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## John Wardle Wins 1995 Ag Horizons Contest

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YORK SPRINGS (Adams Co.) — In the distant past, high school ag teachers taught students how to farm. Now, ag science teachers are instructing potential leaders how to be a part of the total agricultural picture, which includes the many

industries that depend on agriculture.

Through the work of involving agriculture science students in the Bermudian Springs School District, ag instructor John Wardle was honored as the 1995 Ag Horizons Contest winner. Wardle's winning proposal was "Agricul-

tural Planning for the Future — A Community Approach."

Wardle attended the 1994 conference. The conference instructed ag teachers to be instrumental in developing agriculture educational for the next century in the communities in which they live, according to a release by the Ag

Horizons Conference.

Contacted by telephone recently, Wardle said he helped instruct about 80 Bermudian Springs High School ag science students about the vital importance that agriculture plays in their lives.

"Farmland is not idle land," he said. "It is highly productive land.

I try to foster this attitude in the minds of students, that the ag land issues are very important and we should strive to protect farmland."

Students are assigned to learning about agriculture and the environment at Bermudian Springs in 9th grade, where they are provided

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Ag instructor John Wardle supervises students while playing a farming game. The educational farm-related exercise helps students see what farming is like. Students clockwise from left are Russell Hawk, Kristie Rahe, Shawn Meyers, Mandy Stevens, and Barb Myers.

## Lancaster DHIA Becomes An Affiliate Of National

**MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.)** — In 1993, National DHIA voted to drop state lines and allow members to receive service from the provider of their choice. "Affiliate" replaced the state name for service provider members of National DHIA. At the time, membership in the national organization was extended only to current members.

At the 1994 National DHIA Convention, delegates voted to open membership to any group with at least 30,000 cows or 30 herds.

Because of Lancaster DHIA's concentration of herds in the county, they qualified, and on May 15 officially became a direct affiliate of National DHIA.

Jay Mylin, manager, said this

enables them to operate more efficiently.

"With dairy farmers today facing some of the lowest milk prices in 10 years, Lancaster DHIA is striving to reduce cost and provide the latest technology available in the marketplace," Mylin said.

"Gone are the days in DHIA when a state was responsible for serving all herds within its boundaries. Today we have a new age of service. Because of competition in DHIA, many members are actually paying less and receiving more than they were three years ago."

Lancaster DHIA serves 1,180 dairy farmers with about 60,000 cows on test. They provide computer software (PCDART), official DHIA records, and many low-cost owner sampler programs.

## A Visit To Pasture Green Farm Provides Lesson In History

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**MIDDLEBURG (Snyder Co.)** — When you find Pasture Green Farm in a winding gravel lane, nestled on 120 acres of gently rolling fields, spring-touched meadows, scampering squirrels, and flowering fruit trees, you take a step back in time.

Not that Terry and Shirley Womer and their 15 year-old son Scott are behind the times. Located just south of Rt. 522 between Middleburg and Beaver Springs, they have one of the top registered Holstein herds in Snyder County. Until recently when Terry had a bout with an illness that required hospi-

talization, they were milking three times a day. They have shown the supreme champion for the last four years at the Beaver Fair. Their beautiful home-bred show cow, Pasture Green Enhancer Regency is a pet and was supreme champion at the fair last year as a six year-old from the 100,000lb. milk class. Regency's last record was 35,062m 3.8% 1330f 3.3% 1141p to push her over the 100,000 pound mark after just four lactations.

The step back in time comes when the Womers invite you into the circa 1800's restored summer kitchen for old-fashioned pumpkin cheesecake and a look at some of

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## Snider Heads National Holstein Convention Women's Events

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**IMLER (Bedford Co.)** — It was the fall of 1991 when Lori Snider of Imler was called to chair the women's section of the National Holstein Convention scheduled for Pittsburgh from June 24 through June 29.

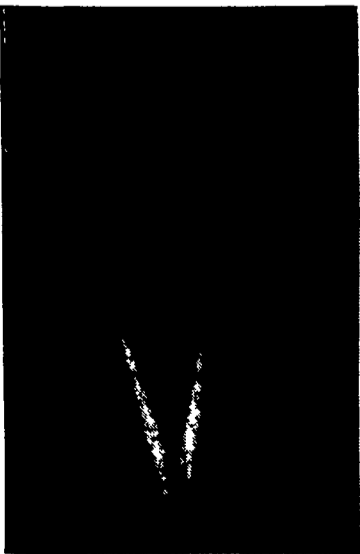
"I gave it some thought before saying 'yes'," says this pretty farm wife who is married to Bruce Snider, a partner with his father, Obie, of Singing Brook Farm.

Had she known she was going to have a fourth child, Rachel, now 2, during the interim, she might not have been so quick to agree. "But, the Lord has helped me," she quickly assures. "And

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Scott, left, and Shirley and Terry Womer show the 1911 De Laval cream separator and some of the tin and agate pieces that grace the corner of their restored summer kitchen.



Lori Snider