

# Ag Secretary Wolff Appoints Ed Arnold Deputy

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**HARRISBURG** (Dauphin Co.) — Former state representative Ed Arnold, of North Lebanon Township, on Monday took over the reigns of Pennsylvania deputy secretary of agriculture and is to be responsible for economic and market development.

Arnold was appointed to the position that was previously held by Neal Buss, who left earlier this year.

Boyd Wolff, state secretary of agriculture, said in a statement, "Ed has many years of experience in agriculture. He'll be a valuable asset to our management team."

The 51-year-old Arnold, a Democrat, has been active in local politics for a number of years, serving as a commissioner in Lebanon County for eight years, from 1979 to 1987, and then

served a 2-year-term in the state House of Representatives until losing a reelection bid in 1992 to current Rep. Peter Zug, a Republican.

Since September, Arnold has been working for the agriculture department as chief of the PDA Commodity Promotions Division. In that position, Arnold has worked to help support the state commodity promotion boards of directors, such as the ones under the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program, the Pennsylvania Apple Marketing Program, and the Vegetable Marketing and Research Program.

Arnold grew up on a dairy farm in Northern Lebanon Township and had been in partnership with his mother, and brother Mike Arnold, of Arnold Acres, until several years ago.

Ed and his wife Patricia currently live on a 100-acre farm in the

same area and keep a few Holstein dairy heifers, along with a Jersey calf one of their four daughters uses for a 4-H project animal.

"I'm pleased to try to contribute to Pennsylvania agriculture in any way. I feel that with my background in agriculture and government, I can contribute to the betterment of Pennsylvania agriculture," he said Thursday in a telephone interview.

His main four areas of concern are to be assisting Secretary Wolff in farmland preservation, agricultural development, agricultural marketing and government-donated foods.

"My goal is to assist the secretary in completing what he's really begun," Arnold said. "Farmland preservation has been an aggressive program in the state, and I hope to continue that for the rest of the Casey administration."

Furthermore, Arnold said that his experience with the promotion groups has been rewarding.

"I think the dairy industry can certainly be proud of the program they have in the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program. I think we have an excellent staff and their efforts in using the promotion moneys have been putting the (check-off funds) to good use. Likewise, the apple program has progressed," he said.

A 1961 graduate of Lebanon Catholic High School, he received a bachelor's degree in political science from Lebanon Valley College in 1966. He also has 25 years experience in dairy farming.

Including memberships and chairmanships of professional organizations, he has served on the Pa. Milk Marketing Board from 1982 to 1983, and was a director and vice president of the Lehigh Valley Farmers during the same time.

## Dairy Calf Sale Set

**CHAMBERSBURG** (Franklin Co.) — The 19th Annual Franklin County 4-H Dairy Calf Sale will be held on Friday, April 15, at 7 p.m. at the Marion Auction Service, one mile east of Marion along 914 just off I-81 at Exit 4.

The sale, which is open to the public, will feature approximately

20 potential 4-H and FFA project calves. Also selling will be semen donated from several AI studs.

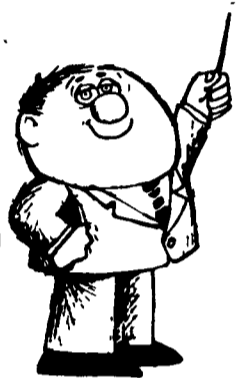
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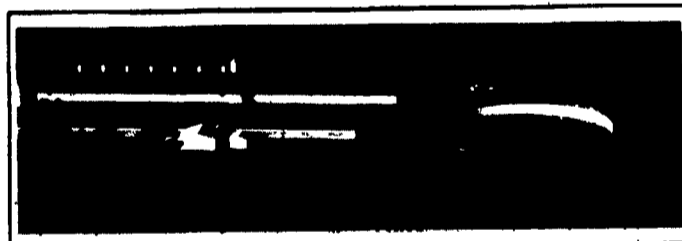
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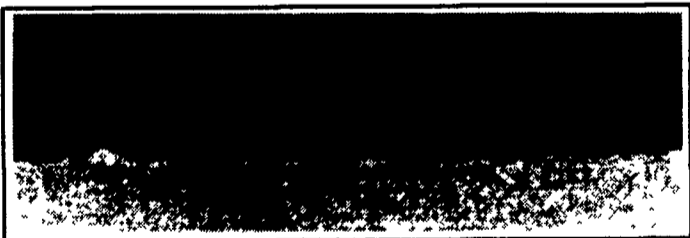
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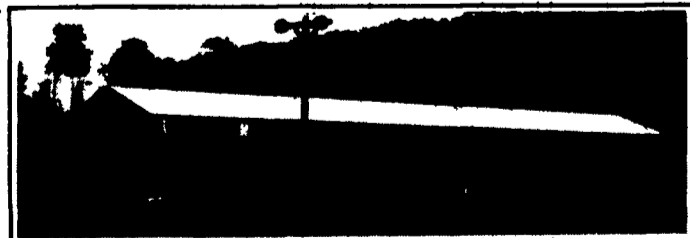
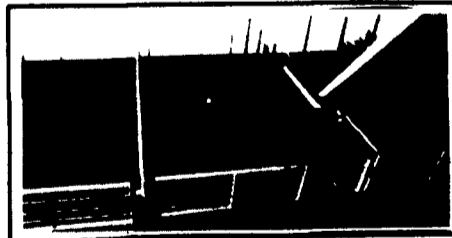
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