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## GPU Nuclear Initiates Communications With Farmers

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MIDDLETOWN (Dauphin Co.)** — When the GPU Nuclear Corporation's Unit II reactor facility at Three Mile Island, in Middletown, went down in an accident in 1979 after three months of operation, area farmers were really in the dark about what to do.

"We were told that we should evacuate and the oldest person on the farm should stay to tend the animals," said Lloyd Byers, a Dauphin County dairyman and several other county farmers who were guests of GPU last week during a tour of the facility and a discussion with corporation representatives. Byers and the others said that,

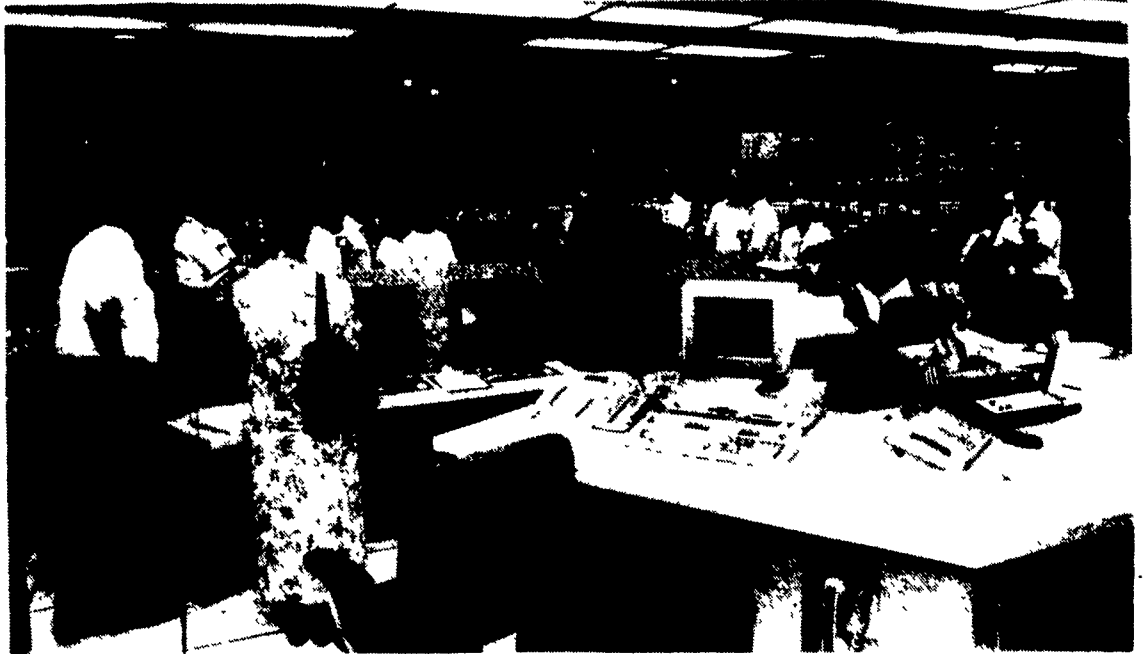
while it was too long ago to remember who or what agency was putting out the information, they were told that since the oldest person on the farm wouldn't live as long anyway, they should stay behind to face the unknown.

And the unseen.

Like many people who resided in and around a 10-mile radius of the nuclear power facility, Byers said he remembers exactly what he was doing when he learned of the accident.

A core reactor suffered damage when back up systems failed during a mishap. Whether a significant amount of radiation was released onto the nearby com-

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Facing his audience of Dauphin County farmers, GPU Nuclear Corp. spokesman Tom Kauffman explains the need, function and use of a Three-Mile-Island training center with a simulated nuclear reactor control room. According to Kauffman the equipment and sensitivity of the equipment is identical to that actually used to control the TMI Unit 1 reactor plant.



Members of the senior dairy bowl team from Pennsylvania who won the national contest at the 108th annual National Holstein Association Convention are, in the front, from the left, Liza Haas, Murel Raub and Meranda Dun, and, in the back, from left, coach Logan Bower and Jennifer Hummel.

## 1,600 Attend National Holstein Convention

**ROCHESTER, N.Y.** — Two Pennsylvania dairy bowl teams were named national champion dairy bowl teams during the National Holstein Convention held June 25 through July 1 at the Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, N.Y.

To knowledge, it is the first time both senior and junior dairy bowl teams from Pennsylvania simultaneously won national titles.

Members of the senior dairy bowl team were Liza Haas, Jennifer Hummel, Murel Raub and Meranda Dun, and coach Logan Bower, who defeated a team from California to take the title.

The junior dairy bowl team consisted of coach Ann Day, and members David and Matthew Day, Heath Ocker and John Leib Jr. They defeated a New York team in the finals.

In addition to the numerous activities during the convention, several other Pennsylvanians received honors.

Among them was John Cope, of Grantham, who was elected vice president of the association. John Selz, of Humbird, Wis., was named president.

Taking the title as Distinguished Young Breeder Award winners were Lloyd and Denise Pease, of

Susquehanna (see story, June 26 issue *Lancaster Farming*).

About 1,600 people had registered to attend the 108th annual meeting, according to association records.

Of the official business conducted, of special note is the fact that the board approved cutting back on international development work by the association, but it will continue to fund judging and classification work overseas and is to maintain a working relationship with other nation herdbooks on registry and bloodtypes, according to an association newsletter.

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## Panel Of Farmers, Educators, And Exhibitors Ready To Make Your Days Worthwhile

## Animal Housing Expo Offers Producer Information

**ANDY ANDREWS**

**Lancaster Farming Staff  
LEBANON (Lebanon Co.)** — This year's Animal Housing Expo, a show for Northeast livestock, dairy, and poultry producers, is scheduled Tuesday and Wednesday at the Lebanon Fairgrounds.

The show, now in its second season, centers on the fundamentals of animal behavior and care.

Knowing the flight zone of animals, being wary of how you load them onto and off the chute, and other factors are some of the elements presented at this year's show.

But there's more, including a wide array of animal care topics, demonstrations, and equipment and housing exhibits, including the following:

- Basic Ventilation Concepts, Dr. Robert Graves, Penn State.
- Legislative Update on H.B. 100, Rep. Sheila Miller (R-Host).
- Getting the Most Out of Your Milking Parlor, Mike Gamroth,

Oregon State University.

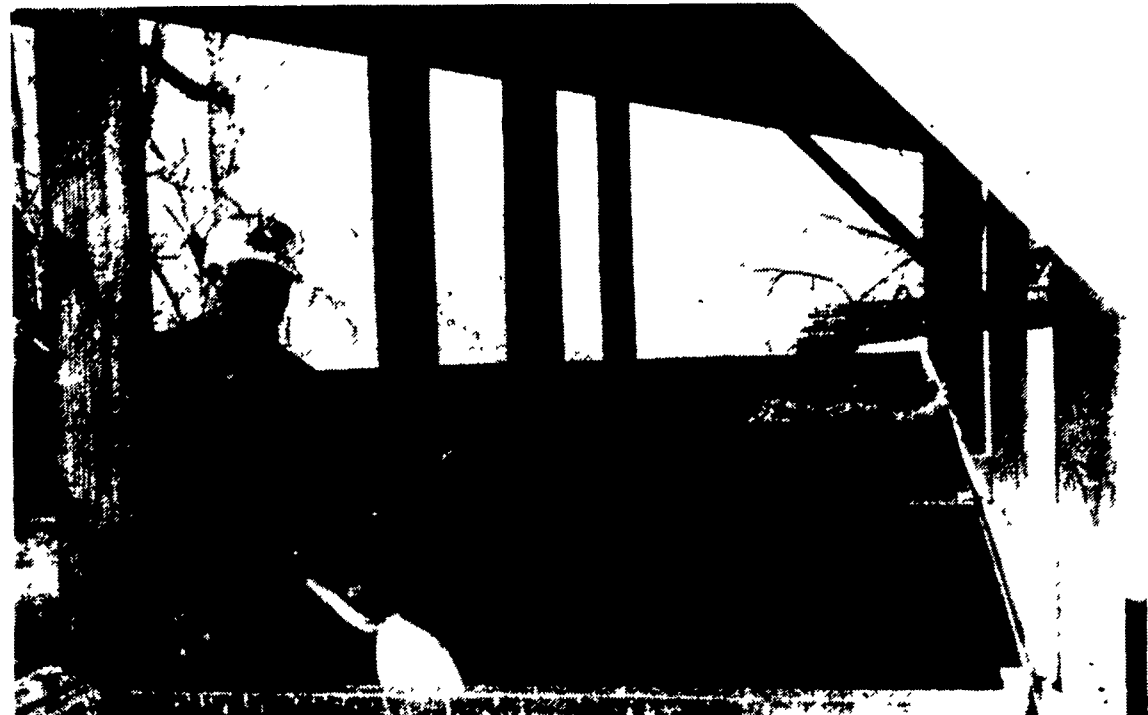
- Handling Swine Safely, Dr. Ken Kephart, Penn State.
- Environmental Impact Studies, Richard Hoover, R. E. Wright Associates.

Panel topics and moderators include:

- Dairy Expansion and Remodeling Experiences, moderated by Dr. Robert Graves. Panel members include Doyle Waybright, Mason-Dixon Farm, Gettysburg; Robert Rohrer Sr./Jr., Washington Boro; Steve Hershey, Manheim; Gary and Barb Lentz, Lebanon; Dale Hoover, Lebanon; and Jim and Deb Hoffman, Lebanon.

- Trends in the Swine Industry, moderated by Dr. Ken Kephart. Panel members include Mark Hitz, Lebanon, contract to independent; Steve Hykes, Annville, swine composting; Jerry Hostetter, Annville, nutrient management planning; Dave Koch, Breta, Ill.

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Clark Stauffer, Ephrata, will discuss aspects of his poultry/swine composting operation at the Animal Housing Expo at the Lebanon Fairgrounds.