

# Dairy Of Distinction Farm Winners Meet At Ag Progress Days



ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — The dairy of Distinction farm winners assembled in the special events building at Ag Progress Days for a social meeting and to view the photographs of their farms presented by *Lancaster Farming*. Charles Brosius, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture spoke at the meeting and brought greetings from Gov. Tom Ridge. Brosius said appearance indicates success and complimented the winners on their efforts to help people understand what agriculture is all about by making their farms look nice. Gov. Ridge's proclamation designated the week of

August 13 to 19 as Dairy of Distinction week. After the short meeting, the winners gathered out on the barn hill for a group photograph.

## 'Strawberry Surprise'

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ited Ag Progress.

The day proved a success for the growers association, because visitors "had something very good to eat that's good for them, and it was grown in Pennsylvania," said Grob.

There were some special challenges to the growers association this year, including deciding on the supplies needed for the kickoff event.

"When it came to ordering and buying, it was a stab in the dark, because you have no idea what to do," said Grob.

In all, the stand helped about 500 customers on Tuesday, with more stopping by Wednesday and Thursday. Those who assisted at the stand included Bill Troxell,

executive secretary of the association; Dale and Kathy Whitenight; Vivian Wertz; John Esslinger, horticulture agent; and other Penn State horticulture and extension personnel.

The cantaloupe was obtained from Buffalo Valley Produce Auction and the melons were purchased at Funk's Farm Market.

All the profits made at the Farm Show and at the Ag Progress stand go to Penn State for vegetable research.

There may be different items on the menu next year, according to Grob.

"We're thinking of adding corn on the cob. It would be a healthy food, and we'd get it from the local growers here, so it would be real fresh."

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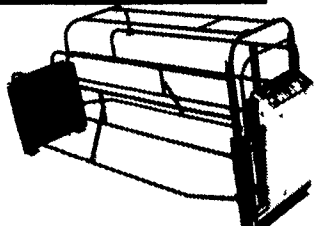
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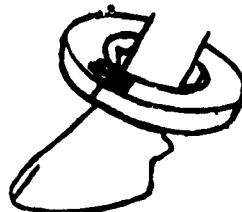
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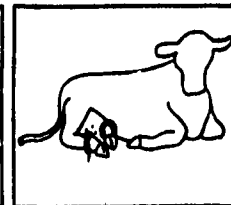
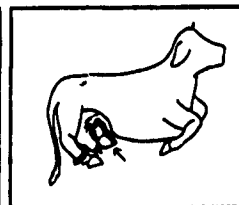
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