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### Two Holstein Herds Lead State In Milk, Milk Component Production

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STATE COLLEGE (Lancaster Co.) — Two Holstein herds split official honors for having the highest rolling average for milk, protein and milkfat production in 1990, according to data released Wednesday by the Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association (Pa.DHIA).

A York County herd of regis-

tered Holsteins, owned by Rodney Smyser, showed both the highest milk production and milk protein production in the state. The end-of-the-year test averages on the 75.4-head milking herd showed 27,629 pounds of milk and 860 pounds of protein produced by each cow.

An Indiana County herd with an average number of 80.1 milking animals was first in the state in

milkfat production and second to Smyser's herd in milk and protein production.

The grade and registered Holstein herd, owned by Milos and Sandy Sinan, showed an average 1,009 pounds of fat produced dur-

ing the past test year, which ended September. The herd's second-place finish was with an average 26,458 pounds of milk and 810 pounds of protein.

Although both farms have led their respective county in produc-

tion of milk, milkfat and milk protein for the past two years, it is evident from records that there have been some significant changes made within the last three years at each operation; especially for the

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### Grangers Honor Rudy

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WEST CHESTER (Chester Co.) — If ag sciences don't receive financial support, farmers "ultimately will be the losers," said Dr. Stanley Evan Curtis, head of Penn State's College of Agriculture dairy and animal science department.

Curtis spoke to about 400 Pennsylvania Grangers at the state banquet Tuesday night. His topic, "Science In Times of Plenty," outlined the importance of agricultural science to farmers and how the public sometimes misunderstands this importance.

"Agriculture has succeeded beyond anyone's wildest expectations," Curtis said, emphasizing that in the U.S., the average person spends only about 14 percent of total income on food. In Japan, the average person spends about 21 percent and, in Russia, about 41 percent of total income on food.

"Application of scientifically derived principles has made this possible," he said. "And the American people, even many of us in agriculture, have taken it all for

### Daylight Time Turns Standard

The time to return from daylight-saving time to Eastern Standard Time is 2 a.m. Sunday morning. So, remember to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

granted. In times of plenty, it turns out, it's easy to take food for granted. And also in times of plenty, it's easy to take agricultural science for granted."

#### Decisions made

According to Curtis, many of the decisions about farming are

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### Pa. Cows Go To Make Milk In Middle East

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WEST FALLOWFIELD (Chester Co.) — U.S. military forces in Saudi Arabia should be getting fresh milk within the next six months, according to William Nichol, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association.

Sunday, 531 bred heifers from Pennsylvania are to be loaded on a ship docked at port in Wilmington, Del., and taken on a 15-week cruise to Egypt. They are to form the nucleus of a milking herd already contracted with the U.S. government to supply fresh milk to military forces currently serving in the Middle East because of the Iraqi crisis.

While attending the annual meeting of the Chester County Holstein Association, held Thursday in West Fallowfield, Nichol told the group about the export

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Former Miss Pennsylvania Jennifer Shaffer, who provided the banquet entertainment, is surrounded by newly-elected board members. From left: J. Roger Moyer Jr., Robert Groff, Thomas Pantano, president; and Bob Kreider. See page A 27.

### Funks Honored At Home After National Award This Week

**EVERETT NEWSWANGER**  
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NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — The 50th anniversary celebration of the Lancaster County Conservation District turned into a "this is your life" appreciation for Amos Funk, affectionately known as the grandfather of conservation for his 40 years as a local director. It was all planned, of course, unknown to Amos and his wife Esta, who shared the spotlight.

They were just back from receiving the Benjamin Franklin Conservation Award presented by President George Bush at the White House in Washington, DC.

Funk said that from the beginning the district was involved in problem-solving, idea sharing and volunteerism. For the first years the district was run on \$167 and the interest from \$2,000 in a government savings bond. The 79-year-old conservationist said we look

back with a sense of pride, and we are optimistic for the future.

Master of Ceremonies, Mel Davis, former administrator, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, presented a pin to Funk from his friends in the district to recognize his 40 years as director of the local district. Robert Brenneman, county commissioner, presented a letter of commendation to Aaron Stauffer, chairman of the district. "It

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### Robert Casey And Barbara Hafer Answer Farm Questions



Robert Casey

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Many issues that face farmers have their roots in Harrisburg's political atmosphere that will be created during the election November 6. To help farmers compare the farm positions of both Robert Casey, Democratic governor who seeks reelection, and Barbara Hafer, Republican challenger who is the current attorney general, a personal interview with each candidate was conducted by Everett Newswanger, Lancaster Farming managing editor. The interview with Gov. Casey took place in the governor's office in the Capitol building while the interview with Attorney General Barbara Hafer occurred in the Republican headquarters on State Street. Here are the questions and the candidates' answers.

#### AGRICULTURE RATED

Question: Farmers face decreased representation in government because their population numbers continue to decrease even though 20 percent of the jobs in Pennsylvania are dependent on the production and buying power of agriculture. On a scale of one to ten, with ten the highest priority, how do you rate the importance of agriculture in Pennsylvania?

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Barbara Hafer