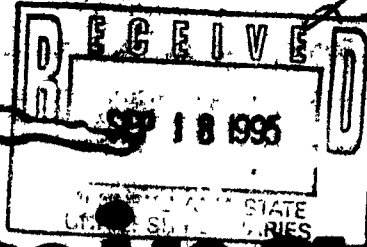


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Pennsylvania Dairy Princesses prepare for the upcoming pageant to be held September 23 at the Sheraton Harrisburg East, Harrisburg. Front row, from left, are Jennifer Teel, Wyoming-Lackawanna; Karen Inhof, Chester; Melanie Snyder, Clarion-Venango; Becky Krise, Jefferson; Amy Trimble, Indiana; and Heather Burridge, Susquehanna. Second row, Rachel Goodheart, Armstrong; Kristi Schoffstall, Lebanon; Jolene H. Hultz, Tioga; Rebecca Klejka, Westmoreland; Natalie Welch, Pennsylvania Dairy Princess; Jodi Colton, Bradford; Angela Mumhart, York; Heather Oberholtzer, Lancaster; and Carrie Hottenstein, Sullivan. Third row, Wendy Gilkinson, War-

ren; Stacey Hildreth, Greene; Marie Lieb, Cambria; Jennifer Davis, Berks; Crystal Couch, Huntingdon; Tracy Post, Crawford; Kelly Fowler, Butler; Jennifer Brumbaugh, Bedford; Gretchen Yaple, Clearfield; and Amy Paul, Somerset. Fourth row, Julie Zepp, Adams; Emily Dum, Perry; Libby Main, Franklin; Meghan Kellogg, Mercer; Beth Marshall, Beaver-Lawrence; Rebecca Dugan, SUN; Lorie Brownwell, Cumberland; Yvonne Peterman, Lycoming; Rhonda Kleklak, Erie; Jolene Martin, Centre; and Diane Yoder, Mifflin. See page A29 for details on pageant reservations.

Drought Watches, Warnings Have Farmers Concerned

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— Unusually hot, dry weather has prompted the state to issue drought watches and warnings, which has many farmers concerned.

For one thing, sources of water for cattle from springs, creeks, and shallow wells are drying up.

For another, harvest of corn silage has begun two to three weeks ahead of schedule. In some locations, harvest of high moisture corn is well under way.

For southcentral Pennsylvania, August was a record dry month. Out of the Middletown Airport, The National Weather Service in Harrisburg recorded only 0.53 inches of rain for August, the driest August ever. Other counties are well below normal for the month in

precipitation, according to statistics compiled by the Mid-Atlantic River Forecast Center in Harrisburg.

Also, Lancaster is one of 43 counties placed under a drought warning as of Sept. 1 for the eastern portion of the state, including Potter, Cameron, Clearfield, Cam-

bria, Blair, Huntingdon, Perry, Cumberland, and Adams counties. The remaining 24 counties in the west are under a drought watch.

Many townships have put in severe water restrictions. Lancaster, which officially recorded its driest August in 82 years, averaged only 0.8 inch of rain, down 2.9

inches from normal in August. The county may soon consider water rationing in some townships. Denver Borough announced a mandatory ban on nonessential water use Aug. 29. Ephrata Borough announced Tuesday it would comply with the state drought warning and join Denver in the water con-

servation effort, according to reports in the Ephrata Review. West Earl and other townships in the county have similar restrictions in place. Other counties in the eastern part of the state have put tight restrictions on general water use.

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Pennsylvania Dairy Industry Unites On Farm Policy

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — For what could possibly be the first time, the dairy industry of Pennsylvania has united in its position on 12 major provisions of a dairy proposal for the next farm bill.

The Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Pennsylvania State Grange, Pennsylvania Farmers Union, DairyCo Cooperative, Atlantic

Dairy Cooperative, Milk Marketing Inc. cooperative and the Pennsylvania Association of Milk Dealers have all reached a consensus on 12 provisions of a dairy proposal offered by Congressman Steve Gunderson (R-Wisc.). Rep. Gunderson chairs the U.S. House Agriculture Subcommittee on Dairy, Livestock and Poultry. While details of his dairy proposal

have been released, no legislation has been introduced as yet.

The group has sent an open letter to Pennsylvania's congressional delegation outlining the 12 points of Rep. Gunderson's dairy proposal on which a consensus has been reached. While there is a general consensus on a number of other portions of the proposal, agreement was not unanimous.

"It could come as a great shock to some people that the dairy industry of Pennsylvania can unify on any portion of a farm bill proposal," commented Pennsylvania Farm Bureau president Keith Eckel. "But a consensus on 12 points of Gunderson's proposal was indeed reached at a meeting of Pennsylvania farm groups, dairy

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