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## Otto Succeeds McSparran As Atlantic Dairy's President

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — More than 600 dairy farmers crowded into the Lancaster Showroom in the Host Resort Thursday evening for the annual meeting banquet for the 3,800 member Atlantic Dairy Cooperative. Earlier in the day Robert McSparran, Atlantic's president

for the last 15 years, announced that he had reached the age of mandatory retirement in the cooperative's by-laws and this meeting would mark his last official duty. The Peach Bottom dairyman had been a director for 29 years. During his report to the membership McSparran reviewed the many milestones Atlantic has achieved. He praised the coopera-

tive's long-standing tradition of keeping the welfare of the membership as its primary goal. "From the time our founding fathers had the foresight to band together, the cooperative has evolved from a bargaining co-op into a vital marketing force," he said. "These milestones are the result of the leadership of the  
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Ivo Otto Jr., left, was named to succeed Robert McSparran as the new president of Atlantic Dairy at the annual meeting in Lancaster this week.

## Farm Bureau Holds Annual Meeting

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HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — One day Sen. Roger Madigan (R-Towanda) realized something that would change his life forever. Working on his family farm, he came to the conclusion that the

decisions being made "off of my farm had more impact on the bottom line than the decisions we were making in the farm operation. "It was clear to me," said Madigan, "as a farmer, I needed a voice in the halls of Harrisburg and Washington." So he decided to become involved in a lifetime of public service and to provide the voice for farmers in government. Madigan has served in the state Senate since 1984 after being elected to four terms in the state

House, where he also served on the Agriculture Committee. For his efforts through the years, Madigan was honored with the 1995 Distinguished Service To Agriculture Award at the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) 45th Annual Member Recognition Banquet on Tuesday night at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. More than 600 PFB members and other statewide supporters were on hand at the banquet to  
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## Nutrient Management Advisory Board Wrangles Over Public Services

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Nutrient management regulatory efforts are ongoing and nearing completion, though members of the State Conservation Commission's Nutrient Manage-

ment Advisory Board seemed to get bogged down Wednesday over concern about the profit-incentive for private industry to offer planning services. The Nutrient Management Advisory Board was created as a result of the state's Nutrient Man-

agement Act, which gave the board two years to come up with regulations to carry out the Act. Despite changes in administration and government and the subsequent delays in establishing a set of regulations, the board (comprised of representatives from agricultural interests, community interests, and environmental interests) has kept close to deadlines and has recommended to the commission a set of regulations to carry out the administration of the Act. Those proposed regulations are in the final stages of approval, currently with the Attorney General's office. That office has some concerns, mostly about a term in the regulations and its definition. It relates to the possible granting of an extension to implement a nutrient management plan. The regulations state that, given planned changes on the farm requiring "substantial" expense, that putting a plan into place can be  
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## Spencer Honored At Penn State Dairymen's Club Banquet

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — At the Penn State Dairymen's Club annual meeting November 10, treasurer Dale Olver noted that the endowment fund for supporting the Penn State judging teams had reached a balance of more than \$25,000, a long-awaited milestone. At that level the fund will provide more than \$1,700 a year toward the team's expenses. Olver, who is also the coach of the Penn State dairy judging teams, said they had a very successful fall season. The Eastern States team — Josh Harvatine,

Donald Harwood, Dean Kohler and Melissa Morrow — placed first overall, with Harvatine as the high individual and Harwood and Kohler in the top ten. They were the top team in two breeds and second in two others. The same team was second overall at the Pennsylvania All-American, placing in the top five for every breed with Harwood and Kohler placing in the top six individuals overall. In the National Intercollegiate Judging Contest in Madison, the team was ninth out of 26 teams and was in the top ten for three breeds. Harwood earned All-American honors placing in the top 25 individuals overall. At Louisville, the team of George Bard, Marsha Chess, Barry Hauck and Charles Houpp placed fourth overall, being first in  
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### Deadlines Change For Thanksgiving

The Lancaster Farming office will be closed Thursday, November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving Day. News and advertising deadlines for this week are as follows:

- Public Sale Ads—Noon Mon., 11/20.
- General News—Noon Wed., 11/22.
- Classified Section C Ads—5 p.m., Tue., 11/21.
- All Other Classified Ads—9 a.m. Wed., 11/22.



The Lancaster 4-H team placed first in the nation in sheep judging. From left, Dale Livengood, Lisa Reiff, Gerald Boyd, and Regina Landlao. See story on Page A25.