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## Pennmarva Names Outstanding Young Cooperators



Maryland and Virginia's Young Cooperator winners are seated, J. Richard and Naomi Speer, Outstanding Young Cooperators. Standing from left, Thomas and Jennifer Lawrence, 1st runner-up; Steven and Marion Jones, 3rd, and Myron and Teresa Pomraning, 2nd.

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**WILLOW STREET** (Lancaster Co.) — The annual Pennmarva Young Cooperator contest was held this week with 21 young farm couples from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia competing to represent their dairy cooperatives at future national and regional meetings and being honored for their leadership skills and knowledge of cooperatives.

Pennmarva is the joint organization of Atlantic Dairy Cooperative, Southampton and Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Reston, Virginia.

At the convention, the young cooperators were involved in an interview process, and they attended seminars related to mak-

ing quality milk. In addition, discussion groups covered topics on how to use milk futures from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and how to relate to the task of public relations and marketing for the dairy industry.

"That Milk Thing," MAMMA's Disney-like character that entices children in the Philadelphia school system to drink milk, dropped in for the cooperator's breakfast Wednesday morning.

At the awards luncheon the following couples were named as the honorees.

For Atlantic Dairy, Kenneth and Denise Sanner, Kutztown, were named Outstanding Young Cooperators. And for Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers, J

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Centre County dairy farmer Paul Hartle, owner of Mammoth-Spring Farm, stands with his 13-year-old Audrey cow, classified 2EX-90, the oldest of three of a five-generation Excellent cow family that he showed to visiting Holstein breeders from Chester County. See story on page A24.

## Completed Farm Bill Expected Next Week

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — A conference committee of the U.S. Legislature on Thursday approved a 1996 Farm Bill Conference Report which means that a complete Farm Bill is expected to be presented to President Clinton for signature this coming week.

According to a news release from U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar, who chaired the conference committee, the farm legislation "gives farmers freedom to plant for the market and ends Depression-era production controls."

Whenever the Senate and House approve almost identical pieces of

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## Lessons Last Lifetimes At Garber Conservation Farm

**ANDY ANDREWS**

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MOUNT JOY (Lancaster Co.)  
— *Keep off the waterways Don't knock down the tops of the terraces Never disk harrow across the terrace edges.*

Jay Garber, son of Clarence Garber, remembers those instructions from his father. Jay passed the same instructions to his three sons and all employees at Spring Lawn Farm in Pequea Township.

And Jay said it now feels good to hear his sons telling their

employees the same thing.

It's that tradition of passing along the very themes of soil conservation that helped garner the Garber family, including the families of David A. and Joe C. Garber, the cherished 1996 Lancaster County Outstanding Cooperator Award Thursday night at the Lancaster County Conservation District annual banquet at the Country Table Restaurant.

Spring Lawn Farm includes 200 acres (128 owned, 72 rented) with 150 cows and 130 heifers. Joe Gar-

ber is in charge of the dairy herd, and Dave concentrates on the crops and fieldwork.

According to slide narrator Gerald Heistand, assistant Chesapeake Bay administrator for the district, Spring Lawn Farm has the distinction of having some of the "oldest terraces in Lancaster County."

"In 1939, Clarence Garber was the second farmer in the area to put terraces on the land. They were put in with a pull-type grader." More than 200 tons of flintstone were

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A tradition of passing along the themes of soil conservation helped garner the Garber family, including the families of David A. and Joe C. Garber, the cherished 1996 Lancaster County Outstanding Cooperator Award Thursday night at the annual Lancaster County Conservation District banquet at the Country Table Restaurant. From left, Yvonne and Joe Garber, Dave and Shirley Garber, and Lois and Jay Garber.