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## Little Hill Farm: Changes Address, Changes Success

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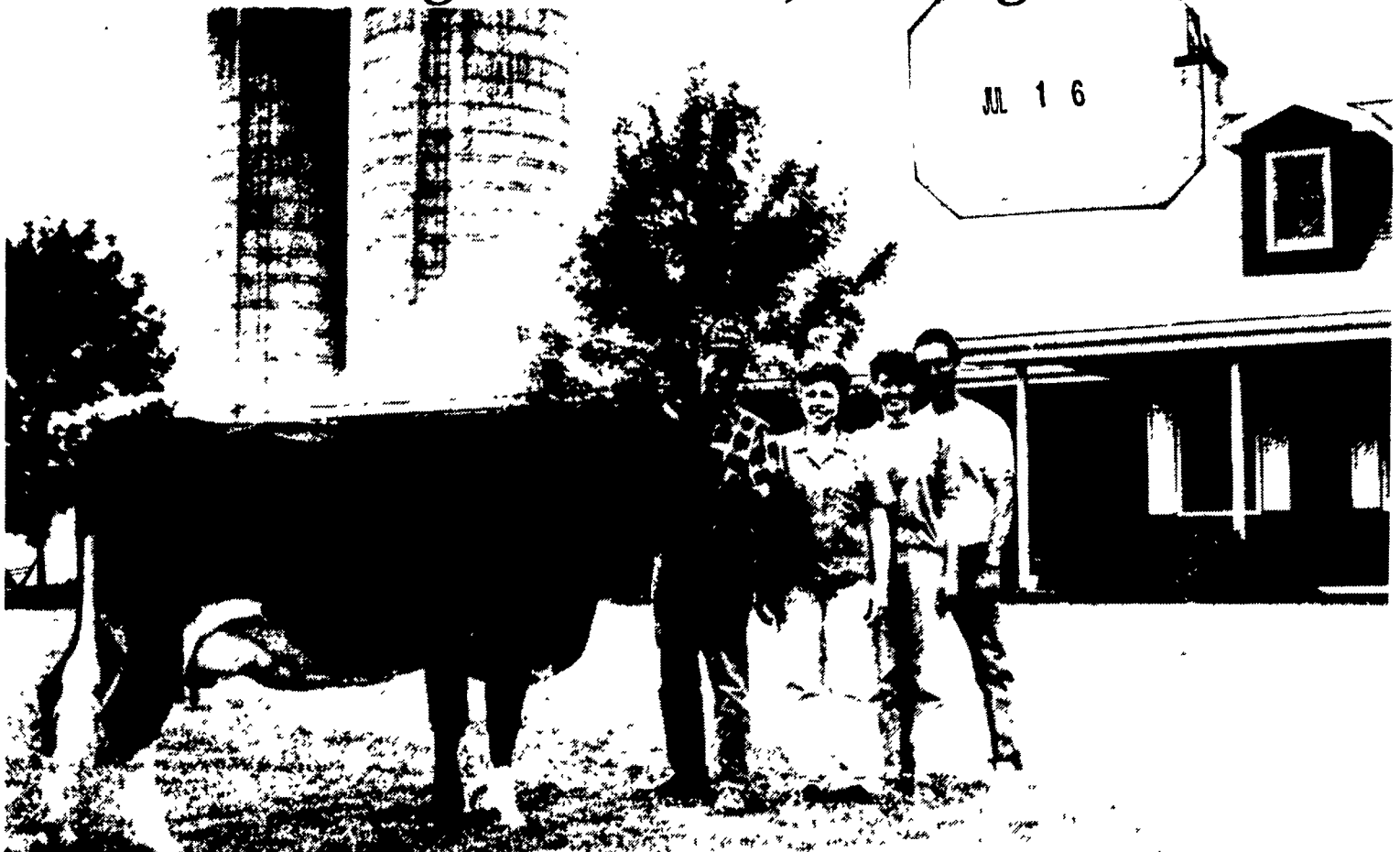
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MT. ZION (Lebanon Co.) — "Two years ago I wouldn't have thought about 20,000 pounds (of milk), now we're at 21,000 pounds," said Jim Hill, talking over coffee, while sitting at a table on the back porch of his home in Mt. Zion.

He was discussing the increase in milk production his 60-head mixed herd had given him since moving to Lebanon County from the old family farm in New Jersey two years ago.

The increase can be attributed to a number of things, he said, but it probably falls under the heading of two — better management and nutrition.

He explained that on the old  
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Jim and Billie Hill, and daughter and son Terry and Rick stand with Lodestar Ovation Banner, and Excellent 90, just classified in April. Her last record on a lactation started at 6 years was 23,237 pounds of milk, 860 pounds of fat and 713

pounds of protein. The Hills have found a home in Lebanon County, having moved away from the congestion and land-price escalating development madness which surrounded the family farm in New Jersey.

## Water Quality Project Looks At Nutrient Use

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MORGANTOWN (Berks Co.)

— Farmers battle a constant dilemma — they're concerned about water quality from excessive nutrient applications and, at the same time, worry about getting a good yield from their crops, which need nutrients.

Nutrient management helps provide the balance. But what have been the results of fertilizer applications to fields and how exactly do they affect surface and groundwater?

That's what a special 10-year project, called the Conestoga Headwaters Rural Clean Water Project (RCWP), funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has been trying to figure out.

By taking surface water samples on a watershed measuring approximately 1.6 square miles (about 1,000 acres) in the area between  
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Fayette County holds its Farm-City Day event in June to concur with Dairy Month. The county doesn't hold the typical fall events, but agricultural leaders find that holding the open farm attracts about 1,500 people and is a better tool for educating them about the reality of farming. See story on page A 28.



Retiring York County Agent Tony Dobrosky received a thick "memory book" of letters at a party held in his honor. The retiring agent was also gifted with a Pfalzgraff pottery pitcher from the county commissioners and a pewter meat platter from the Pennsylvania Livestock Association.

## Retirement Party Honors York County's Dobrosky

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YORK (York Co.) — Something of an era ended on July 1, when Anthony G. "Tony" Dobrosky retired from the York County Agriculture Extension Service.

After 33 years with the York office, the 61-year-old county expansion director was honored at a festive retirement dinner July 6

at Wisehaven Hall. More than 300 farmers, former 4-Hers, agribusiness and extension associates showered Dobrosky with certificates of appreciation, gifts and good-natured farewell jabs during the "Le Roast of Dobrosky."

Among the special awards presented Dobrosky on his retirement was a framed certificate of recog-

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## Winners Named At Keystone Show

GAIL STROCK

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The 43rd Annual Keystone Stud Ram and Ewe Show and Sale was held July 5 and 6 at the Ag Arena at Penn State. Sponsored by the PA Sheep and Wool Growers Association, the show featured over 675 actual entries,  
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Larry Orwick, McComb, Ohio, won supreme champion honors with his Suffolk ewe. Arlisa Snavelly, Pennsylvania's Lamb and Wool Queen, presented the trophy.