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## At Greenawalt Farms, Public Gets Ag Education

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**WEST NEWTON** (Westmoreland Co.) — John and Ina Greenawalt love visitors on their farm. And visitors love to come. They've been coming for more than 13 years. The family and employees of the Greenawalt Farms between West Newton and Madison welcomed thousands of people during their recent annual egg festival.

The Greenawalt Farm consists of several interrelated enterprises. The largest is the egg business. In fact, Greenawalts are Westmoreland County's largest egg producer. With a capacity of 40,000 birds, the farm produces between 25,000 and 30,000 eggs a day. However, producing and packaging the eggs is only half the business. Getting

them to consumers as fresh eggs is the other half. The eggs are delivered to grocery stores in a 30-mile radius of the farm. The stores vary from regional chains to mom and pop operations. "We don't deal with big warehouses, though," Ina said. Eggs are a product that has to

be fresh, and people don't know how long it's been stored when they eat it. Poor warehousing means a poor product and the Greenawalts know their customers want their eggs fresh.

The Greenawalt's experience is

built on many years of producing eggs and have had some of their customers for over 40 years. They first expanded production with a triple deck cage system in 1964. Now they specialize in large, jumbo, and super jumbo eggs.

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## Pa. Ayrshire Association Holds Annual Convention

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**MORGANTOWN** (Chester Co.) — The Pennsylvania Ayrshire Association holds its annual convention at the Holiday Inn in Morgantown March 29, honoring members achievements, inducting Earl Keefer Jr. into its Hall of Fame and selecting a new breed

promotion court.

Don Gable, president of the organization, presented the Hall of Fame award to Keefer and wife Annabel, for his work with Ayrshires since getting involved with the group in 1950.

Keefer's first Ayrshire was purchased in 1948, and after joining the local Ayrshire club, he soon

became president and involved in the organization at the state and national level.

Keefer served as president of the state association in 1986, director of the national association, its vice president and he served two terms as national president of the Ayrshire Association.

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Grech'hen, the registered trademark of Greenawalt Farms, stands ready to welcome school children and their families to a working farm. The model chicken helps make farm life attractive to consumers in western Pennsylvania.

## State Soybean Contest Winner Uses Experience

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**MARIETTA** (Lancaster Co.) — "If I'm going to survive in farming, I can't accept average yields," said Lancaster County soybean grower Dwight Hess.

"I can't accept average performance out of my cattle," he said, looking over futures data on his DTN computer terminal. "I have to be above average in order to survive in the 1990s in farming."

Hess concentrates on the details of his 265-acre farm, of which 50 acres are in soybeans.

His painstaking attention to details and careful land management netted him 70.4 bushels per acre, placing him first in the Pennsylvania Soybean Yield Contest for 1995.

Hess is meticulous about his work, keeping careful attention to planting variety and methods. Hess bases his decision on carefully wrought experience in growing soybeans.

On the 7.5 acres of the yield-winning variety, Hess noticed right away that conditions were ideal.

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## Daylight-Saving Starts Sunday

It's time to set clocks ahead one hour, starting officially at 2 o'clock Sunday morning, April 7. You can simply set your clock one hour ahead on Saturday night before going to bed. Dairy farmers will need to make special adjustments because of the feeding schedule.



## A Thousand Words About The Practical Theology Of Easter

A photo was needed for this issue of *Lancaster Farming* that showed attributes of the Spirit of Easter. Such as Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith...

In the search for such a picture Wednesday afternoon, these kids and twin lambs, one black and one white, appeared in the camera viewfinder. They all belong to Marty and Lois Hoover near Denver in Lancaster County. From left are Chris, 7, Mike, 5, Renee, 12, Holly, 11, and Josh, 9.

There is an old saying that God made topsoil so farmers could grow good children. At Hoover's four-acre sheep

farm, located along Sandy Hill Road, a large spring crop of 22 lambs has increased the flock size to 54 head. More are on the way. The children are growing up with siblings and animals that make a happy childhood. Two of the youths are foster children, but no one in the family seemed to give any thought about who was who—which just adds weight to the premise: this picture is worth a thousand words about the practical theology of Easter. *Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.*