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## Advisory Board Wrangles With Certification Goals

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**HARRISBURG** (Dauphin Co.) — The Nutrient Management Advisory Board to the State Conservation Commission on Wednesday approved its own bylaws, but failed to define the role and purview of a state-certified nutrient management planner.

While the group did not stall in its efforts to deal with the task of reviewing proposals from the State

Conservation Commission, which is to oversee the administration of the state's Nutrient Management Act, the board sent back for redrafting a proposal for "Interim Certification for Nutrient Management Specialists," and a proposal for "Interim Criteria for Nutrient Management Planning."

The redrafted proposals are to reflect the concerns and requests made during the board's second full meeting since being formed by

legislation this summer.

The meetings are open to the public, because of laws which limit secrecy by public officials conducting official business, but they are not public hearings.

The format for a public meeting is such that the public may sit in audience, as space allows, but comment or disturbances are not allowed.

Public hearings are specifically

held to gather general public comment.

The advisory board consists of 15 state residents who are either directly involved in production  
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## Survey Of 1,200

### Dairy Farmers Reported

**UNIVERSITY PARK** (Centre Co.) — A recent survey of more than 1,200 Pennsylvania dairy farmers casts doubt on the idea that producers want changes in federal dairy policy, according to an expert in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences.

"Recent news reports have claimed that dairy farmers are united about the need for supply management and other alternative dairy policies," said Dr. Robert Yonkers, assistant professor of agricultural economics. "But the majority of Pennsylvania dairy farmers support current U.S. dairy programs and oppose any type of supply management."

The survey investigated attitudes toward existing and alternative government dairy policies. Farmers were asked to choose whether current dairy programs

should be eliminated immediately, phased out over five to 10 years, maintained as is, or modified. They also could respond with "no opinion" or "uncertain."

"Most farmers wanted either to maintain or modify both the federal price support program and the federal milk marketing order system as opposed to eliminating or phasing them out," Yonkers said. "A 2-to-1 majority wanted to keep the price support program. An even larger 3-to-1 majority supported the federal milk marketing order system."

Respondents also were asked to indicate their support for various alternative dairy programs. They could respond to statements about these policies with "agree strongly," "agree somewhat," "disagree somewhat," "disagree strongly"  
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The Frederick Farms family stands in front of their farm sign. In the front row, from the left, are Mark Jr., Missy, Paul, Aaron, Carol, and Carla Frederick, Joe Imbler-Knisley, and Adam Frederick. In the back row, from the left, are Beverly, Gerald, Dave, Kim, and Mark Frederick. Photo by Linda Williams

## Blair County Dairy Farm Takes Three Top Pennsylvania DHIA Awards

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**MARTINSBURG** (Blair Co.) — Frederick Farms of Martinsburg, a dairy farm with 85 registered and grade milking Holsteins, has set a precedent in herd production achievement that probably won't be equalled for some time.

Not only did the farm receive Pennsylvania Dairy Herd

Improvement Association's top award for herd management, but individual cows on the farm topped the state's on-test Holstein

production of protein and butterfat.

Another cow took second place  
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## Tillage Event To Address Local, National Issues

**HAGERSTOWN, MD** — Local and national issues affecting farmers will be addressed by most of the speakers at this year's six-state Mid-Atlantic Conservation Tillage Conference. The twentieth annual event is set December 16 at the Ramada Inn and Convention Center in Hagerstown, MD. More than 400 persons are expected to attend.

Activities on December 16 will get under way at 8 a.m. with free coffee and doughnuts, plus opportunity to visit industry exhibits. The educational program will run from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., with an hour and 45 minutes off for lunch and another chance to chat with exhibitors.

Tickets for the noon lunch will  
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The 1993 All-Maryland Holstein winners were announced this week by the Maryland Holstein Association. Coldeprings Parker Shade in this photo was the Aged Cow for Marlin Hoff, New Windsor, MD. Photos of other winners can be found on Pages C4-C5.

**Lancaster Farming Turns 38!**  
Lancaster Farming has a birthday this week because 38 years ago, on November 4, 1955, the first issue appeared in rural mailboxes. Since then, on a weekly basis, Lancaster Farming has continued to supply news, advertising, and markets to an expanding readership. Now, 38,000 copies of the newspaper are distributed each week.



The Society of Farm Women of Lancaster County will install Joyce Slaymaker as president during the annual convention held today at the Farm and Home Center. See page A34 for story.