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To take advantage of the very mild January weather earlier this week, Jack Coleman, driving tractor, and Fred Ranck took the opportunity to bale a load of corn stalks for bedding. The photographer caught up with the operation off Cherry Hill Road south of Paradise in Lancaster County late Tuesday as the all-day clouds rolled off to the east just in time to allow the late afternoon sun to break through on this picturesque farm scene. Many tourists that come to Lancaster to see the local farms also get this view because the Strasburg Rail-

road runs through the farm between this baling operation and the farm buildings. No wonder these visitors often come again.

The Coleman family farms 150 acres to support their Cherry-Crest Registered Holstein herd that includes current high production and show award winners. The herd average is over 22,000m, 850f, 720p.

Photo by Everett Newswanger, Managing Editor.

PDPP Hires Manager, Seeks To Maximize Effect Of Promotion

VERNON ACHENBACH JR.
Lancaster Farming Staff
HERSHEY Dauphin
Co. — New faces will be involved
in statewide milk promotion,

according to announcements made Monday at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program (PDPP).

In its fourth year, the PDPP is an

organization funded by milk producers in the state. The state is divided as to how funds are funneled from dairy farmers to representative dairy promotion

efforts. The PDPP receives funds through the cooperative efforts of milk promotion agencies in Pennsylvania, except for the Middle Atlantic Milk Marketing Agency,

One of the new faces with Pennsylvania dairy promotion is 28-year-old Brian Ross, who has been hired as program manager.

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Biotechnology Impacts Vegetable Growers, Consumers

ANDY ANDREWS
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HERSHEY (Dauphin
Co.) — Imagine a world where

tomatoes don't have to be picked when green for transport, where they can freshen on the vine and then be trucked, with no softening,

right to the grocer.

Imagine seedless peppers. Imagine strawberry batches that can survive even the harshest frost, never having to endure gray mold or the ravages of insects.

Because of recombinant DNA,

or the use of biotechnology to genetically manipulate plant varieties, growers may soon see those possibilities turn to reality.

Use of technology

Right now, according to Dr. Bill Romig, who represents DNA Plant

Technologies (DNAP) in Cinnaminson, New Jersey, growers can expect to see the use of technology in some varieties of carrots, celery, corn, rice, tobacco, and tomatoes. Those plants have characteristics

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Jay Irwin Announces Retirement

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)—"I guess my philosophy of life could be summed up with what I often say," said Jay Irwin, retiring Lancaster County Agent. "When you give, forget it, and when you receive, be sure to remember the gift."

And people who know and have worked with Irwin over the past 24 years will tell you Irwin lives his

philosophy. Irwin announced his retirement from the county's top extension post this week.

"As long as you are smiling and laughing, you can go on," Irwin said. "I enjoy people, and those I have worked with in agriculture and on the extension staff are wonderful people. Because the people in the ag community are so nice, the decision to retire is a hard one. But the good staff in the county

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Jay Irwin

State Auctioneers' Group Holds Gathering

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—A recent gathering of some 250 auctioneers from across the commonwealth at their annual convention in Harrisburg was

highlighted by a championship bid calling contest, "fun" auction, naming of the state auctioneer of the year, and the honoring of hall of fame recipients. The four-day

event lured auctioneers seeking to be the best bid caller in the state, auction enthusiasts hoping to find a bargain during the public sale.

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Three-year-old Adam Fincke and his two-year-old sister Caroline enjoy cider and apples at the Vegetable Conference held in Hershey. The children's parents are fruit growers Doug and Talea Fincke of Montgomery Place Orchards in Redwood, N.Y.