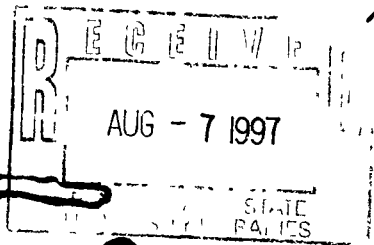


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This sign marks the home of Pennsylvania's State Dairy Princess Angela Werley. Her reign has changed not only her life but also that of her parents, Phillip and Donna Werley, and siblings, from left, Pam, Melissa, and Matt. To read about the Werley family, turn to page B2. Photo by Lou Ann Good.

Maryland Gov. Glendening Visits Ag Showcase Day

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FAIR HILL, Md. - Maryland's Gov. Parris Glendening made a surprise visit to the Ag Showcase Day at the Cecil County Fair Tuesday and told farmers that while he was making other stops in the county, the Ag Day stop was the most important because of the impact agriculture has on the state's economy. It was the first time a governor had visited the fair, as far as local farmers and officials could remember.

"Agriculture is most important in terms of the economy and what this means to our lifestyle," Glendening said. "This is our future, and it is the reason that working with the legislature, we got our Smart Growth program through and along with the Rural Legacy program, we will have \$90 million over the next five years to purchase development rights so farmers can keep their investment in the land."

In response to a question posed by one Maryland farmer to this reporter earlier in the week, Glendening said he was aware of the local cluster zoning issue that has recently become controversial in

Maryland. Cluster zoning allows more intensive development than one house per five acres. The idea is to contain the development in a smaller part of the developed property while a majority of the land remains open space.

But in the case of this farmer, who has sold the development rights to his farm, the proposed development of the adjoining farm will put the cluster of homes right beside his preserved farm, thus negating the real purpose of preserving the farm. In a discussion over lunch, Glendening said the new Smart (spot) Growth program will limit state funding for infrastructures to these projects such as building roads, sewers, and sidewalks and should help in these situations in the future.

The governor also announced that he planned to sign a letter to President Clinton and Ag Secretary Glickman Wednesday, to have Maryland declared a drought disaster area.

"This is an interesting challenge," Glendening said. "In some areas the crops are fairly good

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Electric Deregulation Perspectives

(This is the first part of a two-part series about the deregulation of the sale of electric power in Pennsylvania.)

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania's plan for the deregulation of electrical power generation is a move that apparently had to be done, but how it

plays out, and what it means to the agricultural and rural consumer is far from clear.

An informal roundtable discussion was held last week in Harrisburg in the Capitol Building to provide a forum to specifically address concerns of the agricultural, rural and agribusiness community in Pennsylvania.

The meeting, held as a variation

of a public hearing of the Senate Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee, was requested and co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Grange, whose members perhaps face the largest uncertainties and potential cost increases and loss of service.

A number of other groups and organizations attended: the chair-

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Ag Horizons Educates Educators

LOU ANN GOOD

Lancaster Farming Staff
HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Information has doubled in the last eight years. To keep up with the new information and to sort out what's important is no easy task.

On Tuesday, Ag Horizons held its eighth annual conference to educate educators. The all-day seminar held at Harrisburg Area

Community College focused on frontline issues facing Southeastern Pennsylvania and the expanding agricultural horizons.

Teachers, ag advisers, and extension leaders were some of the participants who heard about new technologies used to create new food items, about biotechnology to improve plants and animals, and about the vast network of compu-

ter information.

Dr. Roland Leach Jr., professor of poultry science of Penn State, shared his fascination with skeletal research in poultry and swine and how the findings are being translated into human studies.

"Biotechnology is defined as any technology that uses living organisms or processes to make or modify products, to improve plants or animals, or to develop microorganisms for specific use," Leach said.

While many people think of biotechnology as a new science, Leach said the concept dates back

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New Holland Flock Has A.I. Vaccine Can't Be Used

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)

— A flock of 60,000 pullets that was granted official approval to move out of the quarantine area to New Holland was announced as having avian influenza (A.I.) this week.

The flock met the test requirements for movement from the northern Lancaster County quarantine area to New Holland, in the eastern part of the county, but somehow may have already harbored the virus, according to Dr. Phil Debok, chief of the animal health division of the Pennsylvania

Bureau of Animal Health.

Also, according to Debok, the A.I. vaccine was that was

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Ag Progress Issue Next Week

Next week, *Lancaster Farming's* August 9 issue will pay special tribute to Ag Progress Days with field maps, schedules of events, new areas of interest, and messages from our advertisers. This event is Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences' showcase for research, education, and new technology in agriculture. More than 300 commercial exhibitors will also display their equipment and services to the public. You will want to make plans to meet with your fellow farmers at this large agriculture event at the Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center at Rock Springs, August 12 to 14.



Maryland's Gov. Parris Glendening visited the Ag Showcase Day at the Cecil County Fair, Tuesday, and is shown here checking out the farm equipment.