

# Lancaster Farming

## Water Quality Tour Looks At Four Berks County Farms

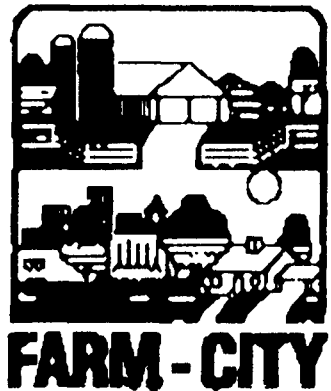
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NORTHWESTERN BERKS CO.  
— Sound conservation practices can't be put into place overnight. They are found on cooperater farms that make long-term commitments.

Some of the finest programs used on farms were illustrated all day Wednesday to about 30 who participated in a multi-farm water quality tour conducted in the northwest tier of Berks County.

Farmers, extension agents, agri-industry representatives, educators, and students were on hand to see various technologically sound ground- and water-saving techniques on farms in Womelsdorf, Mt. Aetna, and Bethel.

What they discovered, according to Mena Hautau, Berks County extension agent, is how well the practices "illustrate the commitment over time," she said. "These things don't happen overnight." According to producers on the tour, the investments are worth it because they save soil, improve the quality of water, and boost the quality of life for farmers and non-farmers.

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## Farm-City Events Create Forum For Friendships

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — With the signing of a proclamation, state Gov. Tom Ridge has officially signalled Pennsylvania's observance of national Farm-City Week as Nov. 22-28.

Of course, farm-city events occur throughout the year, not just during the annual week of observation, which always ends on Thanksgiving Day.

Some counties hold their events during the summer, while others schedule events closer to, but not during the official Farm-City Week.

Berks County held its Farm-City banquet two weeks ago. Lebanon County has its event scheduled for Dec. 11 at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds Exposition building.

Lancaster County is to conduct



Martha Rhoads of Emlenton, Clarion County, is the first woman to receive Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's Distinguished Service To Agriculture Award. Martha and her husband Richard were at the annual meeting banquet Tuesday evening to receive the award. Photo by Everrett Newswanger, managing editor.

## Deadlines Change For Thanksgiving

The Lancaster Farming office will be closed Thursday, November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving Day. News and advertising deadlines for this week are as follows:

• Public Sale Ads - Noon

Mon., 11/25.

• General News - Noon  
Wed., 11/27.

• Classified Section C  
Ads - 5 p.m., Tue., 11/26.

• All Other Classified  
Ads - 9 a.m. Wed., 11/27.

## ADC Considers Expanding Alliance With Land O'Lakes

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## Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Reverses PMMB Policy, Honors Achievements

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HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Farm Bureau held its 46th annual meeting and convention this week at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey.

In addition to offering seminars on topics ranging from retirement planning to promotion strategies, the Farm Bureau presented awards to outstanding members and its 170 voting delegates set policy.

The PFB offers members services such as insurance, business management consulting and retirement and estate planning. However, the strength of the organization is its clout with setting agricultural

policy.

All during the convention delegates debated a wide range of issues until taking a final vote on policy on Thursday.

Among new policy set, of interest to dairy producers is the reversal of the PFB's policy with regard to the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board's authority to set minimum retail prices.

Last year, PFB member-delegates had voted to adopt a policy calling for the elimination of the PMMB's authority to set minimum milk prices.

More recently, during a hearing held in Lower Merion Township on a legislative proposal to eliminate the PMMB's authority, those opposed to the PMMB cited the

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## Farmers Union Inducts Two Into Hall Of Fame

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania Farmers Union honored two longtime members at its 25th annual convention held at the Holiday Inn in Harrisburg.

Jack Rynd of Crawford County and Albert Bentz of York County were inducted into the Hall of Fame.

"I am honored to present these two men with this award," said Pennsylvania Farmers Union President Bob Junk. "Jack and Albert truly are the foundation of our organization and the backbone of rural Pennsylvania."

The PFU Hall of Fame was

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Outstanding Young Cooperators Kenneth and Denise Sanner of Kutztown represent the Atlantic Dairy Cooperative. The Sanners will attend the National Milk Producers Federation annual meeting held in California on Dec. 1-5.