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## Zahnbach Farms Prepares For Next Generation

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**HOST (Berks Co.)** — Robert and Jane Sattazahn have lots of memories of what it is like to be an involved, modern dairy farm family.

A photograph taken in 1973 shows the young couple with their daughter and three sons — an attractive, well-dressed, and groomed family.

The photograph could have been used to illustrate any model family receiving any civic honor. The Sattazahns were the 1973 Berks County farm family, an honor jointly sponsored by the Reading Fair and Grange.

Robert said that night his family was honored, he got to see singer/entertainer Pat Boone. He said he believes Pat was wearing his trademark white shoes.

As the honored farm family, the Sattazahns were treated to a day as guests of the Reading Fair. This was at a time when the fairground was big and there were stands and families and people from all

around.

The Sattazahns were driven around in a golf cart and got to ride on the midway rides free. Toward late afternoon, one of the fair

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### Office Closed July 4

We celebrate the nation's birthday Friday, July 4, when *Lancaster Farming's* offices will be closed. They will reopen on Monday, July 7, at 8 a.m. Deadlines for the holiday week are as follows:

- Public Sale ads — 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 1.
- Classified, Section D — 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 1.
- Classified, Section C, FE & FE Wanted — 9 a.m., Wednesday, July 2.
- General News — Noon, Wednesday, July 2.
- Mailbox Markets — 9 a.m., Monday, June 30.



Robert and Jane Sattazahn, owners of Zahnbach Farms, stand with the portable ice cream and milkshake stand that the Berks County Dairy Farmers Association has used for years to raise money for the county dairy princess pageant. Regulations and time have made the stand obsolete, and it isn't economical to retrofit the stand. The fate of the stand is symbolic of what is happening to some dairy farms in this era of rapid change.

## Tobacco Blue Mold Found In Pennsylvania

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**LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)** — Tobacco blue mold has been confirmed on field plants and in seedbeds in Lancaster and Lebanon Counties. The blue mold was brought into the area on transplants from North Carolina. The

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Inspection Service and Penn State personnel found blue mold on the tobacco of every farm visited where the North Carolina plants had been transplanted. On two farms, the blue mold had already spread to tobacco seedbeds that were on the same farm.

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## Hayes Wants To Make PDA Blue Ribbon Agency

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**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — The new acting Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Samuel Hayes, Jr., told agriculture leaders Monday that he wants to make the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture a "blue ribbon" agency. "Other color ribbons are OK but not quite good enough," Hayes said. "I want the Department of Agriculture to be as good as the industry it serves. Pennsylvania agriculture is number one, and I would hope that PDA is the number one agency in state government. This is easier said than done, but that's my goal and task."

Hayes spoke at the regular meeting of the Pennsylvania Council of Farm Organizations held in the capitol. Gov. Tom Ridge, named Hayes acting secretary to succeed Charles Brosius who was asked to resign at the end of May with no reason given other than the administration wanted to take the

department in a new direction.

While this is not a normal transition, Hayes said he was prepared to grapple with the new mix of problems because Gov. Ridge without

question expressed solid support for agriculture, and the legislature offered to be as cooperative as they can be in order to support our num-

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## Gov. Ridge To Authorize \$5 Million For Avian Influenza

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**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — State Gov. Tom Ridge is expected to sign legislation that would authorize the state Department of Agriculture to spend \$5 million to fight avian influenza.

In the meantime, no new flocks have been discovered to have tested positive for the contagious virus in or out of the quarantine area in Lancaster County.

The quarantine is in effect to prevent the spread of the disease from flock to flock. The Pennsylvania State Police have been monitoring traffic in and out of the quarantined area.

Unanimously approved by the Senate and House, a general appropriations bill previously passed by the Legislature was being amended in the Legislature when the Gov. Ridge Administration requested the Legislature to provide authorization to spend \$5 million to fight the disease.

The Senate and House both signed off on the legislation Wednesday night (the House worked through until about 5 a.m. Thursday before calling it quits for the summer) and it went to the governor's office for his signature.

The general appropriations bill would authorize spending in the

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Earl Fink, president, Pennsylvania Council of Farm Organizations, left, and Samuel Hayes Jr., acting secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Hayes spoke at the council meeting Monday.