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Six-State Tillage Event Follows Westward Trend

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — Following agricultural trends associated with the Atlantic slope of the Eastern Continental Divide, the 1991 Mid-Atlantic Conservation Tillage Conference has moved west from previous locations in the Piedmont and Susque-

hanna Valley areas of Maryland and Pennsylvania. This year's eighteenth annual event is scheduled Dec. 18 in the Ramada Inn and Convention Center at Hagerstown, Md., just a short hike off the famed Appalachian Trail.

Nearly 800 crop farmers and agribusiness representatives from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia are expected to attend. Activities will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

As in past years, the conference is sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service at land-grant universities in the six participating states, with assistance from interested agribusiness representatives. More than 30 commercial exhibits are expected.

Dr. Gary C. Steinhardt, Extension agronomist at Purdue University, will lead off the morning program with a presentation on identifying and controlling compaction and tith problems in conservation tillage cropping.

Following a mid-morning break, conference participants will have their choice of attending one

Milk Price Fragments Industry

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REMEN, N.Y. — The frustration level among dairymen continues to grow, despite slowly recovering milk prices.

The frustration is beginning to show in numerous ways.

For at least one New York state dairyman, the marginal defeat of the Rogers-Allen Act served as the straw that broke the camel's back.

The approval of the act, though controversial because of legalities being tested in several courts, would have continued certain on-farm milk prices and set a higher base price for milk.

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Youths Head For FFA National

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — National recognition will be given to regional FFA members at the world's largest annual youth convention, the 64th National FFA Convention, to be held here Nov. 14-16. More than 24,000 FFA members, guests, and supporters are expected to attend.

will be a keynote address by President George Bush on Wednesday, Nov. 13. Others scheduled to appear are Carolyn Suzanne Sapp, 1992 Miss America; Captain Gerald Coffee, former POW during the Vietnam War; Scott McKain, former national FFA secretary; Jack C. Parnell, former deputy secretary of agriculture; Dave Roeber, Vietnam War veteran; and Jerry Clower, country comedian.

(See regional state attendees in story on Page D3.)

The convention will feature eight sessions with addresses by top speakers from the fields of agriculture, government, and entertainment. A special highlight



The Gehman family, who were recently honored with the Dairy of Distinction Award, pose in their recently harvested pumpkin field. Front, from left, Brandt, 2½, with mother Sharon and father Barry Gehman. In back, Robert, Sr., and wife Adeline. Photo by Andy Andrews.

Dairy Of Distinction Farm Thanks Grace, Diversity For Success

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COOPERSBURG (Lehigh Co.)

— In the old days, farmers didn't worry so much about unstable milk prices. They turned their attention instead to other types of farming — raising hogs, growing a few acres of vegetables, or maintaining a chicken house to make up the loss of income.

The old days haven't gone away on some farms, particularly the Marwell Dairy Farm. Indeed, the

Marwell Farm owes its livelihood to the successful maintenance of 80 head of grade Holstein. And they sell Holstein steers. They also sell 1,100 hogs a year and maintain 60 sows . . . and they raise 800 capons . . . and about 190 acres of pumpkins and gourds . . . and 500 peach trees and a vineyard. To top it off, they also operate a fertilizer business.

This diverse farm is operated by Robert R. and Barry Gehman and family. Although the Gehmans

didn't purchase the farm until 1967, they celebrated their 32-year farm anniversary early this month.

Recently, the farm was honored as a Dairy of Distinction Farm. It is managed by Robert R. Gehman, wife Adeline, and Robert Jr., in addition to Barry Gehman with help from Barry's wife, Sharon.

All your eggs
"I come from the school that believes you don't put all your
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Livestock Team Concentrates On National Showdown



Jim Quanbeck, far left, explains navel and sheath information about Santa Gertrudis cattle to, left to right, Chet Hughes, coach; Mark Tracy, Wendall Landis, and Dwain Livengood. Photo by Andy Andrews.

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COLUMBIA (Lancaster Co.)

— "It's sort of frightening, you know. What if you don't do that well?"

Elizabethtown High School student and Lancaster 4-H Club President Mark Tracy shivered in the early evening cold. Tracy watched his fellow team members mill about at the entrance to a machine shop operated by Jim Quanbeck, a beef and cash crop farmer.

It looked like the scene at the end of "Fahrenheit 451," a film based on the book by Ray Bradbury — people walking about, recalling lines from novels, practicing the chapter and verse of books that no longer exist for the benefit of future generations.

And like the film's characters, the 4-H livestock team knows the importance of practice. The team has been preparing for the event known as the North American

International Livestock Expo (NAILE), which opens today and continues through next week.

Compete against teams
In Louisville, Ky. on Tuesday, the senior division of the Lancaster County 4-H Livestock Judging Team, which placed first in the state, will compete against teams from many other states for the
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