

### Pennsylvania Dairy Distinction Winners Announced

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EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) --- With June dairy month activities completed and July ice cream month underway, the selection of Pennsylvania's Dairy of Distinction winners has also been completed. The Dairy of Distinction awards program recognizes dairy farm families that maintain a clean, well-kept farm. The idea behind this beautification program is that good looking farms help give a good impression of the source of the dairy products available in

#### the grocery store.

Run by volunteers in 10 districts across the state, the local committees select up to 10 dairy farms in each district that meet the stringent requirements of the score card used by the program. A team of local judges visits each farm that has applied for the recognition and makes a roadside inspection.

Each year, Lancaster Farming supports the state program by providing an 11x14 farm portrait print to each winning farm in the state. The local committees take the photographs and the portraits are made in time to be presented at the Dairy of Distinction's annual meeting at Ag Progress Days at Rock Springs in August. In addition, plans call for a special section to be part of the August 3 issue that will feature the farm photographs and some points of interest about each winning farm.

Here are the farms from across Pennsylvania that the local committees have named as 1991 state winners.

District 11: Harold and Marlyn Hill, Sandy Lake; Ron Bem, Union City; Ronald J. Yaple, Waterford; Lawrence Popovich, Union City; George Brown, Cambridge Springs; Roger and Mary Bly, (Turn to Page A23)

### Enthusiasts Attend National Jersey Convention In Record Numbers

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Lancaster Farming Staff H A G E R S T O W N, Md. — More than 700 Jersey cattle enthusiasts showed up here for the 123rd national convention of the American Jersey Cattle Club and the 33rd meeting of the National All-Jersey Inc. last weekend, setting records for attendance.

The East Coast location of the national convention at the Hagerstown Ramada Inn and Convention center proved to be a popular one, with state organizations from Maryland and Virginia serving as host.

Members from all over the United States showed for the five days of activities, ranging from dinner theater, farm tours, shopping tours, historic tours (the area is heavy with Civil War memorials), workshops, seminars, meetings, slide shows, get-togethers, national heifer sale, junior activities ...

And the message from club officers and organizational admi-

nistrators was optimistic, despite the oft-mentioned low and unstable milk prices.

During the Monday business meeting of the American Jersey Cattle Club, Harold B. Wright, president, told members that they should be happy with the trends with dairying with Jersey cattle in the United States, and to continue to work hard to improve the breed's efficiency and quality.

"The year 1990 was a good one for most dairy farmers. The price for 3.5 (percent fat) milk in the federal order system reached \$14.69 per hundred weight by February 1990. This was tempered by the severe drop in prices at the end of the year," Wright said.

"We should also be mindful that many Jersey owners were paid from 10 cents to \$2 per hundredweight more than other dairy farmers, because of end product pricing, cheese yield dollars, protein bonus or multiple component pricing," he said.

Wright told the group to not (Turn to Page A28)





These dairy princesses went downtown in Philadelphia Tuesday, to promote the great taste of ice cream. From left, front row: Bucks-Montgomery County Dairy Princess Tanya Martin, Bucks-Montgomery Alternate Heather Derstine, Chester County Dairy Princess Becky Blank, York County Alternate Annie Rauhauser, and York County Dairy Princess Penny Jordan. From left, back row: Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Kristen Mentzker, Tioga County Dairy Princess Candice Kennedy, Tioga County Alternate Julie Siegrist, Lebanon County Alternate Karlene Weaver, Lebanon County Alternate Stephanle Wagner, and Bedford County Dairy Princess Shannen Lafferty.

# Ice Cream Promotion Goes Downtown

PHILADELPHIA — Why would nearly 20,000 men, women and children stand in line, for three hours, under a blazing hot noonday sun, in downtown Philadelphia?

For ice cream - what else! It was ice cream and frozen

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Everyday Is Sundae celebrates June as Dairy Month and kicks off July as National Ice Cream Month at Independence Hall, in downtown Philadelphia. The 1991 festival was held Wednesday, June 26. The event gives ice cream manufacturers the opportunity to put forth their best advertisement - their product - and they put right into the consumer's hand. They are sure that once the consumer tries their product they will purchase it the next time they go to the grocery store.

America's number one dessert (Turn to Page A25) The first place senior team from Lebanon County is comprised of, left to right, Brian Kreider, Daryl Bombgardner, and Dan Atkins.

## Annual Livestock Judging Contest Draws 4-H'ers From 7 Counties

ANDY ANDREWS Lancaster Farming Staff MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — More than 60 4-H'ers from seven counties stretched the limits of their understanding and experience with livestock at the 1991

southeast regional 4-H livestock judging contest Tuesday at the Manheim Fairgrounds.

In the end, practice, practice, practice proved to be the winners' formula, as the Lancaster Co. Livestock Judging Team, coached by Chet Hughes, livestock agent, captured first place in the junior judging competition. The team is comprised of Casey High, Dale Livengood, and Angie Erb. The Lebanon Co. team grabbed (Turn to Page A24)