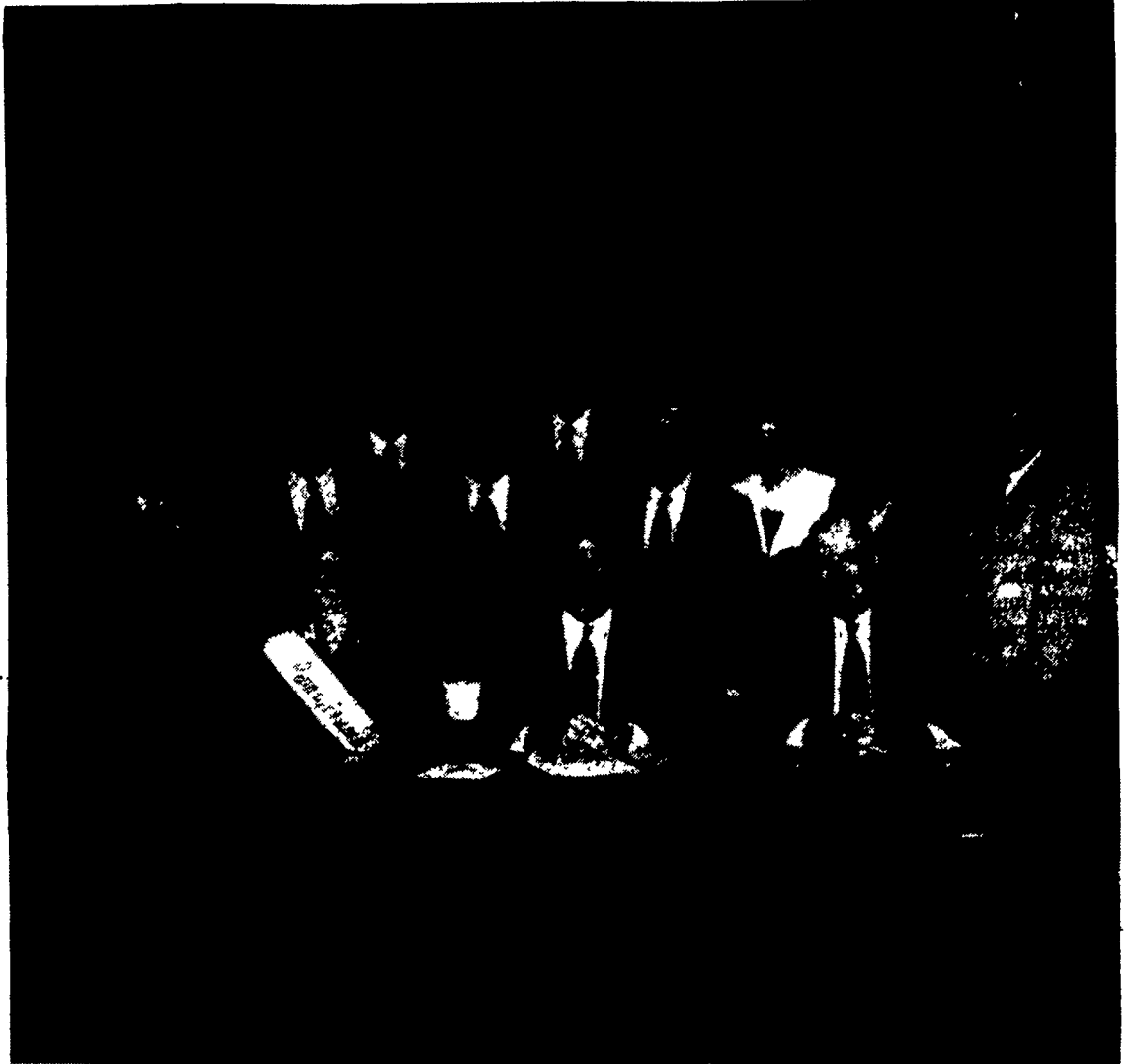


## Gov. Ridge Signs Dairy Month Proclamation

Sitting with a glass of milk, state Dairy Princess Rhonda Kleklak on the left, and state Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brosius on the right, Gov. Tom Ridge signs a proclamation declaring June as Dairy Month. Supporting representatives of the state's agriculture community include, from the left standing in the front row, Bob Junk, president of Pennsylvania Farmers Union; Karl Kroeck, chairman of the Pa. Dairy Promotion Board, a dairy farmer and township supervisor; George Stambaugh, a dairy farmer, board member of Milk Marketing Inc., and member of the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council; Ivo Otto, a dairy farmer, chairman of the board of directors for Atlantic Dairy Cooperative and Mid-Atlantic Milk Marketing Association; Doroth Naugle, with Allied Milk Producers; Janice Hle, Allied Milk Producers board member; Gordon Hiller, master of the Pennsylvania State Grange. In the back row, from the left, are Logan Bower, a dairy farmer and president of the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association; and Guy Donaldson, fruit grower and president of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau. The group gathered in the state Capitol recently to mark the occasion. More than 38 percent of agricultural income in Pennsylvania is generated by milk sales. Sales from milk alone represents a \$1.46 billion contribution to the state's economy. The state's processing plants and manufacturers add to the value of milk. Last year, 645,000 dairy cows produced 10.6 billion pounds of milk. The state also ranks second nationally in production of ice cream (at 66 million gallons) and sixth in cheese (348 million pounds). As part of June Dairy Month, MAMMA is sponsoring Dairy Day June 5 at the Philadelphia County Fair. Other events include a June 19 dairy night with the Reading Phillies, and June 20 with the Harrisburg Senators. The ADAME is sponsoring a dairy night on June 24 with the Erie Sea Wolves minor league baseball team. For more information, call MAMMA at (410) 321-0266, and ADAME at (412) 367-5999.



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