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Dairy Princesses Represent Pennsylvania Counties



Dairy Princesses gather for a training seminar held at Lycoming College, Lycoming County. See story on page A 27. Pictured in the photo above, from left, front row: Farin Weltner, Beaver-Lawrence; Jennifer Lenhart, Westmoreland; Melissa Bicksler, Berks; Shannon Semmel, Northampton-Lehigh; Jennifer Blair, Butler; Virginia Morningstar, Mercer; Haley Sankey, Clearfield; Melissa Hostler, Juniata; Tracy Wagner, Clarion-Venango. Middle Row: Laura Fitch, Tioga; Stacy Krall, Lebanon; Susan Pardoe, Sullivan; Heather Sleeman, Warren; Monica Goshorn, Huntingdon; Jennifer Grimes,

Pennsylvania Dairy Princess; Kathryn Jarrett, Lycoming; Charlene Shupp, Wyoming-Lackawanna; Kimberly Orris, Cumberland; Stephanie Goodheart, Armstrong; Larissa Mellott, Franklin. Back Row: Erin Goss, Mifflin; Kelly Jo Myers, York; Yvonne Remick, Elk; Colleen Mowrey, Jefferson; Shannon Hoffman, SUN; Rachel Tanis, Centre; Denise Heidorn, Bedford; Jill Shepegl, Erie; Jamie Rynd, Crawford; Jani Burke, Bradford; Natalie Welsh, Somerset; Amy Espenshade, Lancaster.

Efforts Under Way To Help Dairy Farmers With Bottom-Line Skills

EVERETT NEWSWANGER
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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A group of dairy industry leaders that included a few producers convened in an ad hoc committee meeting at the PDA building Tuesday. The meeting was an outgrowth of the Dairy Futures Forum held in State College in early June where those concerned for the future of the dairy industry in Pennsylvania began an intensive effort to develop a unified voice for the

state's leading industry.

The meeting this week, under the chairmanship of Robert Reich, was called to explore ways to enhance Pennsylvania's milk pro-

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The Schwartzbecks Find Peace And Plenty

LOIS SZYMANSKI
Maryland Correspondent

UNION BRIDGE, Md. -- Cows brought them together and cows still fill their everyday lives. When Nona and Joe Schwartz-

SRBC Tells Staff Consider Alternatives

VERNON ACHENBACH JR.
Lancaster Farming Staff
HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Farmers in the Susquehanna River Basin can be assured that they are being listened to by the members of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC), according to its secretary and general counsel.

The members of the SRBC met July 14 at Easton, Maryland, and agreed to direct its staff to consider alternatives to its proposal to charge consumptive fees to agricultural users of water within the basin.

More specifically, according to Richard Cairo, secretary and general counsel, the staff was directed

to look at non-fee ways of including agriculture into the management of flows within the basin.

"This represents quite a response by the commission to the outpouring from agriculture," Cairo said, referring to the large and significant response from a variety of agricultural concerns

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beck first met it was at a county fair and each of them showing their cows. Soon, Joe bought his first Holstein from Nona. She would stop in every day to see if the heifer was fresh yet. Soon she

got to know the young Schwartzbeck...and the rest is history.

Now, Nona and Joe and their sons Richard, (Gus) and Shane operate their 500-acre farm, "Peace and Plenty" in Union

Bridge, Maryland. At the recent Red and White International Show held in Timonium, Maryland on April 11, Gus won Grand Champion with Ladies Continental

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A pictorial view of Peace and Plenty Farm.