



York County Dairy Princess Cecilia Martin and Dairy Maids Kelly Jo Myers, left, and Tanya Thoman, right, are all smiles as they prepare for their roles as promotional representatives for the dairy industry.

York Selects Cecilia Martin As Dairy Princess

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YORK (York Co.) — Cecilia Martin was crowned the York County Dairy Princess during pageant ceremonies held Saturday, April 25, at the York 4-H Center.

The 16-year-old new princess is the daughter of James and Rosine Martin, Spring Grove R3. She is a sophomore student at Spring Grove Area High School and plans to pursue a degree in elementary education.

Cecilia is the fifth generation on the Martin family farm and regularly assists with milking chores for the 90-head herd. The family, including her brother Chris, 18, who served as her pageant escort, also crops 210 acres of land. She is active in school and her church youth group and enjoys horseback riding in her spare time.

As part of her pre-coronation interview, Cecilia was asked by pageant emcee York County Commissioner George Trout how she felt about her agriculture background, compared to most of her school peers who are not from farms. Cecilia responded that she is proud of her agriculture heritage and having had to learn to work while she was growing up.

"I like being able to come home from school and go outside and enjoy nature," smiled the new princess later, in a post-pageant interview.

An original promotional presentation Cecilia gave during the program featured two large, comparative posters. One depicted a healthy athlete who consumed a balanced diet, including lots of

dairy foods, while the other showed a greenish-complexioned "couch potato" fond of mostly empty-nutrient "junk" foods.

As York's Dairy Princess, Cecilia says she is especially looking forward to working with elementary-age school groups, since she plans a career teaching children. She anticipates having opportunities to "introduce a calf" to students during her upcoming visits to school classrooms.

Tanya Thoman and Kelly Jo Myers were both named Dairy Maids during the crowning ceremonies.

Tanya, 13, is the daughter of Gail and Gary Thoman, Dallastown R3. She is a seventh-grade student at Dallastown Area Middle School, active in school musical organizations as well as in 4-H and Junior Holstein dairy clubs. Tanya owns nine head in the family's Garwill operation, which includes 110 cows and 114 acres of cropland.

For her promotional presentation, Tanya gave a talk on avoiding osteoporosis, using the poster she designed and titled Mooky Cow Says Only You Can Prevent Brittle Bones.

Kelly Jo Myers, 16, is the daughter of Carolyn and Morrell Myers, Thomasville R2. A sophomore at Spring Grove Area High School, she is her class secretary and a track team member. Kelly Jo owns two Brown Swiss animals which she exhibits in 4-H. She is a member of the county's 4-H dairy judging team.

The poster created by Kelly Jo for her promotional presentation was based on a popular national

dairy slogan and titled Move Over Cola Because Milk Is America's Health Kick.

Pageant ceremonies also included the naming of three Dairy Miss representatives, Lisa Jones, Erin Marks and Raechel Kilgore. The Dairy Miss and Dairy maid winners will assist the Princess with selected promotional activities through the next year.

Lisa Jones, 6, is the daughter of Patricia and Dennis Jones, Lisburn Avenue, Shrewsbury. She is a first-grade student at Southern Elementary School and helps to feed calves on the Delta farm of her uncle, Leonard Greek.

Erin Marks, 9, is the daughter of Barbara and Melvin Marks, Airville R1. A second grader at Clearview Elementary School, Erin's chores include helping to feed heifers and moving the family's dairy herd to rotational pasture.

Raechel Kilgore, 8, is the daughter of Pam and Doug Kilgore, Airville R2. Raechel attends second grade at Clearview Elementary School and helps the family with feeding calves and occasionally with milking chores.

Outgoing princess Shannon Doll, Glenville, wrapped up her year of representing the York dairy industry with the crowning of her successor. Through her reign, Shannon visited 15 school classrooms, wrote 14 newspaper articles, made 4 radio presentations, took part in numerous store and mall promotions, farm and non-farm meetings, dairy shows, parades and made other special appearances on behalf of dairy promotion.



Ready for their milk ambassador roles as York Dairy Misses are from left, Lisa Jones, Raechel Kilgore and Erin

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