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## Farm And Home Foundation Recognizes Scholarship Winners and Charter Board Member

**LOU ANN GOOD**  
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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)  
— As a charter board member of the Farm and Home Center for 36 years, Lawrence H. Skromme has overseen the building of the multi-purpose facility, located at 1383 Arcadia Road, and helped it become the hub of city-county activity.

Skromme received a recogni-

tion award on Tuesday night when board members met.

"As an engineer, Skromme's guidance and expertise throughout the years in building construction has been invaluable, and his fundraising for the Farm and Home Center is outstanding," said Max Smith, former county extension agent.

Many achievements mark

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### Mid-Am To Acquire Borden

COLUMBUS, Ohio and SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Borden Inc. and Mid-America Dairymen Inc. (Mid-Am) on Thursday announced a definitive agreement for Mid-Am to acquire the Borden/Meadow Gold Dairies Inc. unit.

Borden/Meadow Gold Dairies recorded sales of more than \$900 million in 1996. Headquartered in

Ogden, Utah, it operates 27 processing facilities in 11 states, predominantly west of the Mississippi River, and employs 3,600. The company produces a full line of dairy products, including fluid milk, ice cream, other frozen novelties, yogurt, cottage cheese and juice, and markets them under

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### June 7 Is Dairy Issue Lancaster Farming Office Closed Monday

June is when special tribute is paid to the dairy industry. *Lancaster Farming's* annual June Dairy Month issue is scheduled to be published on the first Saturday of the Month, June 7. We are again working to bring the dairy story to you in a special way through visits with farm families, DHIA reports, farm management reports, dairy recipes, and messages from our advertisers.

Our office will be closed Monday, May 26, to observe Memorial Day, but will open again for business at 8 a.m. Tuesday. If you have a news story or an advertising message to be placed in this special June Dairy Month issue, please contact our office, any day, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Our phone numbers are (717) 394-3047 or (717) 626-1164. Our fax is (717) 733-6058.



Eight Lancaster County high school students receive \$1,400 scholarships to pursue agriculture- and nutrition-related studies. Front from left are Jason Fleeger, Megan Pepple, and Emmalea Garver. Back from left are David Lehman, Darren Martin, Jonathan Hess, and Seth Gehman. Todd Huber was unavailable for the picture.

## Two New Flocks Identified With Avian Influenza



Late Friday afternoon last week the ag department, at the request of the Industry, issued a premise quarantine on two farms and an area quarantine in Lancaster County. The quarantine encompasses 80 flocks in an area measuring 70-80 square miles, according to Dr. Sherbyn Ostrich, acting director of the bureau of animal health and diagnostic services and state veterinarian, far right, at the press conference Tuesday. From left, John Martin, chair of the Poultry Health Committee of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation; John Hoffman, executive director of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation; Walter N. Peechatka, executive deputy agriculture secretary; and Ostrich.

**ANDY ANDREWS**  
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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Two new layer flocks have been identified with the avian influenza (A.I.) virus, according to information gathered before the start of a teleconference Friday morning with poultry experts across the country at the Farm and Home Center. That brings the number of flocks with A.I. to four in a quarantine set up in the northern part of the county late last week.

In a telephone conversation Friday morning with Dr. Sherbyn Ostrich, acting director of the bureau of animal health and diagnostic services and state veterinarian, the two new cases include a layer flock with 200,000 birds southeast of where, earlier, A.I. was identified on two other farms. The second, located southwest of the earlier two, is also a layer operation with 150,000 birds.

Late last week the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture placed

an area quarantine in a five-mile radius encompassing poultry farms in Rapho, Penn, West Hempfield, and East Hempfield townships of Lancaster County to control the spread of the non-pathogenic avian influenza virus. The virus was found on two farms in the "heart" of Lancaster's poultry industry.

On May 7, a farm with three flocks totalling 154,000 hens in the Manheim-Mount Joy area was depopulated after it tested positive for the H7N2 or nonpathogenic form of A.I. The work to quickly test flocks within a five-mile radius of that farm was reported in the May 10 issue of *Lancaster Farming*.

Last week, testing by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services turned up another, smaller flock that was depopulated and buried on site on Monday this week. The flock contains 12,000 birds and was close to

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