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Springtime and Easter bring thoughts of budding trees, new lambs, warmer weather and flowers. And the hundreds of pot mums in Lefever's greenhouse on Jarvis Road in Lancaster County add to the color of the season. Of course, for Mel Lefever this is a most busy time of the year. But for

others, the beauty of the season is to be enjoyed.

In this Easter season, joyous best wishes are extended from the *Lancaster Farming* staff to all of our readers. Photo by Everett Newswanger.

Berks ASCS/BCCD Applauds Conservation Efforts

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CHARTLESVILLE (Berks Co.) — More than 225 people gathered at the Berks Co. ASCS/Berks Co. Conservation District

banquet last Monday night to honor those who made outstanding conservation efforts.

Among the winners was Outstanding Conservation Farmer Stephen Burkholder of Rockland

Township. Burkholder, a swine and soybean farmer, has concentrated his efforts in soil conservation. He has installed terraces on his 48-acre farm and taken up conservation practices that have reduced his soil loss from 36 tons per acre to three tons per acre.

"I got a soil conservation plan four years ago and I have been following their recommendations," Burkholder said. Burkholder is the president of the Eastern Pork Producers and is also a member of the Berks Co. Farm/City Council, the Kutztown Young Farmers, and the Pennsylvania Corn Growers Association.

Last year's Conservation Farmer Paul Reidenhour was honored for his participation in the National Soil and Water Conservation Awards Program.

The Twin Valley FFA was honored as the Outstanding Conservation Organization of 1989. Since 1970, the FFA's under the direction of their advisor, Ron Frederick, have planted more than

200,000 tree seedlings on state game lands. Chapter members participate in conservation speaking contests, land judging, forestry, and wildlife contests. They have also sent "envirothon" teams to local and state contests.

Donald Lacy was named Outstanding Conservationist. Lacy, a member of the Berks Co. Federation of Sportsmen for many

years, was honored for his efforts to make the youth conservation leadership camp a success. Lacy serves on the camp committee and is an associate director of the conservation district. He won second place in the Pride In Pennsylvania contest.

The conservation district created a new award this year to recognize Berks Co. boroughs that work

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Farming Problems Are World Wide

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania farmers are not alone in facing tighter working restrictions and increasing environmental responsibilities and liabilities.

According to a foreign agriculturalist who spent this past week here, problems of nutrient management, increased livestock densities, controlling pesticides applications and more closely managing farming operations are world wide.

John L. Morgan, a land management advisor with the Agricultural Development Advisory Service in North Wales, visited with Pennsylvania officials with the mission to gain insight into how others deal with some of the negative effects of agriculture.

Morgan said his home country of Wales is currently beset with, among other things, nitrogen pollution in water resulting from intensified farming. He said his countrymen are looking to create a system in which agriculture and

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Huntingdon Holstein Sale Changed

PETERSBURG (Huntingdon Co.)—The sale date and nature of the Huntingdon County Holstein Association sale has been changed.

John Foster Jr., sale chairman, told *Lancaster Farming* this week, that the previously announced silent auction to be held on April 21 has been changed to Saturday, April 28, at the Huntingdon Fair Grounds. Starting time is 11 a.m. Mark Glick, Reedsville, is the auctioneer.

Foster said the one-week-later date will give the county association the extra time needed to put together the high quality type sale that has been characteristic of the 55 to 60 head event each year.

In addition, since the catalogues are assembled at the local level, a few additional consignments could still be accepted. For consignment information or for information about the sale, write or call John Foster Jr., RD 1, Box 110, Globe Run Road, Petersburg, PA 16669. Phone: (814) 667-3567.