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## Cherry Crop Set Looks Good Birds, Low Sour Prices Cause Concern

NEW DANVILLE (Lancaster Co.)—Phyllis Shenk, farm market manager, Cherry Hill Orchards near New Danville in Lancaster County, shows some early sweet dark red cherries that have just started to come on the market from Pennsylvania orchards. Richard Haus, Cherry Hill owner, said the first fruit was in their farm market this week. Their pick-your-own program will begin Monday with these dark red cherries. The light sweets will be ready about a week later, and sour cherries the beginning of July. With 60 acres of cherries, Cherry Hill is one of the largest sweet cherry orchards in the state.

Bill Kleiner, Penn State multicounty extension agent for Region 10 with headquarters in Adams County, said that both sweet and sour cherry crops across the state look good. Some trees were hit by hail last week, but dry rot has not been a problem because of the dry weather. According to Kleiner, the major problem for orchard growers is birds. Noise makers and other scare tactics are mostly ineffective. Home owners can cover small trees with netting, but this is not practical for commercial growers.

Prices for sweet cherries are expected to hold steady as this market is mostly local. But sour cherry prices cause concern for commercial growers because they are expected to be low due to competition from shipped cherries from Michigan into the manufacturing markets.

The weekly state crop and weather report says grape development slowed due to earlier frosts. Most apple and peach sets look good.

In other crops, planting activities were nearly completed. Corn height averaged eight inches, and hay and pasture growth improved because of precipitation last week. Many farmers in central and southern regions continued to report short soil moisture conditions. Activities for the week included transplanting tobacco; making hay and filling silos; planting corn, soybeans, and potatoes; and caring for livestock.

Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.

## Dairy Summit To Address Milk Marketing Policy

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — All dairy producers are being urged to attend or observe a Monday meeting in York, Pa., of the leaders of the United States dairy industry and the heads of government agricultural agencies involved in the marketing of milk.

Referred to as a "summit," the meeting is being called in an attempt to bring together the dairy policy influencers, makers and those people responsible for carrying out the existing milk marketing system for the purpose of reaching a consensus on how to handle the pricing, pooling and trade regulat-

ing out the existing milk marketing system, for the purpose of reaching a consensus on how to handle the regulation of milk production and trade in the United States.

The meeting is to be held at the York County fairgrounds, starting 10 a.m., and is open to the public to observe.

A number of different farmer organizations have developed a variety of proposals for how to manage the U.S. dairy industry.

The proposals range from suggestions that the U.S. government take a completely hands-off role in milk production and distribution and let free-market demands rule

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## Modify Poultry Feed To Reduce Manure Components

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MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — New poultry feed additives containing enzymes to help birds digest nutrients also help to reduce the amount of nitrogen going into

manure, according to a Penn State poultry scientist.

Dr. Paul H. Patterson, of the department of poultry science at Penn State, noted that commercially available enzymes are useful as

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## From Madison Avenue To Bradford County Farm

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WYSOX (Bradford Co.) — The work day starts earlier for Bill and Helen Olewnikon at their Standing Stone Farm than it did on Madison Avenue, where the couple previously worked.

After working a combined total of 40 years as big city typogra-

phers (setting type and putting together advertisements), the couple decided enough was enough.

Before making the move to rural life, it wasn't uncommon to pick up a Family Circle magazine or a Macy's sale flyer and see the couple's work. But the stress and rat race of the city finally got to them.

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The Olewnik family stand together on the lawn in front of their silos: Bill and Helen and children Mike and Jennifer.