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Officials Kick Off KILE

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Keystone International Livestock Exposition (K.I.L.E.) officially began Thursday afternoon with the traditional opening ceremony, held in the Small Arena of the Pennsylvania State Farm Show Complex.

The recipient of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association's Hall of Fame award was the late James P. Gallagher, whose wife Martha accepted the award in his behalf.

Other members of the Gallagher family present included daughter Marty and her husband Marc Stachowski, Martha's sister Ann

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From the left, Pennsylvania State Farm Show Director Dennis Grumbine presents the Pennsylvania Livestock Association's Hall of Fame Award to Martha Gallagher, wife of the late James Gallagher, while state Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brosius helps with the presentation. The presentation was made during opening ceremonies for the 1996 Keystone International Livestock Exposition.



Sharing the scissors to cut the ribbon on the new state animal health diagnostic laboratory are state Gov. Tom Ridge, left, and state Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brosius. From the left, Kerry Golden representing Rep. Raymond Bunt, who is majority chairman of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee; Sen. Patrick Stapelton a member of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee; Sen. Roger Madigan, the majority chairman of the Senate ag committee; Rep. Arthur Hershey, majority vice chairman of the House ag committee; Gov. Ridge and Secretary Brosius; Rep. William R. Lloyd Jr., minority chairman; and Sen. Noah Wenger, majority vice chairman of the Senate committee.

State Officials Cut Ribbon For Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — State Gov. Tom Ridge

along with Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brosius on Monday officially opened the state's new \$6.7 million veterinary diagnostic laboratory.

The 32,000-square foot facility is twice the size of its long 65-year-old outdated Summerdale predecessor and places Pennsylvania in position to do export testing requirements inhouse, as well as better protect the health of the state's considerable livestock population, as well as help prevent the spread of disease between animals and humans.

Located adjacent to the state Agriculture Department Building in Harrisburg, the two-story diagnostic laboratory helps to bring the state into compliance with requirements for full accreditation.

The state lost its accreditation in 1989 under the watch of the Gov. Bob Casey administration, although it wasn't the fault of the administration, but rather because of previous years of neglect to

maintain modernization at the Summerdale lab.

That meant that those seeking to have routine testing done to fulfill export requirements, or even some intrastate shipping, had to wait until samples could be shipped to out-of-state laboratories and the results returned. The lengthened turn-around in time created a business disadvantage.

But more importantly, the state was faced with a growing potential for a serious animal and human health disease outbreak.

Because of changes in livestock operations, from numerous small stocks of livestock on farms to concentrated numbers on fewer farms, and the widespread growth in human residential developments adjacent to those high densities of livestock the situation was growing tenuously closer to a real threat of the state being out of position to responsibly deal with a disease outbreak.

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Penn State And Pa. DHIA Host Feed Industry Seminars

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Penn State's Department of Dairy and Animal Science and Pa.DHIA will be hosting the 1996 Dairy Feed Industry Seminar at five locations throughout Pennsylvania.

The seminar is geared for professionals working in agriculture, including feed industry representatives, veterinarians, farm lenders, and extension agents. The program speakers will be Dr. Jud Heinrichs, Dr. James Nocek, Virginia Ishler, and Jim Boyer. The seminar will cover topics that can be applied out in the field. The workshop's agen-

da includes:

- Managing carbohydrate nutrition.
- Amino acid nutrition and its influence on milk protein concentration.
- Using NDF and particle size to evaluate effective fiber.
- MUN update for Pennsylvania herds.
- Downloading data for herd analysis.
- Preventing lameness in dairy herds.
- Farm case study analysis of:

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Harvesting corn for silage is nearly completed across the region. As the corn continues to mature, farmers have made some very good silage during the last several weeks.

Early in the season some silos were filled too early, and the extra juices and weight from the green stalks caused major seepage and several toppled silos.

Now, locally, the ear and shelled corn crop promised to be good, and the markets are also reflecting better yields than were expected in mid-summer with the December futures contract closing below \$3 after reaching almost \$4 back in July.

In the photo, Merle Groff opens up the field at Donald Bare's farm located along Millport Road, Lancaster Co., between Lampeter Road and Strasburg Pike. A photo essay of what the camera saw on the visit with Groff at Bare's farm late Tuesday afternoon will be part of the Corn Talk section to be published in next week's issue. Also look for other special features of farmers, reports on corn management from the experts, and messages from the advertisers. Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.