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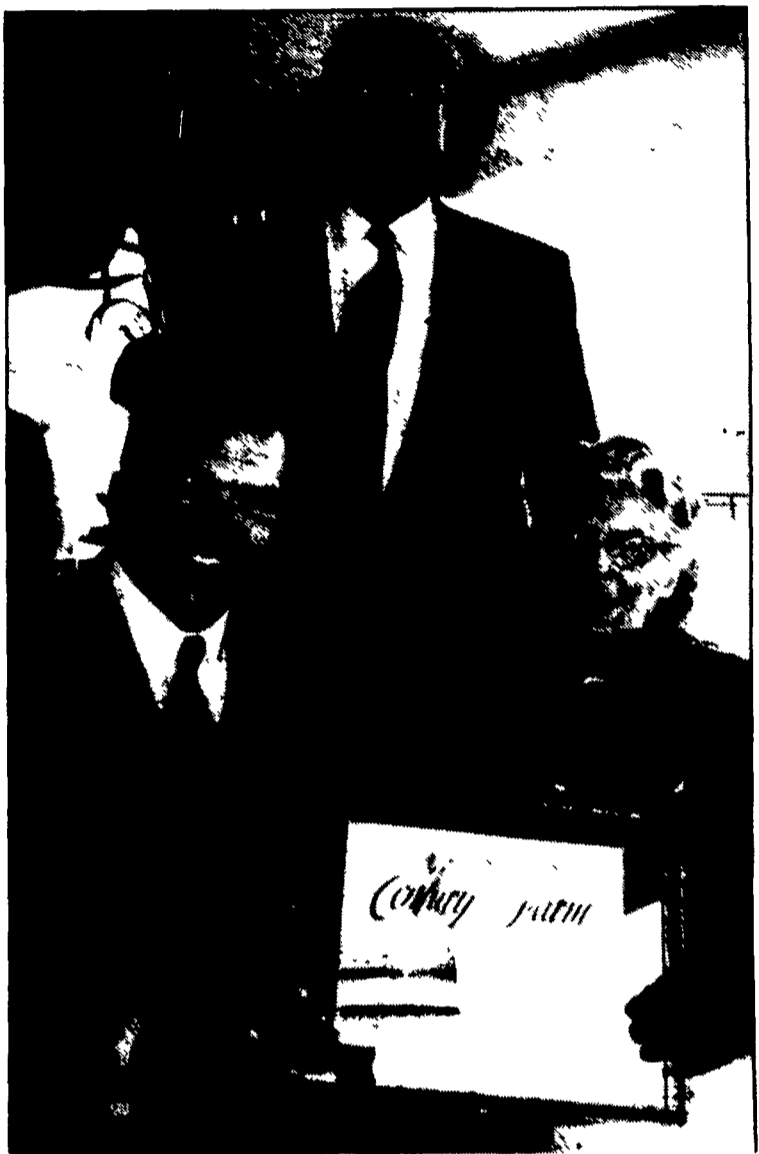
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Gov. Tom Ridge, left, presents a Century Farm certificate to Jane Gordon Fletcher, 95, matriarch at Willisbrook Farm, with Charles Brosius, state ag secretary. Gov. Ridge pays tribute to farmers in the story on Page A20.



Some of the members of the Hushon family prepare to leave for Louisville, Kentucky, to get a head start on competition in the Southeastern National Brown Swiss Show, while the rest of the family is slated to follow later. From the left is Dan and Jacob, Joseph holding a calf, Patti, and Joshua, holding the halter of Old Mill Jetway Fancy, one of their show helpers not headed for the southern-states competition.

Hushons Take Brown Swiss To Louisville

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DELTA (York Co.) — Six years ago, virtually no one involved in breeding Brown Swiss dairy cattle had ever heard of Dan and Patti Hushon and family in Delta.

Dan and Patti had registered Holsteins and Dan had a year's employment under his belt as an artificial insemination technician for what has since become the Genex artificial insemination cooperative.
But a lot has changed in six

years.
Now the name of the Hushons and their small showstring herd of Brown Swiss cattle are well known in Pennsylvania and are getting to be known nationally.
Some members of the family
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The warm, early fall-like weather the beginning of this week gave farmers a chance to work on season-end fieldwork. The Pennsylvania Crop and Weather Roundup reported a few farmers were taking a fifth cutting of hay. Also, the corn harvest was in full swing, and soybeans and potatoes were also going in the barn. Hauling manure and seeding barley and wheat were also among the tasks reported by the farmers who supply this information. The corn crop continues to be reported as mostly good to excellent. There were a few reports of corn blown down from high winds. But these same winds helped to dry the corn and improve harvest conditions. The soybean harvest was reported two weeks behind normal. In the U.S. as of late last month, widespread rains over the western corn belt slowed the row-crop harvest. An early fall snowstorm left fields too wet

for harvest in the central Great Plains and Mountain states. Grain moisture levels remain high in some late-maturing row-crop fields in the central Great Plains, where above-freezing temperatures left some plants in need of a hard frost to halt plant growth and aid drying. In the futures markets, nearby contracts in soybeans, meal, corn, and wheat were playing around their contract lows. December cattle were in the mid-range of the contract and hogs were stretching up toward the top quarter of the contract range. In the photo, an Amish farmer west of Litz chops cornstalks in the field to prepare to harvest winter forage and bedding.
Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.