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New Holland, PDA Mark 100 Years

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NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — Gov. Tom Ridge on Tuesday visited the New Holland Inc. plant in New Holland to recognize the 100th anniversary of the worldwide agricultural machine and equipment company.

Along with Gov. Ridge, almost the entire Lancaster County political contingent was present, as were the mayor of the borough of New Holland and state Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brosius.

The afternoon observance was held in front of the company's technical center along George Delp Road. From a platform stage where all dignitaries sat, Ridge spoke about the leadership and innovation that New Holland Inc. has shown over the past 100 years.

The stage faced north toward a grassy ridge that created a natural area for the many hundreds of residents and employees who walked

from the surrounding New Holland shops and plants to witness the celebration and hear the governor talk.

Introducing Ridge was New Holland president Tom Kennedy who quickly reviewed the growth of the company starting with a two man machine shop in New Holland in 1895 to the present global company with offices around the world and other Pennsylvania manufacturing facilities in Belleville and State College.

"We're proud of what we've accomplished," Kennedy said. "The main reason why we invited (Gov. Ridge) was to let him see first hand how (New Holland) contributes to the economy and strength of Pennsylvania."

Kennedy praised Gov. Ridge, crediting him with helping to re-establish a favorable business climate in Pennsylvania.

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State Farm Bureau's Foundation Presents \$25,000 Check

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.)—Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's Friends of Agriculture Foundation recently presented a check to sponsor 50 school teachers at upcoming "Ag In the Classroom" workshops sponsored by the Agricultural Awareness Foundation of Pennsylvania. The workshops will take place July 23-28 at The Pennsylvania State University.

"Ag in the Classroom helps elementary school teachers bring agriculture into their classrooms,"

said Richard Mains of Newville who serves as chairman for the solicitation committee of the Friends of Agriculture Foundation. "We're proud to be able to help teachers expand their curriculums to include agricultural awareness. Through them we can touch the lives of thousands of future citizens."

Mains said the Foundation's contribution would not have been possible without the support of many of Pennsylvania Farm

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Gov. Tom Ridge steps off a tractor at the New Holland plant after taking it for a ride around the property.

Vanishing Acres: Surrounded By Development, Farmers Face Tough Decisions

It's that attitude to move to the country to see the country that destroys the country.

— Tim Fritz
Montgomery County
Extension Agent
And Part-
Time Dairy Farmer

If you want to have a farm, you have a farm. If you want to have housing, you have housing. The two don't work well together.

— Forrest Wessner
Lehigh County
Crop Farmer

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Editor's Note: While land development values continue to rise and farm income falls, the number of farmers who sell land to development increases. To adapt, farmers are under pressure to change their attitudes about neighbors, the land, even the very nature of farming itself.

The first of this three-part series examines the continuing difficulties and frustrations farmers face as development engulfs them.

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)
— While residents in the surrounding development were celebrating with food and fireworks on a July 4 evening, Tim Fritz was becoming, as he said, "concerned and irritated."

Residents were shooting fireworks into a herd of young Holstein cows and heifers on some pastureland that was hemmed in by new houses.

Fritz, part-time dairy farmer and full-time Montgomery County

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For John Vaikovec, right, the challenge is from cities such as Philadelphia and from those who make the daily commute to New Jersey. At left is son John, 23. Notice how close new housing is to the field.