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## Southwestern Pennsylvania Holstein Show Opens Fayette Fair

**DUNBAR (Fayette Co.)** — Though the monster trucks made the headlines in the community daily, it was the Southwestern Pennsylvania Championship Holstein Show that kicked off the Fayette County Fair on July 30.

The cool weather contrasted the hot, sticky environment some have come to expect at the fair. Several people in the barns wore long-sleeved shirts and hooded sweat-shirts as they prepared their animals.

Attracting 66 entrants this year, the show grew slightly in number from last year. Some of the increase came from northwestern

region entrants. That show was canceled because of concerns related to bovine viral diarrhea (BVD).

Judge for the show, James Burdette of Windy Knoll View Farm, Franklin County, has been active both as a judge and showman in local, state, and national shows.

The well-organized show committee, chaired by Smock dairyman Rick Allen, benefitted from improvements made in the arena, especially the public address system.

The crowd cheered as the winner in the first class was

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Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor of the show was Allen-Hill Dairy. In the photo are from left, kneeling, Shelby Allen, Joel Winder, and Clinton Allen. Standing are Sandy Allen, Rick Allen, Taylor Allen, Courtney Allen, Danielle Allen, Ron Allen, and Lisa Allen.

## Plan Visit To Ag Progress

**ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.)** — Activity at the Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center has increased dramatically as preparations are underway for Ag Progress Days Tuesday through Thursday, August 16 to 18. The center is located nine miles southwest of State College on Route 45. This year's theme, "Penn State Ag Sciences...We're More Than You Think!" centers on food safety.

This exposition annually draws about 300 exhibitors and 50,000 people to participate in one of agriculture's premier educational events. *Lancaster Farming's* issue next week will feature extensive preparatory coverage of the schedule of events, and messages from exhibitors who will be at the show. In addition, to help you plan your visit, see Page D2 this issue for an early review of the daily schedule and a layout of the grounds.

## Dupuis Puts Mark In Dairy Promotion

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**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — Elizabeth "Betsy" Dupuis is well known across the state, even if her name may not be.

As communications director of the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program, she has been a familiar face to those heavily involved with the state's dairy promotion efforts.

She was one of the first-hired to work for PDPP as an independent

agency, and under a now 5-year-old dairy promotion partnership between promotional agencies which raised the value of dairy promotion dollars.

In 1991, she stood for hours in the Main Lobby of Farm Show Complex, in front of the famous first butter sculpture of the state Farm Show, and, in tour-guide fashion, talked to crowds of youth and passersby about the dairy industry and the butter sculpture and its creator.

She has been in the middle of crowded baseball stadiums with celebrity milking contests, helped organize and man events such as the Penn State Tailgate Promotion, wine and cheese events in the Poconos, in the streets of Philadelphia promoting ice cream, in stores, in cities and schools, etc.

She has been interviewed on radio and television and by newspaper media countless times. She has prepared and disseminated

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## Kirst Takes Home Champion Beef Honors At Lebanon



Roxanne Kirst, 18, left, paraded her 1,250-pound Angus/Simmental steer, Fozzy, to supreme beef champion on Tuesday at the Lebanon Fair. At right is Larry Weaver, show judge.

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**NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.)** — "Fozzy," a 1,250-pound Angus/Simmental cross shown by 18-year-old Roxanne Kirst, was honored as supreme champion at the market steer show on Tuesday afternoon at the Lebanon Fair.

The show was held despite widespread concern about bovine viral diarrhea (BVD), which reduced the size of the steer show to only 15 animals, a third of the size originally planned, according to Ken Winebark, county extension agent.

Roxanne, 18, daughter of Roger and Fern Kirst, Fredericksburg, obtained the calf from her uncle, Richard Kreider, Prescott. The cross, from the heavyweight class, bested the reserve shown by Kyle Fleener, 10, Robesonia. Kyle's steer, "Charles Barkley," a Maine Anjou/Angus/Chianina that won reserve from the heavyweight class, was obtained from Kyle's great-grandfather, Elmer Stehman, Robesonia. Kyle, 10, son of Tim and Sarah Fleener, Robesonia, will attend fifth grade at Ft. Sellers Elementary.

This was the first championships for both exhibitors.

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Though she says she prefers Jerseys, Betsy Dupuis squeezes an inflatable Holstein with the milk promotion logo, while behind her is a Jay Bell wall growth chart, and a bronze milk can is next to her. All these promotional items, and many, many more have been imprinted in some way over the past five years by Dupuis, as a promotions specialist and then as communications director for the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program. She is now pursuing a law degree that she says she hopes to use to help landowners and agriculturalists fight for their rights.