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Cumberland County Dairy Bowl Team Wins Nationals

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 FORT WORTH, Texas — The Pennsylvania senior Holstein dairy bowl team won the national contest last week during Junior Holstein competitions held in conjunction with the national convention of the Holstein Association USA Inc., at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas.

The four-member team from Cumberland County included Matthew and David Day, Heath Ocker and John Creek. The coach was Ann Day, mother of Matthew and David. All are from Shippensburg and reside in close proximity. The team won handily scoring a fairly wide margin even in the finals when they defeated a team from Wisconsin. There was a field of 21 teams from across the United States in the competition. It was the fourth trip to the nationals for the Cumberland County team, and the second national title. The members are all

now ineligible for further competition, having won the national title. At last year's national Holstein convention, held in Pittsburgh, the team finished second. In addition to the two national titles, over the team's past six years of dairy bowl competition, it also garnered four state Holstein titles and two state 4-H titles. Matthew Day, speaking on behalf of the team, said the group has been working together studying and practicing for the competitions.



The members of the winning national Holstein dairy bowl team from Cumberland County, are, from the left, Matthew Day, David Day, Heath Ocker and John Creek.



This registered Holstein calf, Sonnylee Merv Chris, goes to the Fore FFA Auction in conjunction with the Fore FFA Golf Tournament July 15. In the photo from left, Richard Kreider, Melinda Bomgardner, John Eaton, and Mike Firestone. See story page A25.

"We're relieved, now that it's all over, there's no more dairy bowl to study," Matthew said this week. "It's really made it worth it. All the years of work have finally paid off," he said. Matthew said he wanted to

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Dairy Of Distinction Winners Named

KINGSTON (Luzerne Co.) — The Northeast Dairy Farm Beautification Program, known as the Dairy of Distinction program, has compiled the winners across Pennsylvania. The state has 10 districts, and this year 33 new farms have been named. During the last 10 years that the program has been in operation in Pennsylvania, 631 farms have received the award. Farms are judged on the neat roadside appearance of buildings, grounds, and surroundings by a

team of local judges. The winning farms receive attractive 18 x 24 inch signs which are placed at the roadside. Judges return annually to ensure that the farms continue to meet the standards of excellence set by the program. The Pennsylvania Dairy of Distinction winners for 1996 are as follows:
 District 12:
 Seneca Valley Holsteins, Dale and Paula Wack, Harmony. R-WES Dairy, Wesley Kiehl,

Beaver raus. Marburger Farm Dairy, Marge Wearing, Evans City.
 District 13:
 Penn-Dell Farm, Jay Houser, Spring Mills, PA 16875. Whitman Farm, Randy Whitman, Cochranon. Kent Kenyon, Coudersport.
 District 14:
 Sollenberger Farms, Byron Sollenberger, Curryville. Stoney Hollow Jerseys, Don

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Kish-View Farm Moves Toward Next Generation



Three families within the Spicher family farm at Kish-View. From left, Stacey and Kent hold Paige, Keith and Gina with Morgan and Aaron, and Effie and David.

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BELLEVILLE (Mifflin Co.) — From the road it's a pleasure to see another beautiful Dairy of Distinction gracing our countryside. A turn into the drive for a visit and you'll learn that this is a farm in transition from father to sons. Built on solid, productive Hagerstown soil, Kish-View Farm, along Route 655 near Belleville in Mifflin County, hopes to see another generation tilling its soil. Dave Spicher and sons Keith and Kent

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