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## Henninger To Serve His Community

BY LISA RISSER

BERRYSBURG (Dauphin Co.)

— Lynn Henninger is a man who believes in giving back to society some of what it has given to him. When the opportunity came to help the Pennsylvania animal industry, Henninger took it.

The Pennsylvania Senate unanimously confirmed Henninger as a member of the state's newly created Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission. A former president of the Pennsylvania Turkey Council and director of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, Henninger was nominated by the poultry organization.

"I care very much, not just for poultry, but all agriculture including hogs and cattle," stressed Henninger, who operates poultry, hog, and beef farms.

"The commission's purpose is (Turn to Page A28)

## Forage/Livestock Day Planned For Hershey

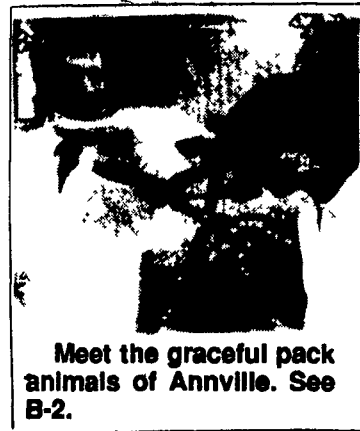
HERSHEY (Dauphin) — Farmers with beef and dairy cattle, sheep, and horses are invited to attend the Pennsylvania Forage-Livestock Day on Wednesday, July 19, at the Milton Hershey School Farms here.

The event is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Sheep & Wool Growers Association, Penn State College of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, and Ag Industry. It is hosted by the Milton Hershey Schools Farm.

The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and include a walking tour that attendees take on their own. Tour highlights include the latest in forage-management techniques, (Turn to Page A25)



When it comes to agricultural interests, the whole Sonnen family gets involved. Becky, the new state FFA president, is shown with her parents, Paul and Marilyn Sonnen, and Cricket, the new born calf is the granddaughter of Super, the cow responsible for launching Becky's dairy success.



Meet the graceful pack animals of Annville. See B-2.

## Dairy Of Distinction Farms Named

WILLIAMSPORT (Lycoming Co.) — The Northeast Dairy Farm Beautification Program is proud to announce Pennsylvania winners of the 1989 Dairy of Distinction award. Eighty farms in Pennsylvania have been selected as new recipients of this honored award.

The Dairy of Distinction program has been operating in Pennsylvania for three years. Including this year's winners, a total of 274 Pennsylvania dairy farms have been recognized through this program.

The program was established in New York State in 1983, and has

since spread to Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The program was developed to recognize farms that maintain a high-quality farm appearance.

Farms that apply are judged on the roadside appearance of buildings, grounds and surroundings. The winning farms receive attractive 18x24-inch signs that are placed on the roadside. Winning entries are judged annually to insure that they continue to meet the standards of excellence set by the program.

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## State FFA Team Believes Together Everyone Achieves More

BY LOU ANN GOOD

SHIPPENSBURG (Cumberland Co.) — Now that the officers for the state FFA have been chosen, it's evident that the top three officers have much in common.

All three have served as dairy princesses.

Rebecca Sonnen, Richland, picked up the FFA president's gavel on July 10. Becky is best known as the 1988 state dairy princess. Tammy Sue Balthaser, current state dairy princess alternate, is now the state FFA vice president and Christine Davidson, former Cumberland County dairy princess, will handle the secretarial duties for the state organization.

Achieving the top FFA positions required grueling interviews and a comprehensive resume of FFA achievements. Although dairy princess titles are not mentioned, all three attest that their reign definitely helped by grooming their public relations skills.

Not only do they share a similar background, but they also share similar goals.

Becky said, "I have a great team. We got to be really close during the nomination time. Together we can achieve our goal to build FFA membership."

Vice president Tammy agreed. She said, "We aren't competing. A

motto that I heard several years ago always stuck with me. It translates the word "TEAM" into meaning "Together Everyone Achieves More."

With that in mind, the FFA leadership team has drawn up a plan to enable the slate of 11 officers to talk with every FFA chapter and school administration in the state during the next year.

The three college students are readjusting their schedules to make room for their new assignments. Becky, a college sophomore, plans to take a year off from Penn State. "Ever since I was a high school freshman, I wanted to be a state FFA officer," she explained. "Now that I am president I want to do the best job I can."

Tammy, who completed her freshman year at Penn State Berks Campus, will limit her college activities to one class.

Twenty-six contestants competed for state office in June at the FFA activities week held at State College.

Christine said, "Applicants can't run for a particular office such as president or chaplain. Instead the judging committee chooses the position for which (Turn to Page B14)

## Windswept Farms Sweeps Keystone Sale

BY MARIANNE WALKER  
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UNIVERSITY PARK (Center Co.) — Pennsylvania's purebred sheep breeders must be smiling just a little more broadly this July. The Pennsylvania Sheep and Wool Growers 41st Annual Keystone Stud Ram and Ewe Sale, held Saturday, July 8, was a success both in the number of animals sold and the prices the sheep brought. Preceded on the 7th by an all-breed show, the sale averaged \$260.27 per head, with a record 426 animals being auctioned.



Margaret Downsborough, Windswept Farms, State College, with the supreme champion ewe that topped the Keystone sale at \$2,800.

The overall average was up from last year's \$183 and \$218 in 1987, according to the sale's manager, Bob Calvert. The National Horned Dorset Show and Sale, the National Polled Dorset Show and Sale, and the National Finnsheep Sale also were held in conjunction with the Keystone.

Polled Dorsets dominated the show and sale, with 129 head averaging \$383, and Windswept Farm's yearling ewe earning Supreme Champion Ewe honors. The ewe, of Cyclone breeding, sold for \$2,800, while another Windswept consignment, captured the Polled Dorset Champion Ram title and sold for \$2,300. A third Windswept consignment won the Early Fall Ram Lamb class and brought \$2,200.

Windswept Farm is owned by George and Margaret Downsborough of State College.

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## Lebanon Holstein Field Day

LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — If you're interested in fine Holstens, you're invited to the Lebanon County Holstein Field Day, July 20, 7 p.m. at the farm of Dale Hostetter and family.

Dale-Pride Holsteins is located in Annville, just north of Belgrove, off route 934 on Hostetter Lane. Reservations are not necessary. There is no charge for the late night supper to be served after the cow judging.

Terry Rawn will be serving as the official judge. Rawn is from Chambersburg and is the Sire Consultant for Landmark Genetics.

Prizes will be awarded for the cow judging contest. Door prizes have been donated by area businesses to be given away at the conclusion of the event. The Lebanon County Holstein Club invites members as well as the public.