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## New-Direction's Cameo Cow Wins Grand At Spring Show

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — An aged cow owned by New Direction Holsteins in Middletown was named senior and grand champion of the 44th Pennsylvania Holstein State Spring Show March 28 at the State Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

Judge for the show was Callum McKinven, of Melbourne, Quebec.

Owned and bred by Dr. Alan McCauley, who owns New-Direction Holsteins along with wife Sandy and son Tom McCauley, New-Direction Jet Cameo has been showing well for them for several years at different sanctioned events.

The best bred and owned animal of the open division show, born May 6, 1989, the Bridon Astro Jet daughter had been entered in the 125,000-pound milk production class, but was moved to the aged cow class where she edged out the 1997 state Farm Show Supreme Champion Cow Walnut Hill Logic

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From the left, with the open division champions of the 44th Pa. Holstein Association Spring Show are state Alternative Dairy Princess Lisa Fitch; reserve grand champion co-owners Paul Neer and Dianne Glock; Heather Morrell who stands with her father Robert Morrell who holds the

halter of the reserve grand champion; Tom McCauley at the halter of the grand champion and best bred and owned of the open division; show judge Callum McKinven; Sandy McCauley and Alan McCauley; state Dairy Princess Angela Werley; and Mylin Good.

## Dairy Conference Looks At Past, Future

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PHILADELPHIA - The Northeast Dairy Conference held downtown in the big city commenced with some reminiscing and a look forward to the challenges in the future of the dairy industry.

Ivo V. Oto, Jr., the former president of Atlantic Dairy Cooperative, and now a director of Land O' Lakes (the merger of the two cooperatives became effective Tuesday) opened the program with a look back.

"About 80 years ago and three blocks from where I am now standing, a group of dairy farmers met to

discuss the milk marketing situation of their time," Oto said. "They concluded that production of milk, in and of itself, would not guarantee them a livelihood. Milk marketing and higher prices meant that the farmer had to travel past the farm

gate and follow the milk to market. Those farmers formed Inter-State Milk Producers' Association, that later joined Lehigh Valley Dairies to become the Atlantic Dairy Cooperative.

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## Water, Rocks, Bottles Pose Berks Conservation Farm Challenges

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— What are some of the problems that concern a conservation farmer?

A list could include handling excessive water on the

farm... limestone rocks in the fields that can wreak havoc on equipment... cans and bottles thrown haphazardly in a waterway that could be chopped up and eaten by cows along with the forage...

Those are some of the challenges faced by dairyman Roland

Feeg in Womelsdorf. On Wednesday this week, Feeg, who will be honored Monday night as Berks County Conservation Farmer of the Year, spoke to *Lancaster Farming* about the challenges he and other farmers face in the '90s.

"I'm not really worthy of this honor," Feeg indicated. "There are lot of other people involved.

I'm not a fellow who wants publicity. I just did what needed to be done."

Before speaking about the benefits of conservation, Feeg pointed out that others need to be recognized for putting extensive conservation renovations in place on the farm.

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## Sen. Specter Calls For Milk Production Price

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MIDDLETOWN (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania's U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter on Tuesday announced that he is urging U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman to establish a minimum milk price to farmers that provides for the cost of production.

The announcement was made at the Catalpa Dairy Farm owned by Ray and Dale Kennedy, in lower Dauphin County near the border with Lancaster County, during a last-minute public news conference organized by Specter's staff.

Though not talking in specifics, Specter told the group gathered in the cow barn (because of strong winds and cold temperatures) that he has requested that Secretary

Glickman use his emergency authority to raise the basic price of milk to farmers.

The milk pricing problem has been ongoing.

While cow feed prices skyrocketed last year, driving up prices to dairy farmers and driving down cull cow prices (flooding the beef market), the price of milk had been up to near record levels also, though the increase in milk price lagged by weeks compared to feed prices paid by farmers.

Then, last fall, milk prices plummeted — almost \$4 — primarily because the price of cheese at the National Cheese Exchange in Green Bay, Wisconsin, dropped significantly.

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U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, on the right, talks with the owners of Catalpa Farm in Middletown, the site of his public announcement about dairy pricing. From the left is Ray and Dale Kennedy and their mother, Mrs. Kennedy.