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The Pennsylvania 5-Acre Corn Club first place winners were announced at the corn conference. From left, D. Richard Snyder, Montoursville, shelled grain, three acre, regular harvest size; John McDowell, McDowell Farms, Mercer, shelled grain, three-year average; Norman Jodikinos, Clinton, shelled grain, regular harvest size; James Bishop, Muncy, ear corn class, hand harvest; Andrew Lucas, Zion Grove, ear corn class, machine harvest; and Lloyd Zook, shelled grain, three-year average, regular harvest size. Not present is David Schantz, Alburtils, ear corn class, regular harvest size. Photo by Andy Andrews

## This Spring, Watch India To See If We'll Have A Drought

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CARLISLE (Cumberland Co.)

— Keep an eye on India.

If that country is under drought conditions in May and June this year, the corn belt and the eastern U.S. will be rainy and cool during the corn season.

But if India is dry in May and June, then we could see a severe drought in 1993.

"If India is having a drought in May and June of this year, I can bet you that we'll have a more nearly normal growing season in the corn belt," said Dr. Louis M. Thomp-

son, emeritus associate dean of agriculture at Iowa State University.

Thompson spoke on Tuesday to about 200 corn producers at the 1992 Pennsylvania Corn Conference.

### Global warming

Thompson presented research on the factors of global warming and how warming and cooling cycles go hand in hand with corn prices and the economy.

Thompson centered on the factors caused by the El Nino — a

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## Governors Visit Garber Conservation Farm

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WILLOW STREET (Lancaster Co.)—With emphasis on the theme that the Chesapeake Bay starts in Pennsylvania, Gov. Robert Casey and Maryland's Gov. William Scheafer visited a Lancaster County farm Monday to trumpet the success and future needs of the program.

Using Spring Lawn Farm, owned by the David and Joe Garber families, as a backdrop, Casey assured Scheafer that Pennsylvani-

a was aware of the role his state played in the Bay clean-up program.

"I want to reaffirm Pennsylvania's commitment to stand by Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia to work together toward the goal of a 40 percent reduction in nutrients in the Bay by the year 2000," Casey said. "Spring Lawn farm is a model of good stewardship of our natural resources. We have seen clean-up efforts here today.

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## Berkley To Head Pa. Holstein Association

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York Co. Correspondent  
WARRENDALE (Allegheny Co.)—Lewis Berkley, Berlin R3, is the new president of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association.

The Somerset County dairyman was elected to head the state's largest dairy breed organization during PHA's annual meeting, held February 26-29 at the Warrendale Sheraton Inn. Berkley, the former PHA vice president, suc-

ceeds R. Wayne Harpster, Pennsylvania Furnace, retiring on the completion of his two-year term as president.

Laszlo Moses, Greenville, was elected vice president, and Dean Johnson, Warren, was re-elected to another term as PHA treasurer. Newly-elected to the executive committee are Calvin Will, Berlin, representing the southwest district, and Paul Lawrence, New

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## Association Applauds Family Farms Addresses Industry Concerns

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)—Poultry Progress Days held at the Farm and Home Center on Thursday addressed concerns of the industry and applauded poultry producers who have continued family poultry farms for two generations or more.

"Poultry families exemplify strength and leadership in agriculture," Jay Irwin, county Extension director emeritus, told the group as he identified the eight families who received Poultry Family Spirit awards.

### Four generations

For four generations the Dennis L. and Ellen Eby farm in Gap and the Dennis Forry farm in Manheim have raised chickens.

The Eby farm was purchased in 1903 by Martin Eby who started with a couple of hundred chicks, cows, steers, sheep, and pigs. Hundreds of chicks ran around in the backyard until the late 1940s when son Menno housed 2,000 chicks on the farm. The family grew their own pullets, and washed and graded the eggs that were shipped

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Gov. Robert Casey addresses the press conference at Spring Lawn Farm at New Danville in Lancaster County on Monday morning. In addition to numerous television, radio and press representatives, the David and Joe Garber families hosted Casey, Maryland Governor William Scheafer, and other officials of the Chesapeake Bay program. In the photo taken by the calf barn with Casey are Shirley, Kendall, David, Charise, Joe, Yvonne and Josiah Garber. Photo by Everett Newswanger, Managing Editor.



The Blank family named their farm "Smiling Holsteins," because they tell others: "Our cows are happy to be making milk and now your job is to keep them happy by drinking milk." Parents Cliff and Joyce are shown with children, from left, Laura, Dwayne, Daryl, and Lisa. Turn to page B10 to learn more about the Blank family tradition of milk promotion. Photo by Lou Ann Good.