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Pa. Cattlemen Choose Queen, Award Winners

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— Top awards, a coronation, and entertainment by Jerry Palen, cowboy and cartoonist, dominated the agenda at the Cattlemen's Banquet on April 8.

The 20th annual banquet was held at the Pennsylvania Farm

Show Complex in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Beef Exposition.

Nichole Willwert wears the crown as the Cattlemen's Queen. She will be assisted in promotional duties by Sherry Ishman from Armstrong County, who is princess for the organization for the past two years.

Both Nichole and Sherry are dairy and animal science students at Penn State.

Nichole, who is from Red Lion, was a former FFA county and chapter president. She received numerous awards, including the DeKalb horse proficiency and beef production awards and the top
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Sherry Ishman, princess for Pa. Cattlemen, crowns Nichole Willwert queen while Sue Clair, chairman of the queen committee, watches.

Lexine Is Maryland Holstein Champion

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— The twenty-fourth Maryland State Holstein Show, a "Production Recognized Show" sponsored by the Maryland Holstein-Friesian Association, was held last Saturday at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, Md.

Judge Ronald Long of Plain City, Ohio evaluated a total of 244 entries with 156 of those entries in the junior show. Anita Hill, secretary and treasurer of the Maryland State Holstein Association said, "This was our largest show since 1988."

The senior and grand champion of show was Peace and Plenty

Mark Lexine, a senior 3-year-old bred and owned by Peace and Plenty Farm, the Joe Schwartzbeck family of Union Bridge. The 3-year-old, who also took the award for best bred and owned Maryland animal was sired by Walkway Chief Mark.

Peace and Plenty Farm won
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Advisory Board Talks Deepen Over Nutrient Regulations

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Discussions by the state Nutrient Management Advisory Board slowed Wednesday as members began deliberating the finer points of a draft of proposed nutrient management regulations.

The 15-member board — created by the Nutrient Management Act to review and provide comment on proposed nutrient management regulations — met Wednesday in Room 309 of the headquarters building of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, in Harrisburg.

Because of the intensity of discussion, the board was not able to work through the topics listed for the morning's agenda, and actually continued working a half-hour beyond scheduled adjournment to finish discussions started in the
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Penn State Ag Advisory Council Reports

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Agricultural Advisory Council met with college officials Wednesday in an active role to help identify public policy issues of relevance to the college and to ag industry. Earl Fink, council

president, conducted the meeting. In the morning session, the group was divided into segments, according to interest, to brainstorm and summarize what the participants deemed important issues that face agriculture and the supporting industries. From each group segment, five "most important" issues

were brought back to the total group for consideration. These issues are summarized in the following statements:
• Education is needed on points of food safety and a balance of fact sources is needed.
• Ag extension funding needs to focus on production agriculture.

• Air and water issues: how to comply.
• Tax issues, especially property tax.
• Regulatory burdens on the food and production agriculture enterprises need consideration.
• Balance between traditional and biotech approaches to agricul-

ture need to be addressed.
• Cooperation between various ag groups needs to be strengthened.
• Work needs to be done on the public perception of ag.
• Educational opportunities that allow for cross reference between ag and other departments, such as
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A few Amish farmers were working the fields in Lancaster County on Monday. The push is on to get spring work under way even though rains and late winter snows have put many activities on hold for a few weeks. In the photo above, taken on Eby Road, east of Monterey, the ground was well

drained and looked to be turning nicely and didn't look too wet. But after the rains across the state later in the week, fieldwork is on hold again. Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.