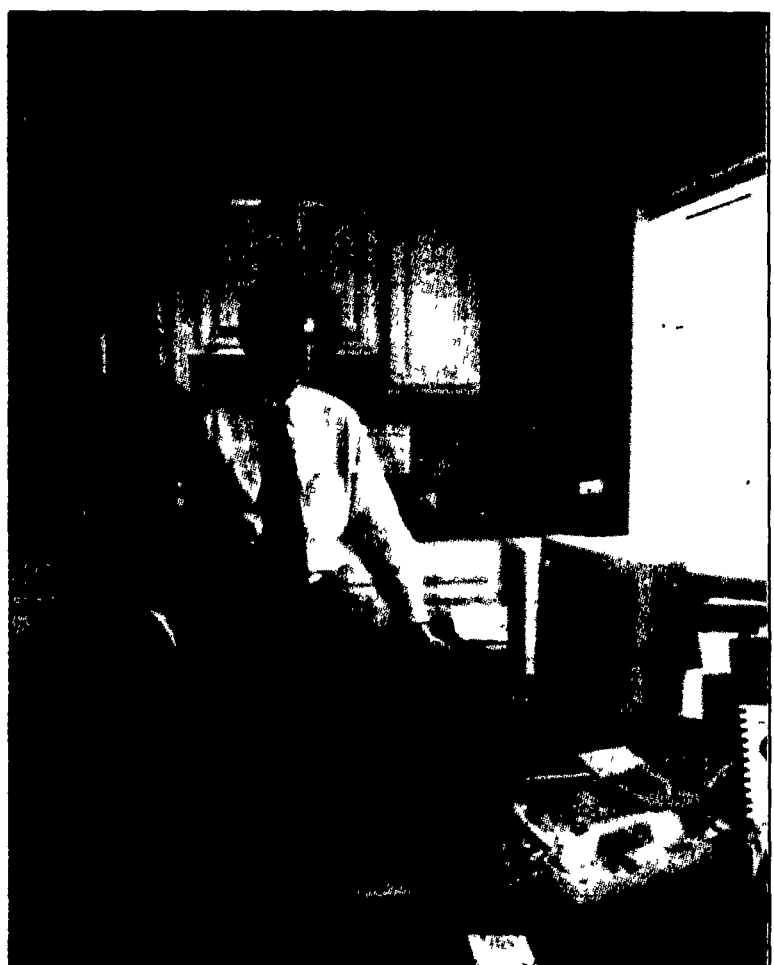


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Mike Brubaker, seated, discusses the computerized farming operation with Dr. Robert Steele, new dean of Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences.

Dean Steele Tours In Lancaster, Cumberland Counties

EVERETT NEWSWANGER
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MOUNT JOY (Lancaster Co.) — In an effort to continue the welcome of Dr. Robert Steele, the new dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, the Penn State Agricultural Council arranged an orientation tour of farms and agribusinesses in Lancaster and Cumberland Counties.

Starting Wednesday morning, Dr. Steele visited the 800-acre dairy, broiler, and hog farms of Luke Brubaker and sons Mike and Tony, located near Mount Joy. The Brubakers have used the resources

available from Penn State to develop economies of scale in their dairy operation that has gone from 200 cows milked on two farms to the present 450 cows milked at a central location. The new facilities feature a modern milking parlor, free-stall housing, and an alley-scrape gravity system with a one million gallon manure tank that provides four to five months storage.

Employee comfort is addressed in the milking parlor with ground-level walk-in for the operators.

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Ag Secretary Approves First Nutrient Plan

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Lancaster Farming Staff

LEOLA (Lancaster Co.) — Pennsylvania is now officially the nation's leader in nutrient management.

On Thursday on a 445-acre beef finishing and pleasure horse boarding farm near Leola, state Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes Jr. signed and authorized the state's first official nutrient management plan.

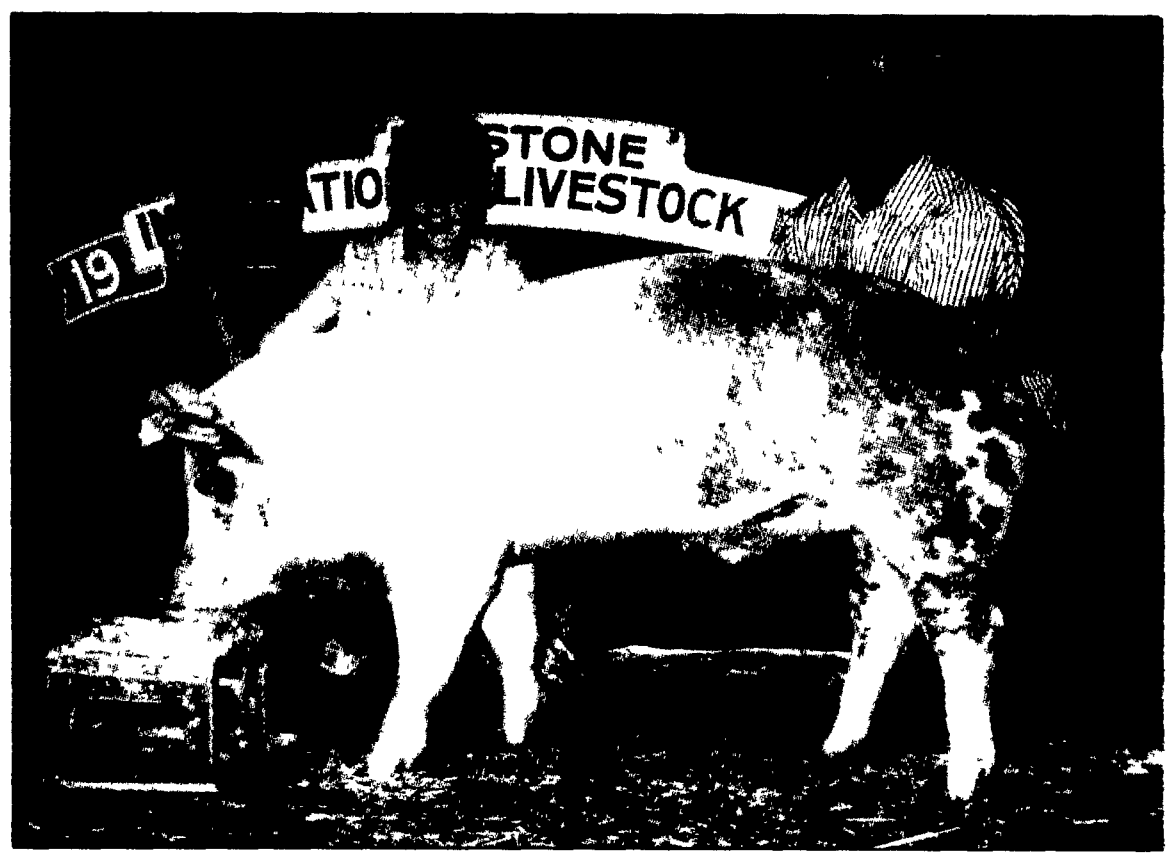
During the public event at Greystone Manor Farms, located along

Rt.272, Ag Secretary Hayes signed the nutrient management plan on behalf of the state Conservation Commission, of which Hayes is chairman.

The event is significant because it marks the culmination of more than a decade of effort by many people to establish and implement a state-wide nutrient management law.

While the state's nutrient management law went into effect in 1993, the regulations took some

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KILE Draws 4,000 Head Of Livestock

As the 41st Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) ended its six-day run on Monday, 4,000 head of livestock had passed under the careful eye of the judges. Many exhibitors captured a substantial share of the \$130,000 in premiums. In the hog barrow show one family from Ephrata did well. Sarah Boyd (in the photo with Judge Merrill Smith), shows the junior show over-all barrow grand champion. Sarah's Uncle Rick Strauss showed the open show overall barrow grand champion, and her brother Gerald showed the grand champion crossbred junior barrow. Sarah and Gerald are children of Deb and Kerry Boyd. More hog show results can be found starting on page A26. And extensive coverage of other KILE events will be found throughout this issue and will be continued next week.



Corn Talk Section This Week

The Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association have their regularly scheduled news letter as a section in this issue of *Lancaster Farming*. This newsletter is published three times per year and includes an interview with Chris Kimmel, the new association president. In addition, you will find the latest in research information, news of upcoming events related to corn growers and messages from our advertisers. The lead-in photo above, is a corn harvesting scene in Lancaster County and was taken on the John S. Nolt farm north of New Holland. Clarence Hoover is running the harvester to fill silos. Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.