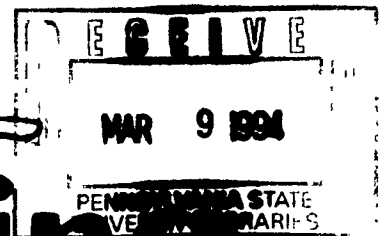


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## The Word Is Out: Grass Is In At Plum Bottom Farm

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BELLEVILLE (Mifflin Co.) — "When you think about all the government regulations, environ-

mental concerns and just plain economics--all these things together--the word is out, grass is in." You would expect the president

of the National Forage and Grassland Council to make statements such as this. But for John Rodgers, an eighth generation farmer at Plum Bottom Farm, this is what he

believes. When Rodgers started in 1955, the family farm that had been purchased in 1754 from John, Thomas and Richard Penn, son and two grandsons of William Penn, was

somewhat run down for several generations. But this farm became the inspiration to develop an environmental consciousness long before the term environmentalist became popular.

"When I came along, I had a feeling I wanted to do something to leave the land better than I found it," Rodgers said. "Through 'forage giants' like Dr. John Washko and Dr. John Baylor at Penn State, and Dr. Raymond Hogle at (Turn to Page A36)



Plum Bottom Farm is home for John Rodgers, president of the American Forage and Grassland Council, which celebrates its 50th anniversary at the Lancaster Host Resort next week. John, left, and his son Jim discuss their new

heifer-raising program that will utilize the new rotational grazing method to feed cattle--after the green grass emerges from under the snow cover, of course. Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.

## Maryland Sets Holstein Convention

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — There's still time to make reservations for the 1994 Maryland Holstein Convention and Sale, scheduled to be held March 11 and 12 at the Ramada Inn, in Hagerstown, Md.

According to convention officials, those wishing to make reservations should call Kevin Mellott immediately at (301) 223-9220 to reserve banquet and luncheon tickets for the convention.

The annual convention schedule for regular business is on Friday, March 11, starting at 9:30 a.m. with registration, a dairy bar and exhibits.

At 10:30 a.m., Kenlin Martin of the Washington County Holstein Club is to welcome the state's breeders and delegates to the northern part of the state.

He is to be followed immediately by Oren Bender, president of the Maryland Holstein Association, (Turn to Page A34)

## NMAB Approves Interim Criteria Modifications, Reviews Draft Regs

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Nutrient Management Advisory Board to the State Conservation Commission on Wednesday approved modifications to the interim criteria for certification of a nutrient manage-

ment specialist and reviewed a partial draft of proposed regulations under the Nutrient Management Act.

A quorum of the 15-member board met in Room 309 of the state Department of Agriculture building in Harrisburg, despite a winter storm warning and calls for accu-

mulations of 1 to 2 feet of snow. The board last met in January, having canceled its February meeting because of work delays caused by a number of winter storms.

And while the State Conservation Commission (SCC) is under a tight deadline schedule to create regulations and criteria for nutrient

management control, as set by the Nutrient Management Act, no additional meetings are being scheduled to make up for the loss of the February meeting.

The scope of business before the board Wednesday ranged from reviewing and approving modifications to interim criteria for certifi-

fication of a nutrient management specialist, to reviewing proposed regulations for some of the initial portions of the Nutrient Management Act.

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The Act was created and made into law as a foundation and out- (Turn to Page A32)

## Two Named To Pa. Holstein Hall

**JOYCE BUPP**  
York Co. Correspondent  
GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.) — E. Wayne Beshore, New Cumberland, and John Umble, Atglen, are the newest members of the

Pennsylvania Holstein Hall of Fame. The two were named to the elite Hall of Fame during the state cattle club's annual banquet February 25 at the Gettysburg Ramada Inn.

Honored with the Pennsylvania Holstein Association's Young Holstein Breeder award were Dave and Phoebe Bitler, Fleetwood.

York Countian Wayne Beshore has had a lifelong career in agriculture. A PHA member since 1946, he has served as president and state director from York County, state delegate to the national convention for many years, state convention chairman in 1981 and on numerous county and state committees.

From his first 12,000-pound herd average in the late 1940's, Beshore built the herd to one of the county's first besting the



Wayne and Athena Beshore accept the PHA Hall of Fame recognition plaque from Dr. Dave Morrow, left, who chaired the selection committee. Also honored with the Hall of Fame recognition for 1994 was John Umble.

## Swine Producers Discover Manure Management Alternatives

**ANDY ANDREWS**  
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NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — Opportunities to manage manure through alternatives such as cropping, grazing, pack bedding, and nutrient redistribution are holding the doors open for swine farmers who may be uncertain about what to do now that Pen-

sylvania has a nutrient management law.

Farmers have a variety of alternatives once a plan is in place to ensure the balance of nutrient needs and environmental stewardship for their high-producing cropland, according to specialists at the Nutrient Management for Pennsylv-

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