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## Astro Kat Reigns Supreme Second Year

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The two-farm syndicate of Gay Ridge Farm and Kingstead Farms in Ijamsville, Md., are proving almost unstoppable at Pennsylvania and Maryland Holstein shows.

For four years straight they have shown the supreme champion animal of the All American Dairy Show.

For the second year in a row, entries from the two-farm syndicate have not only topped the Holstein contests, but came out as supreme cow among all breeds

shown in both the All American Dairy Show and the Maryland State Fair.

Late last week, C Rosland Astro Kat, a 7-year-old Astro Jet daughter mutually owned by Gay Ridge Farm and Kingstead Farms, returned to repeat last year's performance of being named grand champion All American Holstein.

The cow — tall, long, with wide rear and ribs, muscular but not bulky, sharp featured, with strong legs and feet, long thin neck — not only captured the Holstein show, but also took the title of supreme cow of all dairy breeds, also a

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From the left, owners of the supreme are Mary Louise Wilcom and behind her Doug King, Pa. Secretary of Agriculture Boyd Wolff presents the banner while Chris Hill holds the halter and Crystal Schweighofer, state dairy princess, helps with the presentation.

## Northeast Poultry Show Panel Highlights Salmonella Vaccine

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Rodent control must be the number one priority for poultry producers, even if a tried-and-true vaccination program is employed, if Salmonella enteritidis (SE) is to be controlled in flocks.

That's the message producers heard on a panel highlighting the benefits of SE vaccinations at the Northeast Poultry Show on Thursday.

The poultry show included information on the latest research findings regarding vaccination of flocks.

Dr. Sherrill Davison, University

of Pennsylvania, discussed research findings using two types of vaccines on eight flocks. In the study, the types used were auto-genous (using SE obtained from the farm and incorporated into a vaccine, administered to the flock by skin injection) and federally licensed SE vaccine.

According to Davison, there were two reactions from the injections — in most cases, none, and in minor cases, examples of severe muscle necrosis. The eight layer flocks included seven multiage farms and one single-age farm.

In all cases, rodents (mice) were tested for SE, and in nearly all, the

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## Grumbine Named To Livestock Hall

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — Each year the Pennsylvania Livestock Association presents its highest honor, the Livestock "Hall of Fame" award, to a deserving individual. The individual is chosen for his contribution to the industry, his contribution to the association, and his involvement in the community.

The 1992 recipient is Dennis Grumbine from Lebanon County.

His association with the livestock industry began at an early age with both 4-H and FFA involvement. Raised on an Eastern Lebanon County farm, his projects included cash grain, livestock, and contract vegetables. From 1965-1966 he served as Pennsylvania state president of the Future Farmers of America.

One of Dennis' ambitions as a youth was to become involved in

the farm machinery business. He started working for Elmer E. Plasterer, the John Deere dealer in Lebanon County in 1965 and purchased the dealership in 1983. Along with his involvement in the John Deere business, he maintains a continuous pure bred Berkshire swine herd operation, having sold hogs all over the country.

His involvement in the agricul-

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## Dr. Spock Says He Has Been Misquoted In Milk Controversy

**EVERETT NEWSWANGER**  
Managing Editor  
EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — The opponents of animal agriculture were at work again this week as the national news media picked up on the report of a group of physicians who say that milk may not be good for children.

Child care expert Dr. Benjamin Spock, who long advocated drinking cow's milk, joined several other doctors in questioning its

nutritional value and the possible harm it can cause some children.

"Parents have been doing their duty as they were taught by medicine and dietetics and forcing milk on their children," Spock is quoted in the national press. "We have to get parents over that."

Spock appeared at a Boston news conference early this week as a spokesman for the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, a nonprofit association that

poses as a medical authority, though by its own admission only 10% of its members are bona-fide physicians. This association, along with other agendas, promotes alternatives to animal research.

Appearing with Dr. Spock was Dr. Frank A. Oski, director of pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University, and Dr. Neal Barnard, president of the Physicians Committee. Oski wrote a book against milk about 15 years ago, and Bar-

nard, the Physicians Committee founder, is also the scientific advisor to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and an organization known as the Animal Liberation Front (ALF).

In a news conference in Baltimore on Monday Oski said that milk's reputation as a calcium-rich food that will help children grow big and strong is largely undeserved. Other foods, such as kale, broccoli or fish, provide more cal-

cium without the fat in milk, he said.

"There is nothing unique about milk, regarding its nutritional benefits, that should make you want to drink it," Oski said. "There's no reason for us to spend lots of money to give milk to kids when it doesn't do them any good."

Later in the week, The American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, based in Syracuse, NY;

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## Vice President Dan Quayle Answers Farm Questions



**EVERETT NEWSWANGER**  
Managing Editor

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — With the world hunger situation, we should be encouraging (agricultural) production, said Dan Quayle, vice president of the United States. The vice president's comments were part of a small news conference with reporters and editors from five selected Pennsylvania weekly newspapers in the Harrisburg Hilton last Saturday at noon.

"You can't just outlaw pesticides and insecticides," Quayle said. "You must make them more environmentally safe. If you listen

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The United States Vice President Dan Quayle answers questions at a news conference with editors and reporters

from five selected Pennsylvania weekly newspapers. Photos by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.