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State House Honors Dairy Farmers, Dairy Princesses



State Gov. Tom Ridge meets with 1995 and 1996 Pennsylvania dairy princesses, their parents and local representatives on the occasion of being recognized by the state House of Representatives for making Oct. 7 state Honor the Dairy Farmer Day. From the left is Jan Harding, coordinator of the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Promotion Program Inc.; Erie County state Rep. Tom Scrimenti, who sponsored a resolution to create the special day and a citation from the House to honor 1995 state Dairy Princess Rhonda Kleklak;

Richard, Robin and Rhonda Kleklak, Gov. Tom Ridge, 1996 state Dairy Princess Angela Werley, her parents Phillip and Donna Werley, and Berks County state Rep. Sheila Miller.

On the floor of the state House of Representatives, state Rep. Tom Scrimenti presents a state House citation commending 1995 state Dairy Princess Rhonda Kleklak for her work to help promote the state's dairy industry, while Scrimenti also acknowledges the promotion efforts of current state Dairy Princess Angela Werley.

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Rhonda Kleklak, the 1995 state dairy princess was cited and honored Monday by the state House of Representatives for her work in promoting the state's dairy farmers.

Kieklak, of Erie County, and current dairy princess Angela Werley, of Berks County, stood on the floor of the House of Representatives in Harrisburg as Erie County Rep. Tom Scrimenti praised the work of Kieklak and the dairy princesses in promoting the state's dairy industry, the leading sector of the state's largest industry — agriculture.

Kieklak not only was honored as the 1995-96 dairy princess on Monday, but it was Monday, Oct. 7, state Dairy Farmers Appreciation Day — a recognition of dairy farmers that would probably have not been possible without the efforts of Kieklak.

Jan Harding, coordinator of the

Conservation Awards Highlight Conference Banquet

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)

— Conservationists and many persons and organizations who support them were honored at the awards banquet Tuesday night as part of the 49th joint annual conference of the State Conservation Commission and the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts. The Lancaster County Conservation District played host to the conference.

Receiving the outstanding farmer award is Walnut Acres Farm in Snyder County. This award is presented to the farmer who has furthered conservation through the establishment and maintenance of soil, water, and nutrient management practices. Walnut Acres has

been a cooperator with the Snyder County Conservation District since 1959 and is one of the most successful organic farms in the nation. The production from their cropland is marketed through the farm store and processing plant in Penns Creek.

Started 50 years ago, Paul Keene operated on the belief that

using no chemicals and practicing crop rotation will maintain soil fertility and control disease. Today, Walnut Acres not only advocates their soil conservation and organic farming methods, they bring them to life on their 589 acres.

WATERSHED PROTECTION

The Octoraro Watershed Association between Chester, Lancas-

ter, and Cecil Counties received the watershed protection award. This award recognizes and individual or organization that has protected a particular watershed through a coordinated land and water resource appeal.

Over the past 29 years, the Octoraro Watershed Association has promoted better farming prac-

tices through soil and water conservation practices and education to improve the water quality within the watershed. The watershed covers 208 square miles. In the 1980's the Association won designation for the Octoraro Creek as one of the first Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers System. Since 1991 they have

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High Wins Again At KILE Steer Show

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)

— The All-Eastern Junior Beef Breeding and steer shows were held Sunday at the Keystone Inter-

national Livestock Exposition.

Casey High, Lititz, had the grand champion junior market steer with his heavyweight entry that was also champion of the Lancaster County 4-H show earlier this year.

William Hoff, Purcellville, Virginia, had the reserve grand champion with the other first place in the heavyweight divisions.

Justin Conner, Chambersburg, had the champion middleweight, and Shanna Cambuzzi, Darragh, had the reserve champion.

Jason Mickle, Alum Bank, had the champion lightweight, and Hope Long, Quarryville, had the reserve champion.

In the Angus breeding show, Diana Covell, Frederick, Maryland, had the grand champion with her late summer yearling. And Kyle Penick, Hebron, Ohio, had the reserve grand champion.

In the Limousin show, Ladonna Miller, Bedford, had the grand champion with the first place early spring yearling, and Tammy Jo Feather, Bruceton Mills, West Virginia, had the reserve grand champion with the second place



Casey High shows the grand champion steer with Tom Turner, judge and Roxanne Kirst, Pennsylvania Cattle-men's Queen.

Corn Talk

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association (PMCGA) board of directors unanimously approved a resolution requesting that Charles Brosius, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture, appoint a committee to study the feasibility of a state corn promotion program.

As a result, Brosius appointed a committee of 22 state farmers this week to investigate the development of a producer-funded program to promote Pennsylvania's corn production.

Under the state Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act of 1968, a group of interested citizens may petition the ag secretary to consider a proposed program to promote and/or fund research for specific commodities.

Similar marketing and research programs exist for apples, dairy, peaches and nectarines, potatoes, and other commodities.

For more corn news, in this issue, *Lancaster Farming* publishes PMCGA's *Corn Talk*, a special section dedicated to the corn grower. Corn talk is published three times per year. Included in this section are reports on the corn production year in Pennsylvania, the uses of narrow-row corn, controlling burcucumber in corn, on-farm interviews, research information, and advertising messages.

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