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These county dairy princesses from across Pennsylvania will be vying for the state crown tonight at the 41st Annual Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Banquet and Coronation held in Harrisburg. Front row, from left are Melissa Wertz, Chester; Laura Mayer, Adams; Ellen Norman, Tioga; Julie McConnell, Beaver-Lawrence; Angela Werley, PA Dairy Princess; Amanda Daugherty, York; Carolyn Sauder, Perry; Lynelce Chamberlain, Bedford; and Melanie Harris, Lycoming. Second row from left are Kelly Clark, Mercer; Erica Ann Reese, Centre; Carrie Ann Way, Clearfield; Marlene

Smith, Mifflin; Jessica Lynch, Somerset; Melinda Bommgardner, Lebanon; Jaime Luch, Wyoming-Lackawanna; Eileen Murphy, Bradford; Nichole Meabon, Erie; Kristen Heberling, Cumberland; Deborah Callen, Warren; Tammy Trimble, Indiana; and Jodi Musser, SUN. Third row, from left are Kristina Pardoe, Sullivan; Charlene Mowrey, Jefferson; Judith Geissinger, Juniata; Elizabeth Smith, Lancaster; Mary Varner, Franklin; Erica Davis, Berks; Melissa Moll, Schuylkill; Amber Lemlin, Huntingdon; and Heather Riley, Crawford.

34th PAADS Is East's Dairy Gale

VERNON ACHENBACH JR., Lancaster Farming Staff HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Organizers of the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show (PAADS) are expecting a record turnout for the week-long show, Sept. 22-25 at the state Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

More than 1,200 are entered in the four national and one state dairy cattle breed shows during the week, and there are 1,140 entries for the Pennsylvania Youth Dairy Show, set for Monday.

The youth show is believed to be one of the largest.

PAADS officially opens on Monday to a week of top quality dairy shows, two cattle sales, a week-long craft show, 67 commercial exhibitors, an expanded food court with milkshakes, ice cream and hot sandwiches, and special educational programs and presentations.

However, related events begin today with the state dairy princess pageant at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Harrisburg-East.

A full schedule of youth-oriented activities is planned for tomorrow, Sunday, Sept. 21.

On Sunday, a first-ever youth showmanship contest has been scheduled. It is open to any youth aged 8 to 21, and is open to contestants who wish to walk-in and

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Snider Receives All-American Image Award

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Obie Snider, owner of Singing Brook Farm, Imler, a long-time friend and avid supporter of the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show, has been selected to receive the 1997 Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show Image Award.

The award, to be presented at the All-American buffet on Sept. 24, will recognize Snider's efforts

to improve the image of the show.

A part of the All-American since its inception in 1964, his leadership has helped the show become one of the premier dairy cattle shows. Elected president of the Pennsylvania Dairy and Allied Industry Association in 1971, he is serving his 26th term leading the Association, which sponsors the show.

Snider will receive a specially

crafted stained glass hanging mirror, inscribed with the words "Awarded to an individual who has enhanced the image of Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show by significant contributions toward its reputation, prestige, and welfare."

Snider is the sixth recipient of the Image Award. Previous winners include John Walker, Pittsburgh; Lee Yost, deceased; Ste-

phen Spencer, State College; John L. Morris, Frederick, Md.; and Larry Specht, State College.

A 1950 graduate of Penn State, Snider has served both the univer-

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Mummerts Host Farm-City Festival

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EAST BERLIN (Adams Co.) — Did you ever wonder how that milk got to the refrigerator case in your supermarket?

Who are the people who milk the cows and feed them? What must they do to keep their herd healthy and producing the milk from which they earn their living?

These are some of the questions that will be answered during Adams County's annual Farm-City Festival and Farm Open House, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at Yellow Buttercup Farm, owned by Larry and Yvonne Mummert and family. The farm is at 1509 Route 194 north near East Berlin. The public is invited.

On the farm the Mummert family purchased in 1974, they care for 450 registered Holstein cows. A landmark on the farm is the large brick-end barn that is centrally located on the property. It was built in 1817 by Jacob and Sara Baker and has been photographed for books such as "The Barn" by E. Arthur and D. Witney.

A tour of the farm will reveal to the visitor that the cows are milked in a "double-8" style parlor with automatic take-off milkers. This means that 16 cows can be milked at one time, according to Yvonne Mummert. The 175-head herd produces an average of about 21,000 pounds of milk.

Approximately 550 acres of land is planted in corn and alfalfa

to feed the cows, she said. And an additional 35 acres are planted in fruits and vegetables such as asparagus, tomatoes, strawberries, sweet corn, and pumpkins, which are sold at the Buttercup Farm Market, just down the road from the farm, and purchased by Mummerts in July 1995.

Daughter Lela Mummert, who helps her mother operate the farm market, enjoys telling the story of how the business came into existence.

She said her great-grandmother Martha Snyder, who is still active in the family business, and Mummerts' youngest son Ladd Mummert, now a student at Penn State's York Campus, began selling sweet

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In a field to the rear of Buttercup Farm Market along Rt. 194 near East Berlin, Yvonne Mummert checks flowers that will be used in dry arrangements. The Mummert farm is scheduled to be featured today at the Adams County Farm-City Day.