in homes during their stay.

The Friendship Force is an organization designed to promote peace through friendship and understanding.