

# Lancaster FFA'ers 'Go The Distance' At Leadership Conference

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Communication, and Education). The newsletter was published four times this past year and included news and notes on various officer team activities, chapter activities, calendar of events, award winners,

and other news of importance to FFA members.

Troxell provided tips on taking photos. A local news representative provided information on how to write the basics of a story and what types of articles would be

interesting for readers.

Other workshops included examining the roles and duties of various officers, including presidents, vice presidents, treasurers, secretaries, and chaplains.

Troxell, as a state officer, indicated that having a chance to meet members from other chapters was a "real great experience" and allowed him to establish new friendships across the state.

His most exciting experience was attending the National Convention in November 1995 to work with fellow FFA'ers and vote on national issues.



FFA reporters from around the county at a special workshop. Top, counterclockwise, Joann Zimmerman, Cloister; Amy Hale, Cloister; Maureen Madden, Solanco; and Dale Zimmerman, Cloister.



Justine Hill, standing, helped conduct a special historian workshop at the Red Rose Leadership Conference. Counterclockwise from Hill are Jen Hess, Solanco; Tammy Hartranft, Manheim; Aaron Ranck, Pequea Valley; and Beth Wenrich, Lancaster Mennonite.



Lisa Wiltmer, left, and Justine Hill examine the Solanco scrapbook at a special reporter's conference at the Red Rose Leadership Conference.

## Holstein I.D. Tags Help

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — With time at a premium at Ja-Bob Holsteins in Eaton, Ohio, Mark Yeazel is looking to save as much time as he can. Last year, he made a decision that has saved him a lot of time — to use official Holstein ID Tags when identifying animals with the Holstein Association.

"I did it to make it easier, plain and simple," Yeazel said. "That way there's no hassle of picturing or sketching, which can be time-consuming and costly."

Official Holstein ID Tags are Allflex tamper-proof tags that come in seven fade-resistant colors, with management numbers designated by the breeder. A unique serial number for each animal is also on the tag, identifying it with the Holstein Association.

"Time is the main thing," he said, noting that the Allflex ID Holstein Tags cost about the same as other tags. "But there's a lot less hassle involved as well."

The tags can be used in a variety of ways, either with a tag set in each ear, a tag set and a tattoo, or a tag set and freezebrand. Since the tags were introduced in 1995, more than 1,000 producers have implemented them on their operations.

Yeazel has used the tags for almost a year. He said that since the farm was already using a tag in one ear and a tattoo in the other, moving to the Holstein ID Tags made sense.

"We were already using tags and tattoos as part of our management system anyway, so moving to this was no different," he said. "And it made it much easier in saving time and labor."

Yeazel milks 110 cows on the farm in western Ohio, and mer-

chandises many of his red Holsteins. When he consigns an animal to a sale, he insists the tags remain with the animal.

"The buyer needs information on that animal, and without the tag there isn't any," he said. "I don't want to have to take a picture of her and then have to send it to the sale with her — her tag is her information. And I don't think the tags detract from the animal."

Tag ID is just one of the many forms of Alternative ID offered by the Holstein Association. EASY, One-Side Sketch, One-Side Photo, Tag 'N Tattoo, and Tag 'N Freezebrand, as well as RFID, are currently being used on about 35 percent of the identification applications that are sent to the Holstein Association.

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