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Less Mastitis Is Real Bonus At Green Acres Farm

BY PAT PURCELL
LEWES, DE — "We do things a little differently here," said Walter Hopkins of Green Acres Farm. And with good reason. Last year they received nearly \$9,000 in quality premiums from

the Atlantic Dairy Cooperative for keeping somatic cell, P.I. and standard plate counts low for 12 consecutive months.

"It's nice to get paid for just doing a good job," said Walter, "but the real bonus is in the greater milk production from less mastitis," explained Hopkins. "The amount we receive in increased production is at least double, if not triple that. The quality premium is extra."

Just minutes away from the inviting waves and sandy shore of Lewes, Delaware, lies the Hopkins' 1,000-acre farm. But while thousands of visitors flock to this vacation resort each summer, there's no one on vacation a few miles down the road at Green Acres Farm.

Walter and his father, Bill, and each of their employees focus all

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Bill and Walter Hopkins check the sprayers used for applying the pre-dip iodine solution. Green Acres Farm of Lewes, Delaware, earned quality premiums for 12 consecutive months.



National Veal Producers, Animal Rights Groups Compete For Media Attention

BY
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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)—To get in the first word, the American Veal Association held

an early Monday morning press conference here to announce a national veal quality assurance program and emphasize how well farmers care for their veal calves. And as soon as this press confer-

ence was finished, the media representatives were invited down the hall in the Sheraton-Lancaster to the presentation of Farm Sanctuary, an animal rights group that wanted to tell everyone how bad

veal farmers raise their calves. Barbara Huffman, Fremont, WI, president elect and producer of 470 veal calves every three months, represented the veal industry. Hoffman said that the public has a great deal of misconception and incorrect information about how well farmers care for their calves.

"Only two percent of the nation's population is involved in the nation's farming," Huffman said. "Very often the other 98 percent of the population don't really understand the farm. I'm here to assure the press that veal farmers

do raise their calves in a humane environment. We do provide the best possible care for our calves. It's in our own best interest to do so," she said.

Huffman said her calves grow from about 100 lbs to 350 to 400 lbs in 16 weeks. And since the clinical signs of anemia are the lack of appetite and the refusal to eat, Hoffman stressed that veal calves could not be anemic as claimed.

In an industry guideline entitled "Modern Veal Production, An Industry Perspective," one of the

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US-USSR Youth Exhibit Features Delaware 4-H'er

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FELTON, DE — When 17-year-old Fred Biggs of Felton, Del., took a picture of a kitten prowling through the grass as part of his 4-H photography project, he had no idea that the photo would one day travel to the Soviet Union.

Biggs' photograph, titled "A Tiny Tiger on the Prowl" was one of 50 photos selected by 4-H'ers to represent the United States in a joint youth photo exhibit with the Soviet Union.

More than 1,500 4-H'ers from across the United States attending last December's National 4-H Congress in Chicago cast ballots for photographs displayed in the National 4-H Photo Exhibit. They were voting for those that would best represent to the Soviets how Americans live, work and play.

Fifty photos were selected from 182 in the national exhibit, sponsored by the Eastman Kodak Company. Held annually to highlight the photographic talent of 4-H'ers, the National 4-H Photo Exhibit features up to four photos from each state.

According to area 4-H agent

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Fred Biggs displays his photograph.

Development—How These Farmers Make It Pay

BY LISA RISSER
EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — There are plenty of farmers concerned with development and what it means for their future. Most think in terms of the disadvantages: complaints from nonfarming neighbors, nuisance ordinances, vandalism, and loss of agribusinesses. Some think about the money they could receive if they sell their land at development prices. But there are a few enterprising farmers who view develop-

ment as an opportunity to expand their farming operation.

These positive thinkers see the value of having consumers move closer to them. They are marketing their products directly and cutting out middleman expenses. In addition, they are providing a service to their neighbors and creating goodwill.

Ken Rutt, Bobby and Dave Krall, and John and Carol Hottens-tein are farmers who are using

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PFA Sells PACMA

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — The Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA) has sold a major portion of the marketing activities of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (PACMA), to a new corporation, the Pennsylvania Agricultural Commodity Marketing Association, Incorporated

known as PACMA, Inc.

The transaction took place following a meeting of PACMA shareholders Friday, June 9. PFA will continue to operate the PACMA Apple Marketing Program for apple growers and will conduct Market Master educational programs for members through a new

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