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Delmarva Chicken Festival

OCEAN VIEW, DE. — The 41st annual Delmarva Chicken Festival feted the mother of the poultry industry in her home town of Ocean View, Delaware. Held over the weekend of June 16 & 17, the event was part homecoming, part educational, and in large part, just plain old fashioned fun with chicken.

Festival goers, which included a number of summer visitors from the nearby Delaware and Maryland coastal resorts, were treated to a hometown honoring itself on its 100th anniversary and its most famous citizen, Cecile Steele, who in 1923 produced the first flock of chickens grown specially for meat.

That flock, which saw 387 birds come to market averaging a little over two pounds each in weight, took 16 weeks to produce. It set off an industry which is worldwide in scope. On Delmarva, it ranks as the largest industry, producing more than 500 million birds worth over one billion dollars per year.

Mrs. Steele's contribution to her town, state, and nation, will be recognized permanently in the form of an official historical marker prepared by the State of Delaware which will be placed in Ocean View's town park.

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From left to right are: John Johnson, president, Ocean View Town Council; Donald J. Lynch, president, Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc.; David Steele; Jean Steele Bunting; and Delaware Governor Michael N. Castle.



Haymaking Between Showers

Farmers finally received a little haymaking weather on Monday afternoon in a season where regular daily showers have hindered harvesting and planting operations. In the photo, 10-year-old James Martin waits on brother Daniel to complete a round with the baler to fill the third wagon before they pull the hay loads back to the home farm along Clay Road in Lancaster County. The sons of Mr. and Mrs. Elam R. Martin work in the hay field among some houses in development along Route 322 near Brickerville when Managing Editor Everett Newswanger snapped the picture.

Stability In The Northeast Dairy Industry Demands United Front

BY PAT PURCELL
UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Instability marks the number one industry in Pennsylvania and the most important farm enterprise in the northeastern United

States — dairy farming.

"Dairy farmers have seen more price fluctuations at the farm level in the past ten years than any time since World War II. There has been more instability in the North-

east than most dairy farmers can remember and certainly more than they wish to continue," said Dr. Paul Hand, General Manager, Atlantic Dairy Cooperative, speaking in University Park on Wednesday at the dairy industry symposium.

The symposium titled, "Industry and Academic Perspectives Of The Competitive Position Of The Northeast Dairy Industry" brought together leaders of the dairy industry with academic and government economists to present their views on the status of the industry in the Northeast region and to discuss strategy for bringing stability back to the industry.

Milk producers in the Northeast.
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Three Dairy Promotion Groups Reach Agreement

BY KARL BERGER

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)

— Three of the four major farmer-funded organizations that promote dairy products in Pennsylvania have agreed to coordinate their marketing and fundraising activities, capping eight months of negotiations mediated by the state Department of Agriculture.

The formal agreement, which will take effect July 1, was signed June 16 in Harrisburg by Raymond Johnson, president of the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Inc.; Kenneth Stromski, chairman of the Federal Order 36 Advertising and Promotion Agency; and Paul Corbin, chairman of the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program.

The Syracuse, N.Y.-based ADA and DC collect money from farmers regulated under Federal Order 2 and promote milk in the order's marketing area, which includes New York City, northern New Jersey and northeastern Pennsylvania. The Order 36 agency

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A milk toast for better milk promotion from the signatories of an agreement of cooperation among three of the four major milk promotion groups in Pennsylvania. They are (l to r): seated, Raymond Johnson, signing for ADA/DC; Paul Corbin, PA Milk Promotion Committee; Boyd Wolf, state ag secretary, and Ken Stromski signing for FO 36 Advertising/Information. Standing, Brian Ward, ADA/DC, Donna Verner, state promotion committee and Scott Higgins, FO 36 Advertising/Information. Middle Atlantic Milk Marketing Assn. did not sign the agreement.

Conservation Farmer Up For National Award

GREENCASTLE (Franklin Co.) — Richard Stoner of Franklin County is used to winning state and local conservation awards. This time the 41-year-old livestock farmer is eligible for national recognition.

Stoner, of 7100 Windmill Road, Greencastle, has been selected as Pennsylvania's nominee for the 1989 National Endowment for

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