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## Pork President Urges Producers To Attend Keystone Congress

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MECHANICSBURG (Cumberland Co.) — If you're a hog farmer, take time to attend the Keystone Pork Auction's first benefit auction to help the industry and your business.

The auction will take place on Wednesday night at 6 p.m. at the Penn Harris Inn at Camp Hill.

By bidding on several pork-related items donated by the industry, your money will contribute to the Keystone Pork Congress fund to defray costs of the Congress and to help the pork industry.

Kent L. Strock, president of the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council (PPPC), urges farmers to attend the Congress. The council reports to the National Pork Producers Council, which administers the pork checkoff program.

### Active Pork PACs

The PPPC is working to establish a special pork PAC, or political action committee, according to Strock. "Several other states have pretty active pork PACs," he said. Farm organizations such as the Pennsylvania Farmers Association have ag-related PACs, and it was time for the state pork industry to

be represented, according to Strock.

At a recent interview at his farm,

Strock spoke about the ongoing activities of the PPPC and the upcoming Keystone Pork

Congress.

Strock said the Council coordinates all functions of the Congress,

including registration, boot rentals, youth activities, the banquet, and the awards program. At this year's Pork Congress, the focus will be on hog profitability and the market outlook.

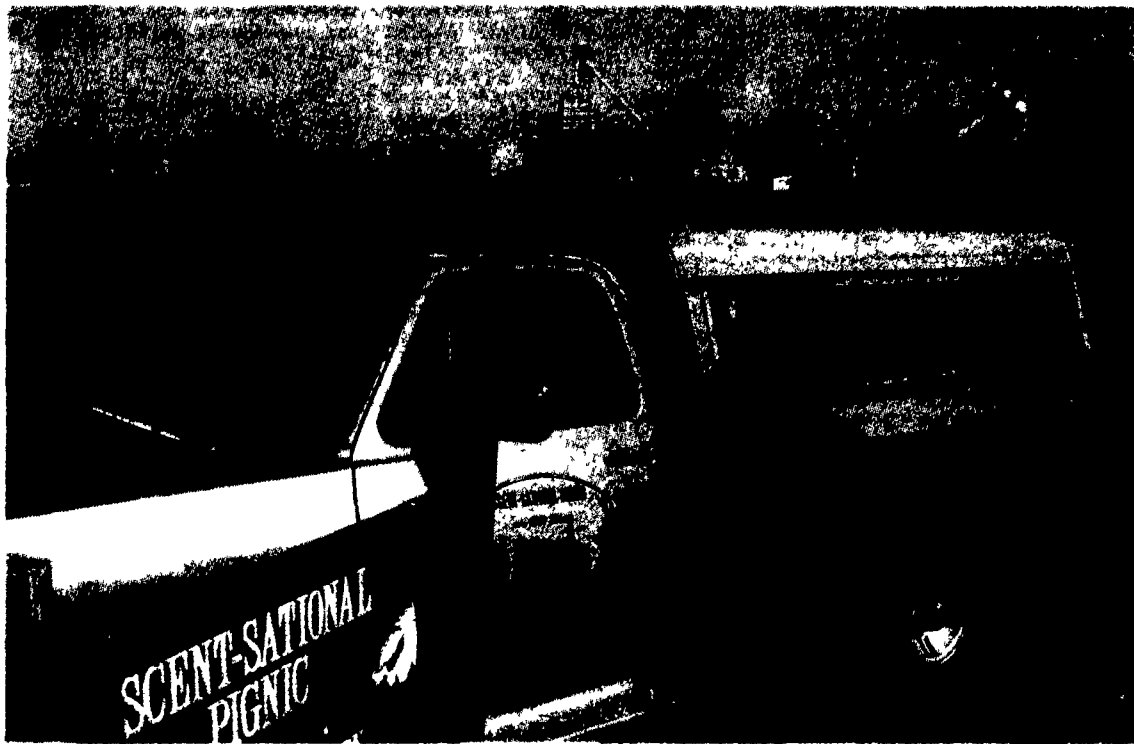
Speakers will include John Gadd, a specialist and pig consultant from Dorset, England, who "will be speaking from the European angle to the group this year, as part of our educational program," said Strock. Other speakers include H. Louis Moore, agricultural economist, on the outlook for

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### Attend Sale Before Banquet

To benefit the Keystone Pork Congress fund, pork producers are urged to come early to the banquet Wednesday evening and participate in an auction of items donated by agribusinesses associated with the pork industry. Hog equipment, breeding stock credits, feed, and other items will be for sale.

Proceeds are used for promotion of the industry in areas not covered by the checkoff funds. The auction starts at 6 p.m. at the Penn Harris Inn at Camp Hill.



**Kent L. Strock, president of the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council (PPPC), urges farmers to attend a special auction to benefit the industry on Wednesday night at the Keystone Pork Congress at the Penn Harris Inn at Camp Hill. Strock manages Scent-National Pignic, which specializes in roasting hogs for special occasions.**  
Photo by Andy Andrews.

## Foreign Dairy Producers Not A Threat Now, But They Could Be

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Do foreign dairy interests take advantage of trade rules to undercut American producers?

Is this a valid concern or paranoid xenophobia?

Those questions became, somewhat unexpectedly, the focus of the recent Dairying Today meeting in Walkersville, Md., an educational session sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service.

Typically the kind of affair at which farmers nod off after lunch,

the meeting this year featured a crew from a Baltimore television station and several local dairymen upset about topics ranging from the effectiveness of the National Dairy Board to the rules governing the importation of foreign dairy products.

The answers, not surprisingly, seem mixed. According to the experts who spoke at the meeting and several interviewed later, foreign farmers may get some breaks, but the end result matters little to U.S. dairymen. On the other hand, their impact could increase dra-

matically if new arrangements are agreed to under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

Currently, importers of foreign dairy products, which are primarily various kinds of cheese, don't

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## Holstein Youth Hold Convention



The Holstein Dairy Bowl senior division winners are, front from left, Jenny Hummel and Marel Raub. In back, Colleen Kretzing and Liza Haas. These winners were named at the Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Convention last weekend.

WARRENDALE (Allegheny Co.)—The Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Dairy Bowl contest was held here during the Junior Holstein Convention. There were 29 teams competing in two age divisions: 17 junior teams and 12 senior teams.

In the junior division, a team from Cumberland County completed a perfect day by going undefeated to win the title. Team members are: Matthew Day, David Day, Heath Ocker, and John Leib, Jr. Their coach is Ann Day.

The runner-up team from Clarion/Venango included Matthew Neeley, Sami Willyoung, Franny Adams, and Chad Smith. Their coach is Doug Neely.

In the senior division, the team

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### Mennonite High Joins FFA

Lancaster Mennonite High School became a charter member of the Pennsylvania Future Farmers of America, Inc. (FFA) at the annual state convention in Harrisburg in conjunction with the Farm Show. Ag teacher Lehman Metzler, Principal Richard Thomas, and several students accepted the charter. The private school has 48 students enrolled in FFA.

In the photo with the school's new FFA charter is Jason Charles, president and Angela Baker, secretary.