

# Governor Ridge, President Spanier Highlight Luncheon



Gov. Tom Ridge talks with an Amish family on his tour of Ag Progress Days.

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**ROCKSPRING** (Centre Co.) — Gov. Tom Ridge made his third annual visit to Ag Progress Days Wednesday during the legislative luncheon. The first two years he was a candidate for the top office in the commonwealth. Ridge reminisced to reporters that agriculture formed the first coalition of supporters for him, and he said it was, in part, a recognition of his exposure to agriculture and agribusiness in his home area of northwestern Pennsylvania. The Governor was also one of the luncheon speakers, along with Presi-

dent Elect Graham Spanier, Penn State University.  
"The message we continue to send to the state is that farming is a business, and we need to worry about profitability," Ridge said. "To preserve the family farm, you need to help farmers make a profit. It's as simple as that."  
To do this, Ridge said we need to get workers compensation under control, change regulatory control, develop markets, do export promotion, and support research and development. He said all these things need to be done to keep Pennsylvania farms the envy of the

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## Remsburg New GM At Mid-East DHIC

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**HAGERSTOWN, Md.**—A. Dennis "Denny" Remsburg has been appointed General Manager for Mid-East Dairy Herd Improvement Corporation (DHIC), located in Hagerstown.  
A Maryland native, Remsburg holds a degree in Ag Economics from Virginia Tech., and has been associated with the dairy industry all his life. He worked as a field

representative for an AI organization right out of college. He has worked extensively in Virginia and Maryland with dairy records, and is very familiar with transferring records and with cow pedigrees.  
Remsburg is well known to many through his involvement in Remsburg Sales Service. The business was started by his father, Doty Remsburg, in 1955.

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# First-Time Champion Sweeps Kutztown Swine Show

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**KUTZTOWN** (Berks Co.) — Stephanie Manbeck picked up two first-time champion ribbons for herself at the Kutztown Fair Swine Show on Tuesday, sweeping the championship market show with both grand and reserve.  
For grand champion market swine, Stephanie showed her 243-pound purebred Duroc gilt. Stephanie said when she selected the pig from her family's herd, she was looking for a pig with a

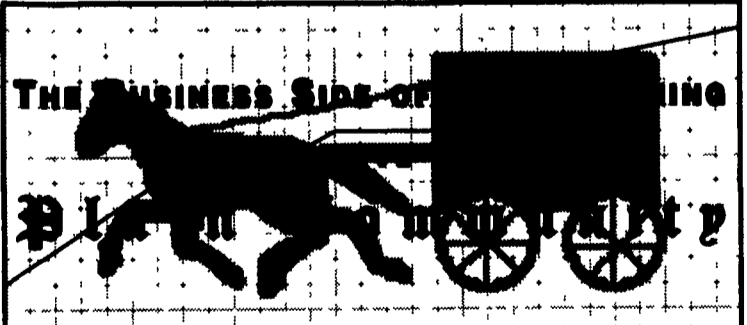
"strong ham and strong upper body" to show at the fair. Stephanie also showed the champion barrow.  
Stephanie, 18, daughter of Oscar and Sandy Manbeck, Bethel, helps with her family's 600-sow farrow-to-finish operation, which is comprised of a lot of crossbred hogs. She is a freshman at Harcum College in Bryn Mawr, studying dental hygiene. She plans to show at the county 4-H roundup in October and the state Farm Show in January.

At the breed show, Ken Winebark, show judge from Myerstown, was impressed with a hog from the Yorkshire class, a March gilt that had a "lot of muscle thickness and mass." The Yorkshire has a "good old expression to loin end," a really sound gilt that was "most complete in terms of overall style, balance, feet, and design."

The champion of the breeds was shown by Stephen Wessner, 20, son of Harlan and Barbara Wessner, New Tripoli.  
Grand champion fitter of the show was Jill Schick and reserve was Justin Wissner. Champion showman was Lynn Lazarus, Jr. and reserve was Grant Lazarus. Following is a list of show

placings.  
**KUTZTOWN FAIR SWINE SHOW RESULTS**  
**SHOWMANSHIP AND FITTING**  
**FITTING**  
Class 1: Jason Wissner. 2. Stephanie Manbeck. 3. Lynn E. Lazarus, Jr.  
Class 2: 1. Calvin Lazarus III. 2. Leon Hunter 3. Mark J Gelsinger. Class 3: 1. Jill Schick. 2

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**Editor's Note:** This is the first part of a monthly series written by an Amish farmer about the realities of farming as a business. He writes with the understanding that he may remain anonymous.

**Introduction**  
Because of increasing competition from larger herds, modern technology and other changes in farming, many Old Order Mennonite and Amish dairy farmers find it challenging to operate a busi-

ness that generates enough cash to meet family living expenses and be able to keep the farm in the family for the next generation while still maintaining their chosen way of life.  
This is the first of a series of articles written to discuss practical methods that dairy farmers from the Plain Community use to help them meet the challenges of the dairy business. Although aimed particularly at the Plain Community, the methods suggested can be

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Champion of the breeds was Stephen Wessner, left, who showed his Yorkshire gilt. At right is show judge Ken Winebark.