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## Willows Farm Guernseys: A Lancaster Era Ends

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WILLOW STREET (Lancaster Co.) — Three generations of Garber men sat around a kitchen table on a recent morning to sort through old family pictures.

B. Snavely Garber, the grandfather, his son Ken Garber and the grandson, Gerald, sorted through the pile of photographs Snavely Garber had collected through the years.

The perusing of photographs and newspaper clippings of Willows Farm Guernseys was a sign of change at the farm. At 12:30 p.m. on August 1, the farm's Guernsey cattle are being sold at auction.

Seventy head are expected to be put up for sale. Except for at least one cow, "Lee Ann," whom Snavely's great granddaughter has been speaking out for, the brown and white cattle will no longer be blocking traffic on Eshelman Mill Road to get to and from pasture.

Some of the first Guernseys in Lancaster were at the Willows Farm. The herd became well-known for past show-ring performances and pedigree. The dispersal also marks the end of an almost 80-year era of Guernsey dairying  
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Four generations of Garbers hold the gate to allow their Willows Farm Guernseys to cross the road to pasture, for one of the last times. From the left are Gerald Garber, his father Kenneth, Janice Garber (daughter of Jay) and pat-

riarch B. Snavely Garber. The gentle dairy cattle have been part of the farming operation for more than 80 years and home-bred and raised offspring have been nationally recognized for pedigree and type.

## Penn State, Rodale Announce New Joint Venture

READING (Berks Co.) — Rapid urbanization, a trend that continues in Pennsylvania, brings with it a distinct set of challenges for agricultural producers. Government officials from across the state joined educators and researchers in Reading this week to mark the beginning of a new ini-

tiative designed to address those challenges.

As dignitaries looked on, officials from the Rodale Institute, a nonprofit, publicly funded research and educational organization located in Kutztown, Pa., and Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences announced the

creation of the Penn State/Rodale Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources in Urbanizing Environments (SANRUE).

"The center formalizes an ongoing relationship between the College of Agricultural Sciences and the Rodale Institute," says Dr. Herbert Cole, head of Penn State's plant pathology department and the center's first director. Cole says the center will conduct prog-

rams in research, education and public policy.

"Both Rodale and Penn State are committed to understanding how we can sustain agriculture, economically and environmentally, especially in the face of rapid urbanization," says the new center's associate director, Maria Van Hekken of the Rodale Institute.

SANRUE is designed to help farmers, policy makers and citi-

zens address the issues raised by urban growth. As residential, commercial and industrial developments spread into traditionally rural areas, agricultural producers face new dilemmas. Conflicts between homeowners and agricultural producers and increasing pressure to protect air and water quality have created an environment rife with contradictions in  
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## Lebanon Hosts Animal Housing Expo

NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — Considering changes to the barn, setting up a new operations, or information on anything to do with animal housing should be available to those who attend the 1992 Animal Housing Expo at Lebanon Fairgrounds, July 14 and July 15.

The program is sponsored by Penn State University Extension and industry.

Included are to be demonstrations on farrowing stall comparison, free stall comparisons, small group hutch for calves, respiratory hazards, fan performance, pit ventilation, air distribution systems, tunnel ventilation, etc.

Also speakers are to discuss whether to remodel or build new, site location and building layout for now and the future, regulations and required plans, building for

animal comfort, manure management, and expectations of a lender.

The two-day event will have identical schedules each day.

From 9:30 a.m. to 10:10 a.m., Robert Graves, professor with PSU Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department, is to talk about remodeling or building new.

From 10:20 to 11 a.m., Bob Bassler, engineering and construc-  
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## Court Rules Regulators Must Pay

CAMP HILL (Dauphin Co.) — The leader of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA) hailed a U.S. Supreme Court ruling announced June 29 which will require regulators to pay for the property rights they take from landowners.

In a 6-2 decision, the Supreme Court overturned a South Carolina Supreme Court decision in Lucas vs. South Carolina Coastal Council. The U.S. Supreme Court ordered that a state regulatory

agency must pay compensation to private landowner David Lucas for its "regulatory taking" of his two beachfront lots.

PFA president Keith Eckel said, "The court ruling means that if land use is regulated for the public good, the public must bear the economic burden of the restrictions, not the landowner alone. It signals a reaffirmation of property rights as guaranteed by the Constitution. In addition, it strengthens the free enterprise system by

assuring us that we will benefit through the fruits of our labor."

PFA is a voluntary, statewide farm organization which represents over 23,000 families. It is part of the nation's largest general farm organization, the 3.9-million member American Farm Bureau Federation.

The American Farm Bureau had filed a friend of the court brief in the case in support of landowner Lucas. American Farm Bureau  
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