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Dairy Leaders Dedicate Penn State Research, Education Center

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UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Educators, government officials, and industry leaders lauded the partnership and dedicated efforts of many people that climaxed with the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony of Penn State's new \$5.5 million Dairy Cattle Research and Education Center on Thursday morning.

The new center that includes new tiestall, freestall, and heifer barns, as well as a new feed center, horizontal silos, milk room, and a double-10 herringbone milking parlor is a major element of a \$50 million building program that has

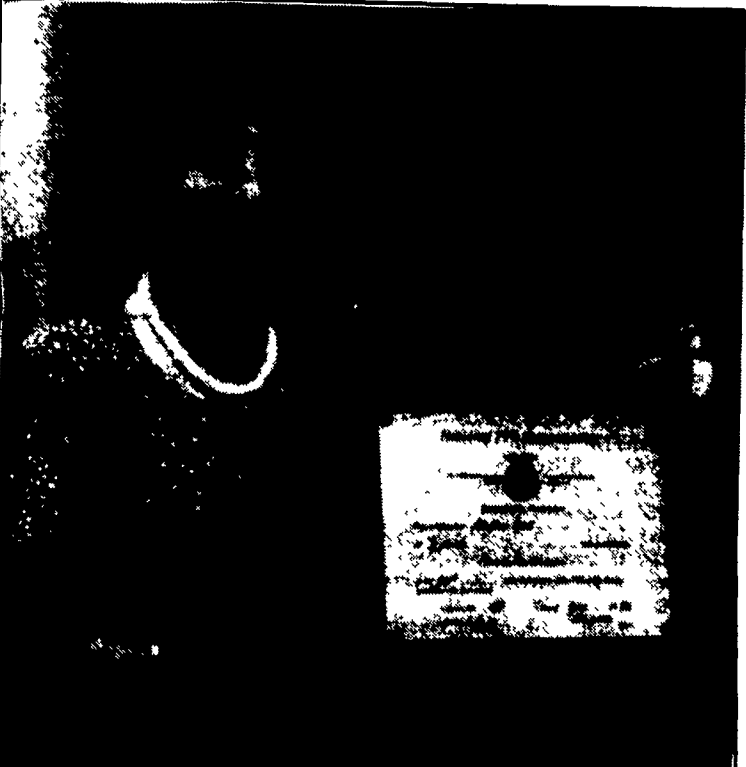
addressed long-standing facility deficiencies in the College of Agricultural Sciences. Built in the same area as the previous dairy center, the new facility gives faculty better research options and students more exposure to modern dairy methods.

Daniel Hagen, interim head of the dairy and animal science department, served as master of ceremonies. Speakers included Joab Thomas, president, Penn State; Harry Roth, executive director, Atlantic Breeders; Lamartine Hood, dean, College of Agricultural Sciences; Charles Brosius, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture; and Obie Snider, Penn State board

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Cutting the ribbon, from left, Daniel Hagen, Lamartine Hood, Obie Snider, Charles Brosius, and Harry Roth.



Lou Ann Good, staff writer for *Lancaster Farming*, receives an honorary keystone degree from Pennsylvania State FFA Association.

State FFA Selects Officers, Presents Awards

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — More than 1,380 members, advisers, and guests attended Pennsylvania FFA Activities Week held at Pennsylvania State University from Tuesday through Thursday this week.

At the convention, new state officers were selected and numerous awards presented to chapter members, businesses, and individuals who have contributed to the success of the FFA program.

Lou Ann Good, staff writer for *Lancaster Farming*, was one of six individuals who received honorary keystone degrees.

The award was given in appreciation for the many hours Good

spends covering FFA events and writing articles about FFA members and chapters.

Also receiving the honorary degree were Clyde Beard, for 30 years of service in the north Central region; Margery McCarthy, of the north central region for many years of service helping with FFA speech contests; Lehman Mentzler of Lancaster, who is FFA adviser for Lancaster Mennonite High and has contributed many hours in helping with FFA activities throughout the county; Larry Oglie, who works as a Farm Credit financial consultant in Somerset County; and Marianne Creasy, who, for many years, has judged

FFA projects for seven chapters at the Bloomsburg Fair.

On Thursday, the nominating committee selected 11 new state officers from 26 candidates who participated in seven rounds of grueling interviews during the three-day convention.

Elected to serve a one-year-term beginning immediately are Darla Herr, Annville-Cleona High School in Lebanon County, state president; Heather Benner, Greenwood High School in Perry County, state vice president; Kerrie Hetrick, Oley Valley High School in Berks County, eastern region vice president; Jeremy Bartels, Some-

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Weis Markets Celebrates Bottling 200 Million Gallons Of Milk

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SUNBURY (Northumberland Co.) — Weis Markets Inc. of Sunbury celebrated the bottling of its 200-millionth gallon of drinking milk late last week with an open house at its bottling facility.

The supermarket chain concern is the largest single buyer of Pennsylvania produce in the state and 15 years ago created a subsidiary to bottle branded milk for sale in its stores.

Natalie Welch, state dairy princess, helped in the celebration, toasting a glass of milk to the success of the company along with Bryan Berry, director of dairy manufacturing, Robert Weis, chairman of Weis Markets, and Norman Rich, company president.

"Today is an important milestone in Weis Markets history," Weis said. "For 15 years, we have been operating a state-of-the-art dairy processing plant that meets the toughest standards of all — those of our customers."

Establish in 1912, Weis Markets

operates 149 stores operating in six states — Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, and West Virginia. It also operates a small chain of Super-Petz stores in Georgia, Ohio and the Carolinas.

The milk plant is Dutch Valley Food Company Inc., one of several divisions of Weis Markets. Weis also is the parent company to an ice cream manufacturing division, a meat processing plant, and a food service division that serves restaurant and institutional customers.

"This day is made possible by the hard work of countless people — those who work in our dairy and our drivers who get the milk to our stores and the people in our stores who help stock and sell our milk," Weis told the small crowd attending the festivities.

"It is also a day of note for the Pennsylvania farmers who supply our dairy. They share in our success."

The dairy operation is set up

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From the left, Bryan Berry, director of dairy manufacturing for Weis Markets Inc., state Dairy Princess Natalie Welch, Weis Chairman Robert Weis and Weis President Norman Rich toast a glass of milk to the success of the corporation's dairy plant subsidiary upon the bottling of the plant's 200,000,000th gallon of milk.