



## Business News

### Graves Joins York Farm Credit

YORK (York Co.) — York Farm Credit, ACA announced the addition of Amanda Graves to its staff of loan officers. She works with dairy accounts and other farm customers in the Franklin County area.

A native of Massachusetts, Amanda developed an interest in dairy science by working on her grandparents' dairy farm. Throughout high school and college, she judged dairy cattle and was active in 4-H dairy clubs.

Amanda was graduated from Virginia Polytechnical Institute and State University in 1992 with a bachelor's in dairy science. For the past year, she has been working for Farm Credit in western New York.



Amanda Graves

### Enhanced Cut, Cover Tillage With Deep Tiller

KALIDA, Ohio — Unverferth Manufacturing Company, Inc. introduces a new version of its popular Cut, Penetrate and Cover CPC 2000 deep-till implement.

The patented Brent CPC 2000's newly designed rock shaft and heavy duty springs for the front disk gangs provides 30 percent greater down pressure and allow the disks to follow field conditions with precision. A wider axle base provides better stability and uniform penetration. Rear disk gangs feature an updated double spring suspension linkage which allows rear discs to follow ground contours independently of the front disc gangs.

Both the front and rear disk gangs of this machine are on-the-go depth adjustable to control the amount of residue on top of the soil. The angle of the disks is also adjustable from 20 degrees, for



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more aggressive work, to 14 degrees for less cutting action, allowing the operator to adjust resi-

### Directory Reveals Local Farm Harvests

CREAMERY (Montgomery Co.) — Everyone knows that summer is the season for fresh strawberries, sweet corn, tomatoes, and all those other fruits and vegetables. But who knows when to buy locally-grown produce?

Where to pick your own berries or flowers? How to purchase meats directly from the producers? Or where to get straw for the home garden?

With the help of a new, free directory of local farms, anyone can have this information at their fingertips.

"Fresh from Montgomery County Farms" is a listing for the 1994 growing season of 40 area producers. Included are the farm names, address and phone, general location, farm-grown products, services and hours. An availability schedule and county map are shown.

The directory is a product of

Montgomery County Cooperative Extension, based at the County 4-H Center on Route 113 in Creamery.

"Our directory makes it as easy for consumers to be at the right place at the right time," said Nancy Stevens, director of the Montgomery County extension office. "For some people, it'll be the first time they've bought directly from the field. They'll be the most surprised when they discover the variety, the fresh flavors, and the farm experience."

Stevens points out that by buying from farmers, consumers can learn more about agriculture and the families that make a living off of the land, first settled three hundred years ago. Helping maintain open space in the county is another benefit. And on a final,

CHICAGO, Ill. — Meaningful value-based marketing is one step closer, thanks to the National Beef Instrument Assessment Plan announced by the National Live Stock and Meat Board.

Reliable instrument assessment is a critical link in the process of accurately predicting eating quality of beef products, according to J.O. Reagan, director of product technology research, National Live Stock and Meat Board.

"Industry must accurately measure high-value traits before producers can be paid for them," said Gary C. Smith, university distinguished professor occupying the Monfort Endowed Chair, Colorado State University and chair of the National Beef Instrument Assessment Planning Committee.

Instrument assessment involves the use of various tools and instruments to measure important characteristics of beef. The goal is to develop tools to accurately measure the factors that predict the quality and eating pleasure of beef, such as marbling, composition and tenderness. Part of the instrument assessment research process includes basic research work

due from 0-85 percent and meet management preferences from field to field or conservation compliance guidelines.

For more information, contact Unverferth Manufacturing Co., Inc., P.O. Box 357, Kalida, OH 45853, (800) 322-6301 or (419) 532-3121.

### Harris Joins Staff

DENVER (Lancaster Co.) — Dr. Peter Harris, D.V.M., has recently joined the staff of food animal veterinarians with Hutchinson, Trayer and Reed Veterinary Associates.

Harris has his bachelor's and veterinarian degrees from North Carolina State University. He has worked in a predominantly dairy practice in Williamsburg.

very practical note, Stevens said that it's easier to get kids to eat more fruits and vegetables when they are fresh and taste better.

Copies of "Fresh from Montgomery County Farms" are available at any of the county information centers (Abington, Ambler, Ardmore, Hatboro, Lansdale and Pottstown), at the county courthouse lobby in Norristown, and the public libraries.

For a copy by mail, send a self-addressed, stamped legal size envelope to Montgomery County Cooperative Extension, P.O. Box 20, Route 113, Creamery, PA 19430. Ask for "Fresh from Montgomery County Farms." It is available in large quantities to organizations, churches, or employers. For more information, call (610) 489-4315.

## Beef Industry Announces Assessment Plan

to develop new measurement approaches by better understanding connections between measurable traits and beef quality. Another

important aspect of the research process is applied research, which rigorously tests existing technologies in real-world situations.

### Deere Announces New Collector Card Series

MOLINE, Ill. — Deere & Company recently announced a new collector card series to its dealer network. The cards, labeled "1994 Series," are available to the public through John Deere dealers in 100-card complete sets and 10-card foil packs.

The 2½ x 3½ -inch cards depict both recent and antique agricultural equipment such as tractors, combines, cultivation equipment, plus planting and harvesting equipment. Other cards feature Deere's industrial and lawn and grounds care products as well as important events from the company's 157-year history.

Nolan Ryan, recently retired Texas Rangers pitcher who holds several major league marks including seven no-hitters, has agreed to participate with Deere in the company's first set of trading cards. Ryan signed 800 cards that feature him with his John Deere machinery in various locations on his Texas ranch. The personally



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autographed cards have been inserted randomly into the 10-card foil packs.

### Farmers'-Businessmen's Picnic Set

PITTSBURY, N.J. — The 1994 Farmers'-Businessmen's Picnic, sponsored by the Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture, will be held here at Oak Grove Plantation on Oak Grove Road on Wednesday, July 27. Wagon tours of the farm will start at 4:30 p.m., with a picnic supper at 6:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Plantation is owned and operated by Ted and Susan Blew. Theirs is a general farm, raising hogs and organic vegetables. There will be a guided wagon tour of the field crops, and Su-

san will give a guided walking tour of the vegetables.

After supper, Garabed "Chuck" Hayataian, Speaker of the House of the State of New Jersey, will be the guest speaker. His talk will be on the Commercial Farm Building Law just passed and the viability and future of agriculture in New Jersey.

There will be a drawing for door prizes after the talk.

For tickets, call (908) 788-1339.

### York Farm Credit Announces Patronage Refund

YORK (York Co.) — York Farm Credit, ACA announces a patronage refund of \$385,000 to its members/borrowers as part of the association capitalization plan.

The association files as a co-operative with the IRS, which is a benefit to York Farm Credit's members/borrowers because that

means profits can be returned at some future time.

Members/borrowers derive benefits based on their use — the more business that members/borrowers do with York Farm Credit, the larger the patronage refund.

Checks will be mailed in the last quarter of 1994 to 1,746 members/borrowers.

### Pa.-Bred Bull Enters Select Sires Program

PLAIN CITY, Ohio — 7H4831 C&M-R-Run Targ Granger-ET \*TL, a young sire bred by Michael Hoover of Tyrone, PA, has been chosen to enter Select Sires' Program for Genetic Advancement (PGA) sire sampling system. Based on his outstanding pedigree, 7H4831 has been selected as one of 200 Holstein bulls from throughout the United States to enter the program in 1994.

Expect daughters of 7H4831 to be high protein producers, as he is sired by Target and his dam completed a record over 27,950M with 3.6% protein. The dam, a Rotata daughter, is scored Excellent (90) with an Excellent udder. The maternal granddam, a Ned Boy, is scored (VG-85-EX-MS-DOM) and has averaged 3.5% protein in two lactations. 7H4831 is bred to sire lots of high-solids milk and correct udders, feet and legs.