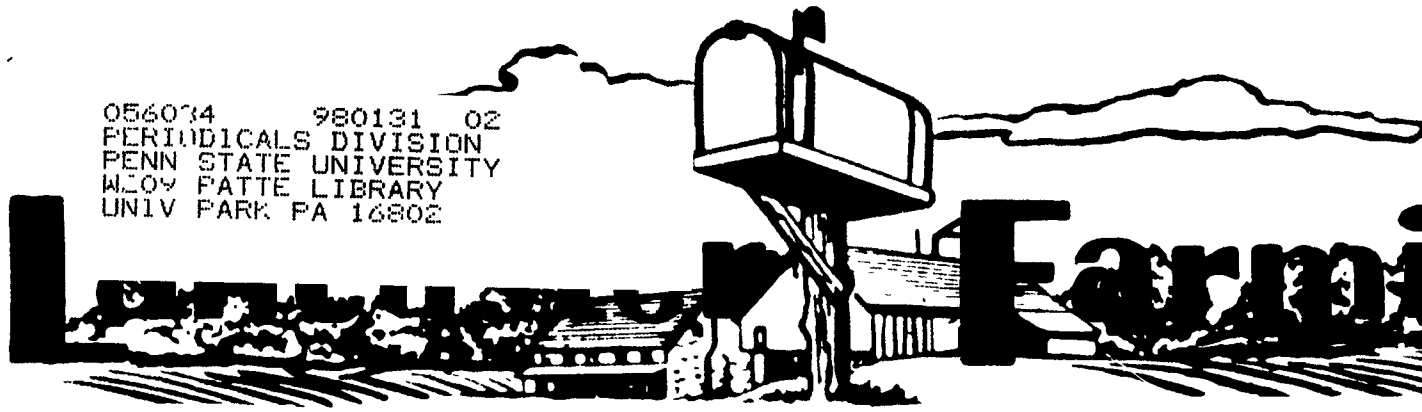
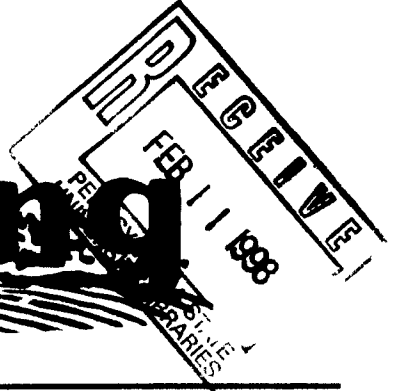


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Adams Beef Farmer Has Nutrient Restraints And Management Plans

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— A young Adams County cattleman, his herd and land miles from the Chesapeake Bay, is making every effort to keep contamination from his farm out of the bay and its tributaries by using government-sponsored programs.

Mike and Josie Riser, owners of three acres of land off Tall Oaks Road east of Gettysburg in Adams County, are raising 140

steers in a recently built barn, along with numerous calves.

Mike said, "When we bought it, it originally had a two-story

bank barn on it which was in real bad shape, but that's where we originally started out with the steers...and it was to the

point that we had to do something if we were going to raise steers. Then we ended up building a new barn."

He notes that it would've been nice to restore the bank barn but the cost was too high.

It was after the "new barn" was built that the young couple got involved in the Chesapeake Bay Program and were helped with 80 percent government grant for a concrete pad at the side of the structure to help with water run-off.

Vincent McCollum, Nutrient Management Specialist for Adams and Cumberland counties from the Cumberland Conservation District, pointed to a "picket fence" at the end of the concrete slab and explained that the small openings between the wooden pickets allow the rain water to trickle slowly, and be absorbed into the crop field, McCollum said.

Now, Mike said, he is getting involved in another cost share program—the Pennsylvania Nutrient Management Act Under the Act of 1993, livestock and poultry operations with greater than "2 Animal

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Mike Riser checks the flotation device in his steers' water trough. Riser is raising 140 steers on three acres of land and has developed nutrient restraints on his feedlot as well as a nutrient management plan for his farm.

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Turn Out For Cattle Feeder's Day

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)**
— Beef producers and retail store managers should share one common goal, according to a merchandising manager for a large supermarket chain:

Provide a satisfactory eating experience.

However, unlike the poultry industry, which delivers a consistent, satisfactory product from store to store, consumers can walk into a supermarket, purchase five different New York strip steaks, and "some will be terrible, some good, and some will be excellent," said Al Kober, merchandising manager for meat and seafood at Clemens Markets.

Kober spoke to about 125 beef producers and agri-industry representatives Tuesday at the Penn State-sponsored Cattle Feeder's Day at the Farm and Home Center.

That "unsatisfactory eating experience," not necessarily the price, drives a lot of consumers away. And beef producers need to find ways to correct the problems.

Clemens Markets manages 16 stores in the northeast Philadelphia area and suburbs in surrounding counties. While he indicated that boneless chicken breast is the "number one dollar producing item in the entire store," he noted

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Avian Health Symposium Reveals Need For Cooperation

(Part II)

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Lancaster Farming Staff

UNION DEPOSIT (Dauphin

Co.) — The first Pennsylvania

avian health symposium held last

week at the Sheraton East Harris-

burg was hailed as a landmark

event for all segments of the state's

avian industry.

The symposium covered a number

of issues important to producers

of all birds, from commercial

integrators to serious and hobbyist

purebred breeders, as well as animal

and human health officials.

In the Jan. 31 issue of Lancas-

ter Farming the overall consensus of those attending and leading the event, as well as some general guidance was reported.

There were more specific concerns brought up during the

symposium.

Details of New York's avian influenza import regulations affecting the live bird market, while not discussed in whole during the meeting, were discussed as

to their effects on barring Pennsylvania suppliers from getting birds raised specifically for those markets to market.

Also discussed were the authori-

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PFGC Awards Scholarships

The Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council (PFGC) recently presented scholarships to two Penn State students. Find out the latest on some of Council's work around the state with the director's report included in the special PFGC section, *Foraging Around*, in this issue of *Lancaster Farming*.

In the photo from left are Damon Harwood, scholarship recipient, a senior in agronomy; Dick and Elise Hann; and Mark Mosemann, scholarship recipient and a senior in dairy and animal science.



Roll-Mead TA JIII ET (V85-VMS) is the new all-breed and Brown Swiss protein record holder under 2-years-old. Her record is 1-11y 365d 2x 36,940m 3.6% 1,335f 4.1% 1,501p DHIR. Jill was bred at Rolling Meadows Swiss, Columbiana, Ohio, and is owned by Flatness International, Inc., Tunkhannock. See her story on page A29.