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England Named Head Of State Farm Council

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations was held Monday afternoon in the Capitol building prior to the annual reception for Pennsylvania legislators. The reception is held each year as an informal meeting of political forces and has become known as

the Keystone Cornucopia. State commodity groups, farm businesses, and farm organizations support this event. In the business meeting, Laura England, Atlantic Dairy Cooperative and a former member of the *Lancaster Farming* editorial staff, was elected president. England succeeds retiring president Robert Gabel, Eastern Milk Producers. In addition, Earl Fink, Pennsylvania

Association of Milk Dealers was elected vice president, and Roxy LeVan, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, was elected secretary/treasurer. Executive committee elections include Pat Sueck, Agriculture Awareness Foundation; George Stambaugh, Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative; Maria Van Hekken, Rodale Institute, and Sam Sherk, PennAg Industries.

A large portion of the meeting was devoted to approving and updating resolutions. Because of the large number, the last half of the proposed resolutions was held for the next meeting in April.

In other business, Sen. Rodger Madigan and Charles Brocius were supported for re-election to the board of trustees of Penn State University, and Ross Orner, Jr.

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Governor Yet To Announce New Ag Secretary Nominee

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — As of Friday morning, there still was no decision announced by Gov. Tom Ridge as to whom would be nominated to serve as the state's next secretary of agriculture.

team in connection with the selection process, no one involved with the actual selection process has confirmed or denied the prospects of any one individual. In the meantime, Walt Peechatka, a non-partisan deputy secretary with intimate knowledge of the workings of the department and its programs, has been serving as acting secretary.

Peechatka had said last week that he was not informed about a time table for the selection, but that he was asked to serve as acting secretary to ensure that the department would continue to function and carry out its mission uninterrupted by the lack of an administration-picked secretary.

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Pork Expo Wednesday

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LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — Better facilities, improved lunch accommodations, more exhibit space, and a variety of programs to help promote "The Other Burger" will be spotlighted next Wednesday at the annual Keystone Pork

Expo at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center. The Keystone Pork Expo (formerly called the Keystone Pork Congress) was moved from the previous site, at the Penn Harris Inn in Camp Hill, to the new location. The move puts the Expo "closer to the epicenter of hog pro-"
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Ed Snook from Lycoming County took home some first-place ribbons in the Pennsylvania Corn Club's annual production contest. See how Snook does it and read about a lot more state and national corn news in the special section in this issue called "Corn Talk."



After the first snow of the season arrived last weekend, gale-force winds later blew a lot of the snow from the fields into the roadways. For several days this caused a continuous battle for the snowplows. But all was calm Thursday in this mid-morning snow scene. While pointing north from the

most recent winds that touched it, even the windwheel was still on this Amish farm along Musser School Road in Lancaster County between Leola and New Holland. Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.