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PDA Diagnostic Laboratory Completes Link In Tripartite

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A dairy producer with an unidentifiably sick cow calls his veterinarian.

The vet is unable to diagnose the illness.

What killed the animal? Is it contagious? Can it be stopped before the producer is driven to the verge of bankruptcy through the loss of his herd?

How many more cattle in the state will be affected and who will be affected?

With the recent groundbreaking ceremonies for the state's new diagnostic laboratory, Pennsylvania is getting a little closer to the

ideal for finding and controlling diseases which pose severe threats to the state's animal and public health.

Tuberculosis transmittable between humans and animals, rabies, prion proteins such as cause Scrapie disease, Johnne's disease, bacteria such as Salmonella enteritis, various virulent strains of E. coli, etc. are some of the concerns that have been brought to the forefront by academia and supported by politicians of all ranks.

Experts on animal disease have watched, some in quiet horror, as the state has grown and become more concentrated in human population and livestock population and

services and technology to protect the health of both diminished or stagnated.

Along with increased traffic and easier and longer distances traveled transporting domestic animals, a scenario has been created

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Watch Next Week

A tribute to the 43 new Dairy of Distinction farms across Pennsylvania will be featured in a special section next week. We have farm photos, background information on each farm, a proclamation from Governor Tom Ridge, and messages of congratulation from our advertisers. Watch for it!



Top senior team went to the York team composed of Adam Sellers, 15; Heather Jaslenski, 14; and Matt Trostle, 16.

York 4-H'ers Win At Southeast Regionals

ANDY ANDREWS

Lancaster Farming Staff
MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) —

York County youth had a remarkably strong showing on Tuesday afternoon during the 10th annual Southeast 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at the Manheim Fairgrounds.

York County youth captured both junior and senior individual

judging honors and top senior team at the competition, which featured 4-H'ers from Lancaster, York, Lebanon, Chester, and Berks counties.

Capturing top senior individual competition honors with a total score of 496 and a reasons total of 130 was Matt Trostle. Matt, 16, is the son of Ronald and Yvonne Trostle, Red Lion, and York County 4-H member. This was Matt's first senior individual honors at the contest. Matt also captured last year's State 4-H Days competition in the junior division and was on the state's winning team.

Matt attributes the many hours spent on farms in practice as the

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Members of the first place golfing team of the 1995 Fore FFA Golf Tournament held Monday at Fox Chase are from left, Jamie Fickes, Doug Lehman, Gerald Piper, and Matt Mentzer, all representing Fickes Silos. It is the second first place trophy for the team in the three years of the tournament. The event is held to raise funds for the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation and is supported by many agribusinesses and farm organizations. See story Page A30.

Cameo Tops Lancaster Holstein Show Again

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — The tall, black, dairy-type Astro Jet daughter again was named grand champion of the Lancaster County Holstein Show. Repeating her win last year, New-Direction Jet Cameo-ET topped the 140 head show for the Alan McCauley family, New Direction Holsteins from Elizabethtown. The grandchampion win was only one of many ribbons and trophies taken by New Direction to give the McCauley family both the Premier Breeder and Premier Breeder awards. Cameo showed as an aged cow and was also best bred and owned.

Along the way, the McCauleys had the reserve grand champion with New-Direction Star Banbi-ET, their first place four-year-old. In addition, the junior champion was New-Direction Budgee, own-

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In the winners circle at the Lancaster County Holstein Show are from left, Patty Hushon, with the reserve junior champion; Kristin McCauley, with the junior champion;

Tammy Balhaser, with the reserve grand champion; Tom McCauley, with the grand champion; Jim Burdette, judge; and Heather Oberholtzer, Lancaster County Dairy Princess.