

## Lancaster County Poultry Association Is Looking For Queen

LANCASTER — The Lancaster County Poultry Association is accepting applications for its next queen. Eligible young ladies will be single, have completed their junior year of high school and be no older than 23 at the time of the contest. Contestants may be an association customer, employee, or member of an employee's family.

The queen will receive either a \$500 educational scholarship or

\$300 in cash as well as a \$150 wardrobe. The runner-up will receive either a \$300 scholarship or \$150 in cash. All contestants will receive a watch.

This year's contest will be held at the Farm & Home Center on August 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in becoming a contestant or would like more information, should contact Milton B. Landis, chairman, R# 2, Box 347, Parkesburg, PA 19365; 442-8750.

## Weed Control To Be Discussed

### At Field Day

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA — Although weeds aren't as much of a problem in winter seeded small grains as they are in corn and other row crops, they can still cause significant yield losses. Growers can learn new ways of controlling weeds in small grains at Penn State's Agronomy Field Day on June 22.

The event will be held at Penn State's Rock Springs Agricultural

Research Center from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Winter annuals such as chickweed, field pennycress and henbit are the most common weeds that plague small grains," says Bob Hartzler, associate professor of weed science. "These plants have similar life cycles to that of the small grain, germinating in late fall and flowering in the spring. Many people have noticed an increase in

these weeds, possibly because of changes in tillage and other production practices."

Field scouting has not been a common practice in making weed control decisions in row crop production for two main reasons, says Hartzler. First, weeds are consistent in crops such as corn and soybeans, so farmers know the weeds will be there. Second, weed control systems in most row crops use preemergence herbicides as the primary component. Since these are applied before weed emergence, it is difficult to use scouting in the decision-making process.

But because of the more erratic emergence of winter annuals and the reliance on postemergence herbicides for weed control in small grains, scouting is a key component of weed management in these crops, Hartzler says. Routinely spraying wheat, barley or oats without assessing the level of weed infestation will rarely be profitable.

Hartzler will be available at the Agronomy Field Day to answer questions about scouting to control weeds in small grains. For more information about the field day, contact Penn State agronomist Lynn Hoffman at (814) 692-7955.

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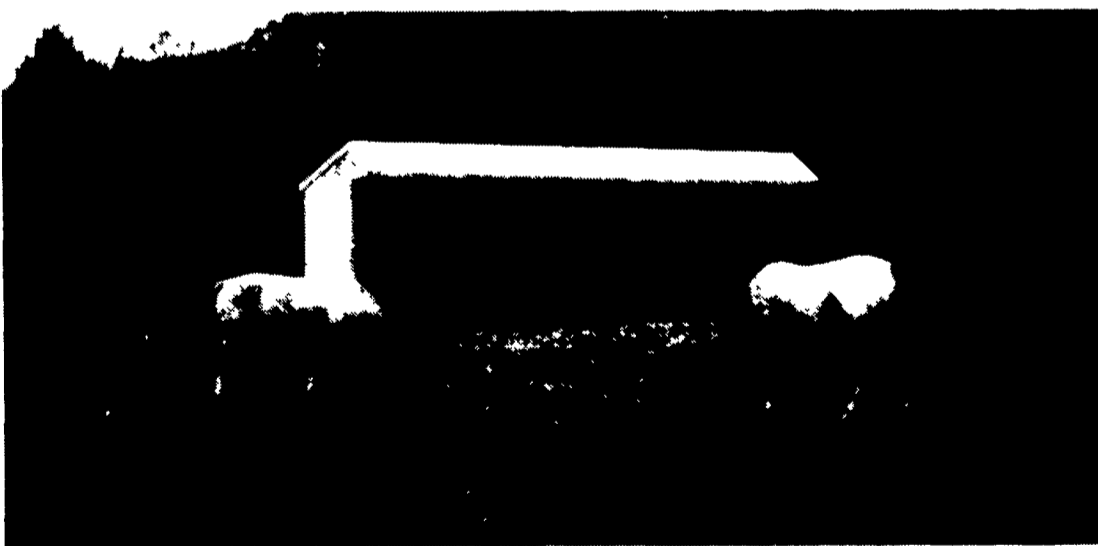
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## Farmers Call For Probe Of CCC

HARRISBURG (Dauphin) — The Pennsylvania Farmers Union, along with a national alliance of dairy farmers and anti-hunger groups, concerned with USDA price manipulations, are petitioning the Senate Agriculture Committee, calling for an examination of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the group that determines surpluses and shortages for the Department of Agriculture.

At the core of the farmers' grievances are two seemingly contradictory actions by the USDA in the past several months. As of the first of the year, milk prices were cut by 50¢ per hundredweight because of a government-projected milk surplus, yet a month later, distribution of dairy products to low-income families was terminated because of a milk shortage.

"It seems ridiculous," said Jack Rynd, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Farmers Union Dairy Committee. "Dairy is cut off to those who are deserving when there's confusion over a surplus. We're talking about seven and a half billion pounds of dairy products in CCC warehouses, which may seem like a mountain, but that can disappear in sixty days. There should be an investigation on whether we have a surplus or a deficit."

At present, the USDA counts all government dairy purchases from the CCC, even those for schools, senior and emergency programs, as surplus. Farmers are penalized with a price reduction because of a so-called "surplus" while low-income families must do without because of an unsubstantiated "shortage."

Interested citizens should contact their congressmen, or call Senator Patrick Leahy, Chairman of the Agriculture Committee at (202) 224-4242.

The Pennsylvania Farmers Union represents over 4,500 family farmers in Pennsylvania.