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Lebanon County is rich in historical artifacts of early United States living, such as the Union Canal Tunnel, which was cut through solid rock so that barges could transport commodities between the watersheds of the Susquehanna and Delaware rivers. The dairy industry is also important to this

now largely urban community. In the front are Kirby and Cheryl Horst with their 2-year-old Holstein, Len-Lyn Winken Hope. Standing in the back is Kurt Hostetter with his 5-year-old Dale Pride Specs Betz, which was named grand champion of the junior show at the state spring Holstein show.

Dairy Industry Vital To Lebanon Economy, Community

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NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — Lebanon County's Holstein breeders are to be the cover feature in the June issue of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association's monthly magazine, Profiles.

For a variety of reasons, the choice of Lebanon County to grace the Dairy Month issue of the state Holstein breed magazine is fitting tribute to not only the county's Holstein breeders, but to all of the dairymen in the county — for the past three years, Lebanon County's members of the Pennsylvania

Dairy Herd Improvement Association have lead the state on their average rolling herd production.

With all production taken into account and compared against the average number of cows, the average production in the county drops, but still remains in the top 10 percent in the state, according to statistics compiled by the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service.

But to the Lebanon County community and its economy, the dairy industry and the agriculture industry are more important than simple statistics can signify.

Agriculture in the county is the leading industry and the dairy industry is the single largest element of that.

A small northern sister to Lan-

caster County, the Lebanon Valley is a limestone-soiled farming mecca. But for many years, the importance of the agricultural and dairy industry was overshadowed by the

Cornwall Iron Ore Mine and the Bethlehem Steel Corp and other steel industry manufacturing businesses.

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State DHIA Releases Lancaster Herds

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — With 993 requests for transfer on the table, the Pennsylvania DHIA directors voted to give the Lancaster County DHIA members who had submitted them an unconditional release to have their

records processed at Raleigh. The special board meeting to consider these requests took place Tuesday afternoon in the Farm and Home Center after a joint meeting of reconciliation between the Lancaster and Pennsylvania boards earlier in the day.

The move makes Pennsylvania

the only State in the nation at present with its own Dairy Herd Processing Center (DRPC) that has agreed to allow competition within the borders of jurisdiction. Other states often have several DRPC's for members to use when they don't have their own center. But

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Why Isn't My Herd Milking Better?

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ITHACA, NY — Have you changed rations four times and feed companies twice, but your herd is still at 58 pounds of milk per day? Nothing you have done seems to increase milk production. What other factors can be limiting production? Have you considered checking your demographics? Demographics! It sounds like a swear word, but it has a big influence on herd performance. Demographics is the distribution of animals in a herd.

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Using DHI As Dairy Management Program

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RALEIGH, NC — The famous black baseball player, Satchel Page, once said, "If you don't know where you're going, you might end up somewhere else." Good dairy records are essential to "know where you're going" in managing a dairy herd. A commitment to accurate cow identity and day-by-day recording of all events, coupled with modern record systems, will pay a high return per dollar invested.

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Maryland Management Awards Announced

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COLLEGE PARK, MD — The top 21 winners of the 1991 Maryland Dairy Herd Management Award (HMA) are listed here, along with the criteria that was developed in 1989, along with dairy producers and county agricultural agents. Fourteen different management practices are evaluated for all herds enrolled in the Maryland DHI program. Points are given to the different management practices based on ideals for each one. The award attempts to

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