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Carl A. Farm: The Second Generation

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 PITMAN (Schuylkill
 Co.) — Bucolic.

Like a faded picture of a turn-of-the-century homestead, the Carl A. Snyder farm in the northeastern corner of Schuylkill County

appears to be part of the earth on which it sits.

Excepting utility lines and paved roads, the farm seems to rise naturally from the southern face of a hump of land that separates two small valleys, each with its own meandering stream.

The farmstead is in synch with the mix of woods and hilly, sloping fields.

The place is the headwaters area for the 30-some mile Mahantango Creek, which runs west, widening as it travels to the Susquehanna River.

It is its own world: A mix of mountain and meadow, swampy humidity and crisp cool air.

There are wild raspberry patches, old stone piles, and game-holding thickets, old fence lines and waterways which were never channelized, or tilled or plowed

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Deadlines Change For Thanksgiving

The Lancaster Farming office will be closed Thursday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving. Deadlines for the week of Thanksgiving are as follows:

- Mailbox Market Ads — 5 P.M., Fri., 11/19
- Public Sale Ads — Noon, Mon., 11/22
- General News — Noon, Wed., 11/24
- Classified Section C Ads — 5 P.M., Tue., 11/23
- All Other Classified Ads — 9 A.M., Wed., 11/24



Ira and Cass Boyer were honored by members of the York County Holstein Association with his induction into the club's Hall of Fame.

Boyer Named To York Holstein Hall Of Fame

JOYCE BUDD
 York Co. Correspondent
 SHREWSBURY (York Co.) —
 Ira Boyer is the newest member of the York County Holstein Hall of Fame.

Boyer was named county Hall of Fame recipient during the York Holstein Club's annual meeting November 4 at the Shrewsbury

Fire Hall. He and his wife Cass accepted an engraved tray marking his induction to the prestigious group and his name was added to the Hall of Fame plaque displayed at the county extension offices.

An Adams County native, Boyer grew up on a dairy and general farm near East Berlin. The family

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Survey Indicates Biosecurity In Question When Fighting Pseudorabies

First Of
A Series

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 KINZERS (Lancaster Co.) —
 Abe Fisher remembers when it got ugly.

It was June 1980. Thirteen swine herds were identified as pseudorabies-positive in the region after the disease spread into southeastern Pennsylvania in mid-April. A moratorium had been issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture later that month to prevent a possible "shotgun" spread of the virus as a result of breed events at the state farm show. Six herds, by June 21, had been depopulated. Producers had lost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Information about how swine herds could have gotten the disease, and how it was transmitted, was nonexistent. A survey was released by the department of agriculture a year later, when it was becoming more difficult to control the disease, and when many more

herds were infected.

Now, in 1993, 120 herds remain under quarantine for the pseudorabies virus (PRV), according to Fisher, chair of the PRV Eradication Program and president of the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council.

Another survey, this one conducted by Penn State's Veterinary Science Department and sent to 759 swine producers in Lancaster and Lebanon counties in mid-August this year, has been assembled. Its mission: find the answers to how PRV is spread.

The survey results have been assimilated, according to Dr. William M. Sischo, assistant professor in the department. Of the 759 surveys sent out, 580 were returned by mid-October. There was a 76.4 percent response rate.

Many procedures regarding biosecurity remain in question, and attempts to keep the spread of PRV may be in jeopardy, on some farms. The answers to some of the questions, in many ways, are alarming and shocking:

- On question 29, what is currently required of personnel (including visitors, employees, and family) who enter swine facilities?

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Egg Quality Assurance Program

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The Pennsylvania Egg Industry took a gigantic step forward last month when it approved the Pennsylvania Egg Quality Assurance



The Carl A. Farm topped production in Schuylkill County with changes in milking and feeding procedures. Brothers Steve and Tracy Snyder are in partnership. In the photo, Tracy works haylage into a silo.

FDA Approves Use Of Monsanto's BST

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 Lancaster Farming Staff
 WASHINGTON, D.C. — The federal Food and Drug Administration on Nov. 5 gave its approval to a form of commercial bovine somatotropin (BST) manufactured by Monsanto Co.'s agricultural group, but it won't be

available to dairy producers until next year, pending a 90-day moratorium imposed by the U.S. Legislature this year.

Approval of the protein hormone used to stimulate a lactating cow to produce additional milk had been expected for months. It is the first biotechnological product approved for use in creating a food product.

The BST used by Monsanto is produced by genetically altered bacteria, similar to the production of insulin used to treat diabetics.

In addition other versions of injectable BST, there are a number of other biotechnological products awaiting FDA approval, such as a longer lasting Flavr-Savr Tomato, produced by Calgene Inc.

It is far too early to speculate on the impact of the drug on the dairy industry, according a variety of sources contacted this week.

The approval of BST by the FDA follows more than a decade of research into the effects of BST, and at least eight years work by Monsanto and other biotechnological companies to show that a form of the protein hormone BST produced by genetically altered bac-

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Program (PEQAP).

The program is the result of almost one year's discussions on how egg producers may reduce the risk of producing eggs contaminated with Salmonella enteritidis

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