



Five 1991-1992 Dairy Darlings were selected at the Lancaster Co. Dairy Princess pageant last week. Here they stand with newly crowned princess, Robyn Groff, center. Behind her is Jacy Clugston, former Lancaster Co. dairy princess. From left, Megan Good, 10; Amber Shellenberger, 9; Sarah Bard, 9; Laura Hershey, 10; and Laura Blank, 8. Photo by Andy Andrews

## Lancaster Crowns Robyn Groff Dairy Princess

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Just like Dorothy wanted to go home, the scarecrow wanted a brain, the lion needed courage and the tinman craved a heart, so Robyn Groff, 17, Ephrata, wanted to be Lancaster County dairy princess.

What an honor, to represent the county with the most number of cows of any county in the state, comprising 1,930 dairy farms and 90,000 cows!

What an honor, on the 55th anniversary of June Dairy Month, to represent an industry that feeds 2.5 million people and generates about \$220 million in income!

What an honor, to be a dairy princess!

Last Saturday night, Robyn, dressed as Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz," went hand-in-hand with the audience down the yellow brick road. Along the way, she asked various witches, munchkins, and other Ozian denizens about the benefits of milk. Afterward, she was crowned Lancaster Co. dairy princess at the Farm and Home Center.

Robyn found out a lot of things during the journey. The most important — milk products such as cottage cheese (low in fat and cholesterol, containing only about 1 percent milkfat); frozen yogurt (96 percent fat free); cream cheese (low in fat and cholesterol); ice cream; ice milk (50 percent less fat and cholesterol than ice cream); and lowfat milk are good for you.

"So follow the yellow brick road to healthier eating habits using dairy products," she said.

Robyn, the daughter of Robert and Esther Groff, Ephrata, is a recent graduate of Ephrata High School. After being crowned, she thanked her family for help in "finding lots of information for my speech.

"I would like to thank my mom for helping me those long hours for the skit and everybody else who contributed and helped me decide what I wanted to do," said Robyn.

Robyn will now assume the duties formerly held by Jacy Clugston, 1990-1991 Lancaster Co. Dairy Princess. Jacy, in her farewell speech, described the year as one of "education and growth," she said. "My experiences have



Jacy Clugston, left, former Lancaster Co. Dairy Princess, crowns Lancaster County's new dairy princess, Robyn Groff, Ephrata, at the coronation last Saturday night. Photo by Andy Andrews

changed me into a more mature, responsible person.

"It has been an honor and privilege to represent the highest producing dairy county in Pennsylvania," she said. Jacy said she is excited to move on, "but I know I'll always be the dairy princess at heart."

Also at the coronation, the 1991-1992 Dairy Darlings were selected. They are Sarah Bard, 9, daughter of George and Jackie Bard, Conestoga; Laura Blank, 8, daughter of Clifford and Joyce Blank, Gap; Megan Good, 10, daughter of Leon and Linda Good, Marietta; Laura Hershey, 10, daughter of Steve Hershey, Manheim; and Amber Shellenberger, 9, daughter of Harold and Cindy Shellenberger, Mt. Joy.

Sarah Bard is in 4th grade and

enjoys roller skating and swimming. She won Master Showman at a local fair the first time she showed. She enjoys feeding calves and once wrote a book for a school project about Rudy the cow.

Laura Blank, second grade, enjoys feeding the calves and helping around the farm.

Megan Good, 4th grade, reads and collects baseball cards, and also works feeding the calves. She also raises geese and goats, and also takes care of her pony, Dalmatian, and a rabbit.

Laura Hershey, 4th grade, also feeds the calves and helps around the farm.

Amber Shellenberger, 4th grade, feeds the calves, and enjoys helping unload hay and straw. In

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