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High-Production Agriculture Can Save The Planet, Insists Analyst

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COLLEGE PARK, Md. — "You have let environmental activists paint you as the villains," said Dr. Dennis T. Avery, Center for Global Food Issues, Hudson Institute. "We're putting the necks of ag science on the block for environmentalists to lop off our heads."

Avery was speaking about the role that agriculturalists have taken as a result of bowing to pressure by those who want to (in a wrong way) reverse the trend that the world is taking — greater population and greater need for food resources.

Avery spoke to 45 agri-industry educators, students,

and government agency representatives on Thursday at the Sixth Annual Changes In Animal Agriculture Mini-Symposium. He told them that now is the time to remove the barriers to trade and utilize the rich farmland of the world, especially here in the U.S., to "save the planet with high-yield agriculture."

Avery told the meeting of professional animal scientists that there are activists who claim the world should not expand its livestock population. "They believe we should all become vegetarians. But they are not delivering a vegetarian world."

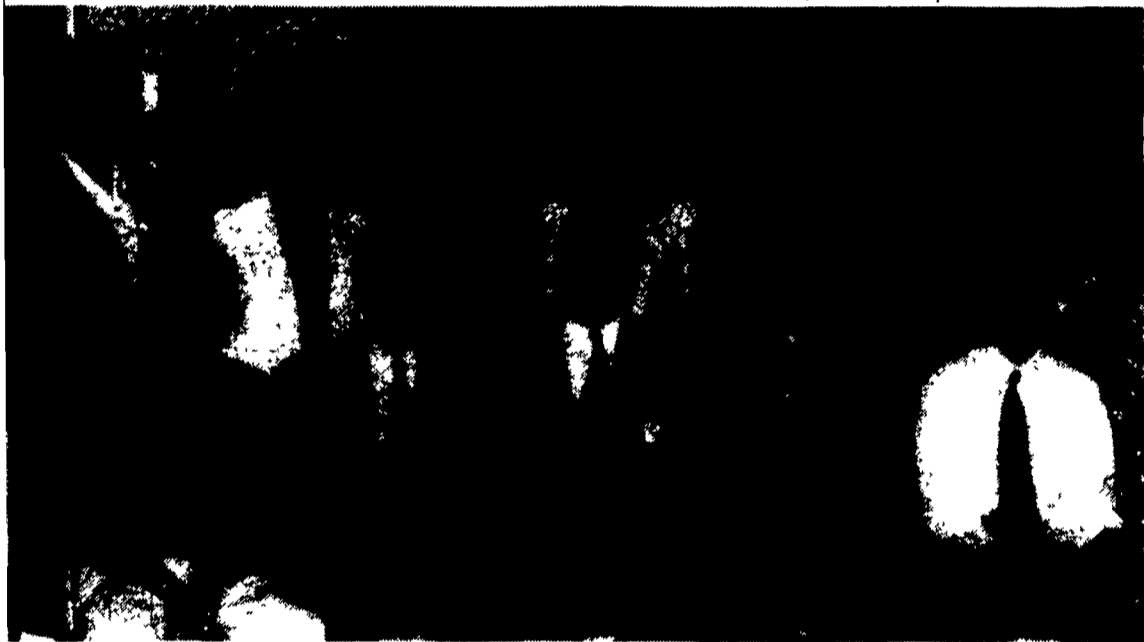
"Meat consumption in China rose 10 percent — and 3 million tons — in 1992. It did the same again in 1993. As

China's per capita incomes continue to rise in the years ahead, meat consumption may well increase even more rapidly than that."

Strict vegetarians, according to Avery, make only a small percentage of total U.S. population. For the world, instead of a greater population switching to a vegetarian diet, "things are going rapidly in the other direction."

Also, many of the so-called "third-world" countries such as India and Indonesia are accelerating economically to where there is a larger middle class. With the income that results, more demand an expensive, high-protein diet, something delivered from intensive live-

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Pennsylvania awards went to, from left, standing, Berneta Gable, Eisle Wolff, David Shupp, Beth Clark, Amanda Hemsarh, Paula Guyer, and Amy Liggett. Seated, Aaron Gable, Jan Snider, Keven Stoltzfus, Justin McMurray, and Matt Morrow.

Top Awards Presented At State Guernsey Banquet

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BEDFORD (Bedford Co.) —

Three top awards were presented at the banquet held at the Pennsylvania Guernsey Convention in Bedford the weekend of April 22.

Amber Clark, champion of the Youth Show at the 1994 Pennsylvania Farm Show took home the Sewickley Trophy. A part of the Snider Homestead Farm, Amber

was keeping up the Snider trophy tradition. Snider-Homestead Farm also took the John Brachman Award. Snider was the grand champion at the 1994 Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

Justin McMurray, champion at the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show took the George W. Snyder Award.

A delightful presentation was given by the Pennsylvania State

Dairy Princess, Jennifer Grimes. And, a greeting was also given by Amy Mearkle, the alternate Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and a resident of Bedford County.

Production awards for the year went to Trotacre Farm, Enon Valley for 48 cows, 17,795 pounds of milk, 758 butterfat, and 610 protein.

Rutter Brothers, York, took the
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Nutrient Management Board Work Progresses

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The 15-member Nutrient Advisory Board on Wednesday forged ahead in reviewing information for use in advising the state Conservation Commission as it develops regulations for the state Nutrient Management Act.

The final regulations are to be in effect July 1995.

While the April meeting of the board went beyond scheduled time as board members bogged down on the issue of "flexibility" in regulations, talks Wednesday seemed to resolve some of the concerns of some of the members, although other concerns were brought out more succinctly.

Discussions on Wednesday held little floor-time to criticism of DER — as had been the situation last month — and seemed to allow members to proceed to relevant topics.

Members were given presentations of current practices by the USDA Soil Conservation Service in issuing its cooperator soil conservation plans, and an update on pilot efforts to implement a One-Plan Concept.

The One-Plan Concept was introduced last year and a signatory event held during the Penn State Ag Progress Days.

The concept of the plan is to mesh all existing agriculturally

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Working the Registered Belgian horses on the Pequea Valley farm of the Elmer Lapp family is Lillie (Lapp) Martin. The Lapp family will host the Draft Horse and Mule Progress Days sponsored by the American Association in June. See Everett Newswanger, managing editor's story and photo essay on Page A30.

Delmarva Poultry Fund Drive Totals \$503,317

SALISBURY, Md. — Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. (DPI), the non-profit trade association working for the continued progress of Delmarva's poultry industry, exceeded its 1994 Fund Drive goal with cash and pledges totaling \$503,317. That news was announced by Fund Drive Chairman Douglas K. Marvil at the April 26 Delmarva Poultry Booster Banquet in Salisbury, Maryland. Marvil told the nearly 1,900 DPI supporters, "When you have a quality product or service and a membership such as ours that believes in the organization, success is contagious."

The annual Fund Drive is DPI's means of raising money to support its many services and programs. DPI's membership consists of

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Dr. H. Wesley Towers, state veterinarian, Delaware Dept. of Agriculture, left, received DPI's medal of achievement award and Charles Marker, Dover, Delaware, received DPI's distinguished citizen award.