

# New Dairy Agent in York

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YORK (York Co.) — It might be said that York County's newest extension staffer, Jennie S. Hess, has trained since childhood for her position as dairy agent.

Jennie grew up on the Gettysburg-area dairy farm of her parents, John and Bonnie Hess, helping with morning and evening milking chores since she was about eight years old. School vacations kept Jennie busy assisting with cows and field crops, especially the ongoing summertime job of haymaking.

A 4-H dairy club member for many years, Jennie participated in various county and some state-wide programs. In addition to her project cattle, she was on the Adams County's dairy bowl team and was a member of the 4-H state dairy judging team.

Following her 1985 graduation from New Oxford High School, Jennie took over the herdsman tasks of the Hess operation for the next several months. She handled the full range of milking string responsibilities, from recordkeeping to breeding decisions.

In 1986, Jennie entered college, enrolling for the spring semester at the York Campus of The Pennsylvania State University. Although majoring in ag economics and rural sociology, she had no specific career plans initially.

"I wasn't quite sure what I wanted in a career, but did want to be in the agriculture industry. Something service-oriented interested me," she said.

Jennie continued to pursue dairy-related interests while at Penn State's main campus, as a member of the dairy judging team and in various offices and committees of the PSU's Dairy Sci-



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ence Club. She was a member of the ag student council, representative from the College of Ag to the

university's Senate, and a little sister of the Delta Theta Sigma fraternity.

A summer spent working as a 4-H assistant in Adams County offered Jennie a broader look at extension work, a field she found much to her liking. Last summer, an intern position at the Holstein Association's national offices in Brattleboro, Vermont, gave Jennie further exposure to career possibilities in a service-oriented agricultural setting. Her work was primarily with youth programs, including the writing of two new Junior Holstein Association workbooks.

Jennie graduated following completion of the 1989 fall semester and began working with the York Extension Service in early January. She will be assisting the county's dairy industry in a variety of capacities, including meetings and organization, management assistance as requested and 4-H dairy program. Greater focus on using DHIA records and on environmental and nutritional programs are also on Jennie's extension agenda.

"Dairy producers need to look

## Semi-Annual Soil and Conservation Seminar Scheduled

DILLSBURG (York Co.) — The Semi-Annual Soil and Conservation Seminar scheduled for February 20-21, 1990, at the Charlet Restaurant on Route 15 in Dillsburg will feature several prominent speakers for ecoagriculture.

The featured speaker for opening session on Tuesday will be Neal Kinsey of Kinsey's Agricultural Services in Charleston, Missouri. His topic is "Spotting the Problems Before They Get Out of Hand."

Larry Breech from Bloomsburg is the Pennsylvania Distributor for J&J Agri-Products. He will speak on "How to Become a Champion Corn Grower."

On Wednesday, Arden Anderson from Stanton, Michigan, who is the author of *The Anatomy of Life and Energy in Agriculture* will present the topic "Energetics of Biological Systems."

Bent Hansen, a farmer from Denmark who has used Nitro/Max, will be introduced.

Neal Kinsey will continue his lecture and a question and answer time will be presented.

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more at the pricing and marketing of milk, and to have greater opportunities to have some say in pricing," Jennie believes. "Milk quality is also a big issue that the industry must continue to address."

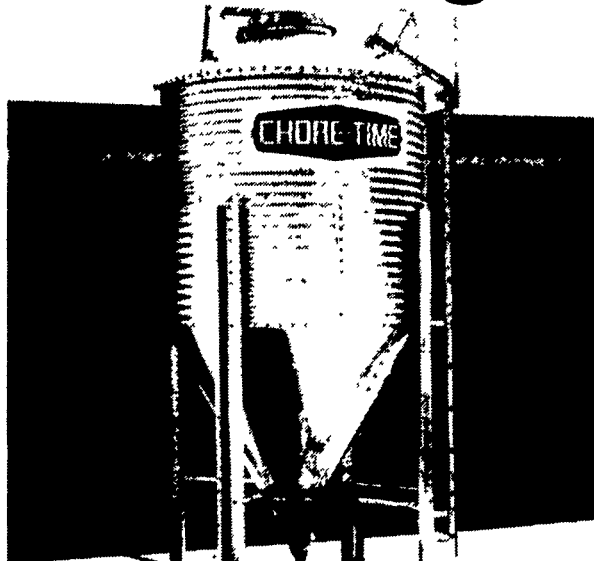
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