

## New York TB Dairy Herd Causes 28 Farms To Be Quarantined

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ALBANY, N.Y. — Twenty-eight dairy farms in Pennsylvania and New York state are under quarantine against possible bovine tuberculosis.

All farms are suspect because they purchased cattle from a herd dispersal sale at a New York farm where bovine TB-infected deer and elk apparently transmitted the disease to some of the cows.

The TB incident is the first for New York state in more than 12

years.

All dairy cattle purchased from that herd have been condemned and slaughtered or were awaiting slaughter by presstime this week.

Results this past week were not all available on the carcass evaluations of the 73 milking age cows which had been condemned by their respective state agriculture agency and slaughtered.

Gerald Moore, director of public affairs for the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, said this week that initial

slaughter results of the 45 New York animals showed one 3-year-old cow had lesions. It means a complete slaughter of that farm's herd.

Those farms under quarantine are still able to ship milk because pasteurization kills the tuberculosis bacillus.

The disease is transmitted mainly by one animal inhaling expired air from another animal.

The infectious animals eventually form lesions on their lungs

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## Holstein Sells For \$25,000 In Tioga County Sale

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MIDDLEBURY CENTER (Tioga Co.) — The tent next to the barn overflowed with neighbors, friends, farmers and businessmen. Five hundred sale catalogs bearing photographs and breeding history of the merchandise had been dis-

tributed. Three phone lines had been installed to handle out-of-state bids. Thus began the complete dispersal of the Double-B Farm owned by Bill Appel on March 23.

As lot number one paraded around the sale ring, calls came from as far away as Wisconsin and

California. When the bids peaked, the auctioneer rapped his gavel and Novagen, Inc., managed by R. Bentz Rhoads, Jr. of Leesburg, Va. purchased Highlight L Secret Velour for \$25,000.

Next on the auction block was Velour's daughter, Double-B-B Leadman Veticia, a yearling heifer. Her new owners, Ronnie Kling and Wayne Schrock, both of Accident, Md. paid \$14,200.

These are no ordinary cows. They are registered Holsteins. Velour's genetics are the reason Rhoads expects to have embryo contracts to Japan and European countries.

In other parts of the state or country, the price paid for such an animal is not unusual. Indeed, Velour's dam's maternal sister sold for \$40,000 at the 1988 Top Breeders Sale. But for Tioga County, the prices Appel received for his herd shocked the community.

Appel attributes his success to knowing pedigrees, understanding

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## Nutrient Legislation Needs Amendments

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Item 1: A Lancaster County township board passes a law that curbs all "unhealthy odors" emanating from a nearby poultry farm, making it illegal to apply manure within 100 yards of a 65-tract housing development.

Item 2: A Lebanon County township supervisor board is considering passing a law that will stop the application of any and all

"dangerous chemicals," including commercial fertilizers, within 200 yards of newly constructed townhouses.

These items are fictional. Do they sound possible? Perhaps so, if some form of statewide nutrient management legislation is not passed. And, according to the Lancaster County Farmers' Association, if nutrient management legislation is not agreed upon and enacted soon, local township ordi-

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Mennonite Central Committee Coordinator Lowell Detweller and Mennonite Disaster Service Director Paul Brubaker work on a mortise joint for a new timber frame barn destroyed by fire in the Belleville, Mifflin County area.

## Burned Barns Rebuilt, FBI Investigates

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BELLEVILLE (Mifflin Co.) — Late at night, on Saturday, March 14, six Mifflin County Amish families lost their barns, livestock, and livelihood to an arsonist's torch.

The barns of Michael J. Hostetler and Esle Michael Hostetler on the Back Mountain Road; Isaac S. Yoder on Church Lane; Samuel Isaac Yoder on Plum Bottom

Road; Christ R. Yoder on Coffee Run Road; and Samuel Moses Yoder on Allison Road were completely destroyed. Michael J. lost 21 cattle and 10 horses while Isaac S. lost 33 cattle and 7 horses. One horse survived the fire at Esle M's — 10 perished. Financially, the state police estimated at least \$1 million in damages.

The sun rose the following morning exposing the gruesome

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## Eckstine's Christine Is Grand At Spring Holstein Show



From the left, Mark Campbell holds the halter of the reserve grand champion of the Pennsylvania Holstein State Spring Show, while Thomas Eckstine and Judge Glenn Tripp hold the grand champion banner.

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A 4-year-old Hanover Hill Starbuck daughter owned by Thomas Eckstine, 23, of Mercersburg, was named grand champion of the 39th Pennsylvania Holstein Association State Spring Show held at the state Farm Show complex last Friday.

The homebred Eckstine cow, "Meadow-Vu Starbuck Christine," was senior champion and was also named best udder of the 4-year-old class.

The win was the first time Eckstine took home a grand champion trophy from a state show.

"I've been in 4-H since I was about 8 years old and I've been going to state shows ever since," the 23-year-old reserve Marine said. "I've shown grand champions at county levels and district levels before, but not at this level."

He said the win was everything it seemed it could be.

"I feel pretty good. It's just

makes everything worth while, all the effort you put in," he said. "But everybody ought to be congratulated for having outstanding animals at the show."

Competition was stiff at the show, with some of the big names in Pennsylvania Holstein breeding showing.

According to Kenneth Raney, director of member service for the

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## Daylight Time Starts Sunday

One of the rituals of spring happens at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning, April 5. Daylight Savings Time officially starts. Using the old adage of "spring forward," you will want to advance the clocks at the house and at the barn ahead one hour that night before retiring. But animal feeding schedules, especially for dairy cows, should be advanced gradually over a period of several days.