

## Dairy Of Distinction Winners Get Together

ROCK SPRINGS (Centre) — More than a hundred dairy farm families got together in the Special Events Building here at Ag Progress Days Wednesday afternoon for a fraternal gathering of the Dairy of Distinction winners. State President Everett Newswanger told the group the event was planned not as formal meeting but to be bring together dairy farm families across the state to learn to know each other and to see pictures of the winning farms.

Lancaster Farming newspaper provides the film and an 11x14 color portrait of each winning farm. The state district groups take the pictures after the winning farms have been selected. Newswanger said the program, totally run by volunteers, is designed to recognize dairy farms with good appearances that consumers can equate with the source of dairy products they buy in the store. In addition, the program provides incentive for other farms to meet the standards set by the Dairy of Distinction program.

This year for the first time, the Pennsylvania program included the milk handlers sanitarium in the judging process. A letter was sent to each applicant's sanitarium to ask if there was any sanitary reason why the farm should not be included in the program.

## New State Poultry Queen

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mer, Lake Mcade, East Berlin. She will be a junior this year at Penn State University where her major is Environmental Management. During the interview session with program emcee Dennis Allen, a radio personality at WHVR-WTCR, Valerie related that her main emphasis in her studies is the handling of toxic wastes.

Valeric's other interests include several community projects, but she has had little time of anything else outside her summer internship with the Department of Environmental Resources this past summer. Along with her Queen titles Valerie received a check for \$500.00 from the Adams County Poultry Association.

Selected as first runner-up in the contest was Lisa Overly, 20, daughter of Tom and Hedy Overly, Littlestown. Lisa will also be junior this fall at Penn State where she carries a major in Food Science and a minor in Poultry Science. Lisa has been the recipient of one of the Adams County Poultry Association's scholárships for the past two years.

Lisa feels that a minor in poultry science will help her convey the message of the benefits of the poultry industry to the consumer. Lisa is active in the Food Science Club at Penn State and a member of the Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority. As first

When this year's 94 winning farms were added to the 96 farms that were recognized as Dairy of Distinction farms last year, a total of 190 farms carry the recognition in Pennsylvania. Governor Robert Casey proclaimed Ag Progress Week as Dairy of Distinction Week and Agriculture Secretary Boyd Wolff brought greetings from the governor to the Dairy of Distinction winners.

Dr. Lamartine Hood, Dean at Penn State, also brought greetings from the university and congratulated the winners.

Sue Reynolds, who is now a deputy secretary of ag markets in New York State, was honored as the Person of Distinction for 1988. Reynolds was instrumental in starting the New York program and helped start the Pennsylvania program two years ago.

In addition to the color portrait, each farm receives a plaque for the farm office and a metal-like farm sign to be erected at the end of the farm lane. The plaques and signs are distributed by the local district. The American Dairy Association and Dairy Council and the Pennsylvania Milk Promotion program help sponsor the Dairy of Distinction program.

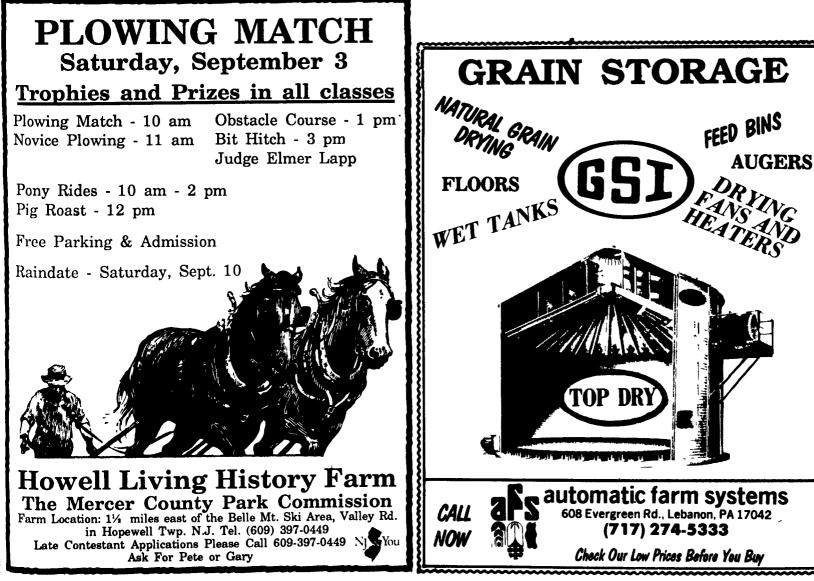
At the end of the meeting, all the Dairy of Distinction farm families got together for the above photograph.

runner-up, Lisa received a \$250.00 award from the Adams County Poultry Association.

Second runner-up went to Kristen Mummert, Peepytown Rd., East Berlin. Kristin is actively involved in the poultry industry. She helps with the care and feeding of her parents, Wayne and Shirley Mummert's, 6000 poults and turkeys each summer. She is also a member of the Adams County 4-H Poultry Judging Team.

Kristin will be a junior this fall at the Bermudian Springs High School where she is a member of the marching, concert, and jazz bands and is on the yearbook staff. Kristin received a \$100.00 award from the Adams County Poultry Association.

Serving as judges for this year's pageant were: Betty Rode, Former Commodity Queen Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture; Jodi King, Flock Supervisor for Perdue in Delaware; and Elwood Earhart, Feed Sales and Service, Quaker State Farms.



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