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Soybean Depth Control, Plant Population Successful Ingredients For Winner

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KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.) — Jon E. Stutzman provides his own "recipe" for success in growing soybeans:
Be picky about depth control and plant population. Plant early, especially if using wider rows. Cultivate at 10-12 inches of growth. Hope and pray for the right amount of rain at the right time.
Stutzman, with father Kenneth, cares for about 200 acres of cropland near Kutztown. Jon was honored in February this year with the grand champion honor in the Pen-

sylvania Soybean Yield Contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Soybean Promotion Board.
Stutzman farms with his family, including wife Holly and daughter Heather, 5 and son Phillip, 3, on a 200-acre crop farm near Kutztown. Along with his father Kenneth, Jon grows 100 acres of corn, about 50 acres of soybeans, 25 acres of alfalfa, 15 acres of wheat, and 30 acres of grass. All crops are grown for the open market.
In the contest, Stutzman took home the first place honors for growing 67.79 bushels per acre of the Gutwein 7410 variety.
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Jon Stutzman, with son Phillip, cares for about 200 acres of cropland near Kutztown. Jon won grand champion in the Pennsylvania Soybean Yield Contest. With his father Kenneth, Jon farms with wife Holly and daughter Heather, 5 and Phillip, 3.
Photo by Andy Andrews

New Local Dairy Cooperative Ready To Divert Milk May 1

EVERETT NEWSWANGER
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INTERCOURSE (Lancaster Co.) — A small dairy cooperative that just last week finished the legal work that brought it into existence under the laws of Pennsylvania is already planning to divert the milk on 45 dairy farms to a new handler on May 1.
Lanco Dairy Farmers Cooperative (Lanco) is an outgrowth of the

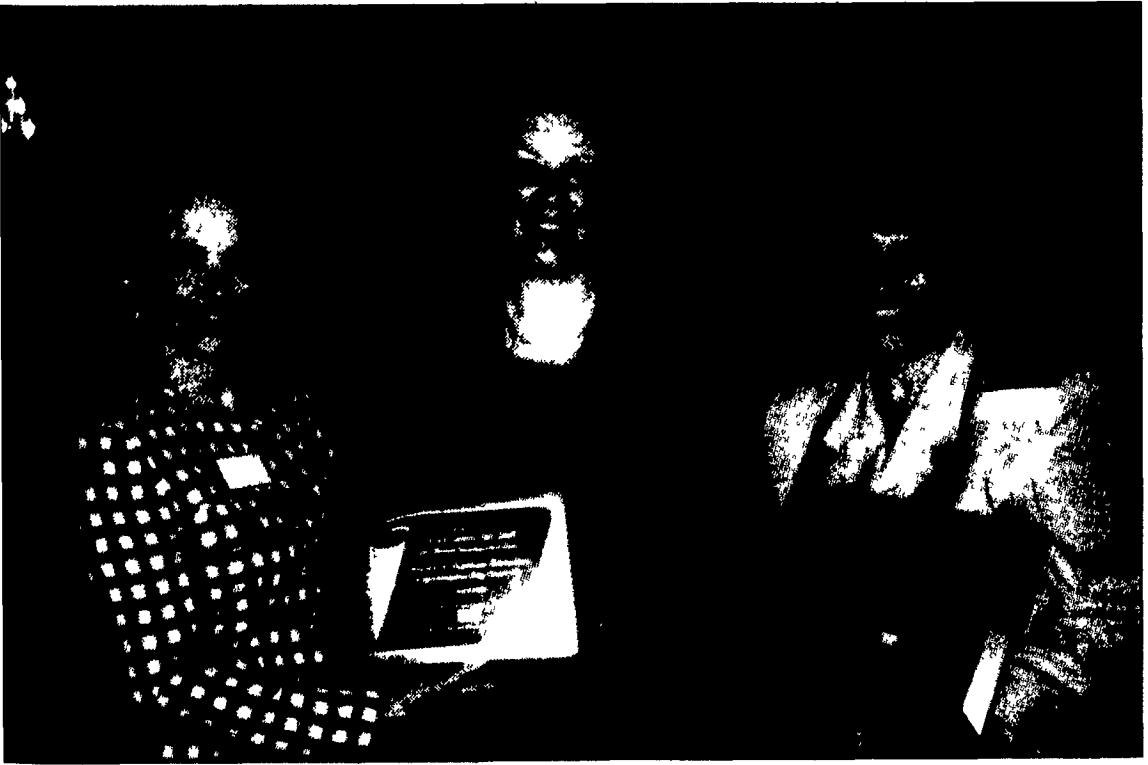
American Raw Milk Producers Pricing Association (ARMPPA) that is trying to obtain control of 20 percent of the national production in an attempt to force an increase of the milk price at the farm gate. ARMPPA officials will not release enrollment figures, but they claim the numbers are increasing in most dairy areas of the nation. It is known that membership is strong
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Dairy Council Exceeds Goals Marketing Milk Nutrition

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FEASTERVILLE (Bucks Co.) — "This past year has been a lot like white water rafting," Jan Stanton said of Dairy Council's transitions, accomplishments, and challenges in spreading the milk nutri-

tion message.
At Dairy Council's annual meeting held Tuesday, Stanton, executive director, told how the success of the Chef Combo program used in schools to teach proper nutrition has reached more than 50 percent of the teachers in the area

and of the fantastic success of the play, "The Marvelous Machine," which has reached 85,000 elementary students.
The more difficult part of the year was the uncertainty caused by the upcoming consolidation of the
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At Dairy Council's annual meeting, Brenda Ripoll of Dairy Council, left, presents Friend of Nutrition Education Awards to Cindy Dawso Van Druff, center, school food service director, and to Lou Ann Good, Lancaster Farming staff writer. The awards are presented annually to a food service professional and to a media person who effectively and accurately promotes the dairy nutrition message.



The merger of PennAg Industries Association and the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation was made official at a signing ceremony at the Farm and Home Center on Thursday morning. Richard Weaver, chairman of the PennAg board, said the new organization will be more efficient and economical to better serve the members of both organizations. Since many members belong to both organizations, the merger does not double the membership but gives a more united voice for the agribusiness community.
James Adams, chairman of the Poultry Federation board, said the structure will give each commodity group a voice in the association while maintaining individual identity and focus. The structure also allows for additional councils in the future.
Founded in 1878, PennAg represents the state's feed and feed-manufacturing industries. Last year, the Pennsylvania Agronomics Products Association that represents the state's fertilizer and agricultural chemical industry, merged with PennAg. These mergers are part of a long-range effort to unite all of the state's agribusinesses.
In the photo, from left, seated, are Richard Weaver, president of PennAg, and James Adams, president of the Poultry Federation. Standing are John Hoffman, Poultry Federation CEO, and Walt Peechatka, PennAg CEO.