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Conservation Districts Remind Farmers Of Oct. 1 Deadline

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EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — A number of county conservation districts have been sending out reminders intended for those who need to submit official nutrient management plans — the deadline is Oct. 1.

In fact, the Lancaster County Conservation District has an open letter to all of its farmers published in this issue of *Lancaster Farming*.

It really applies to all farmers across the state. There is also an information form to be filled out and sent to the

Lancaster County Conservation District, for those within the purview of that district.

However, any farmer in the state can use that same form to supply information to his respective local conservation district.

The nutrient management plans are required by the state Nutrient Management Act for existing and new livestock operations that are legally considered "concentrated animal operations" (CAO).

CAOs are those farms that have high animal populations, in comparison to the available crop and pastureland base that can receive manure.

In other words, a threshold has been set, by law, for the number of animals (actually the amount of animal liveweight) that can be raised on an acre of land, without having to create and file an official

nutrient management plan. There is no legal limit on the number of animals allowed per acre on any farm; as long as a nutrient management plan is filed for those with high density operations,

and other applicable laws are followed.

The regulations that implement the state Nutrient Management Act were approved Oct. 1 last year, and

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Committee Survey To Assay Youth Dairy Show Program

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UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — The state Junior Dairy Show Advisory Committee has been conducting a survey of 4-H and FFA members and parents, in an attempt to discover whether the existing program is meeting needs.

4-H and FFA youth and their parents who have been attending district dairy shows during the past two months have received, or been

made aware of, the survey and encouraged to respond and submit them before leaving the show.

While the purpose of the survey has caused some discussion and some early speculation, according to **Dale Oliver**, head of the state youth dairy program, "The main thing is to determine if the (4-H and FFA) members and parents are comfortable with the existing system, and if there is a value to the

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In the case of Russell Sauder, "You can't take the farm out of the farmer." Although he and his wife Ruth passed their century farm onto the next generation, they still enjoy harvesting the fruits of their labor. Turn to page B2 for more about the story by Lou Ann Good.

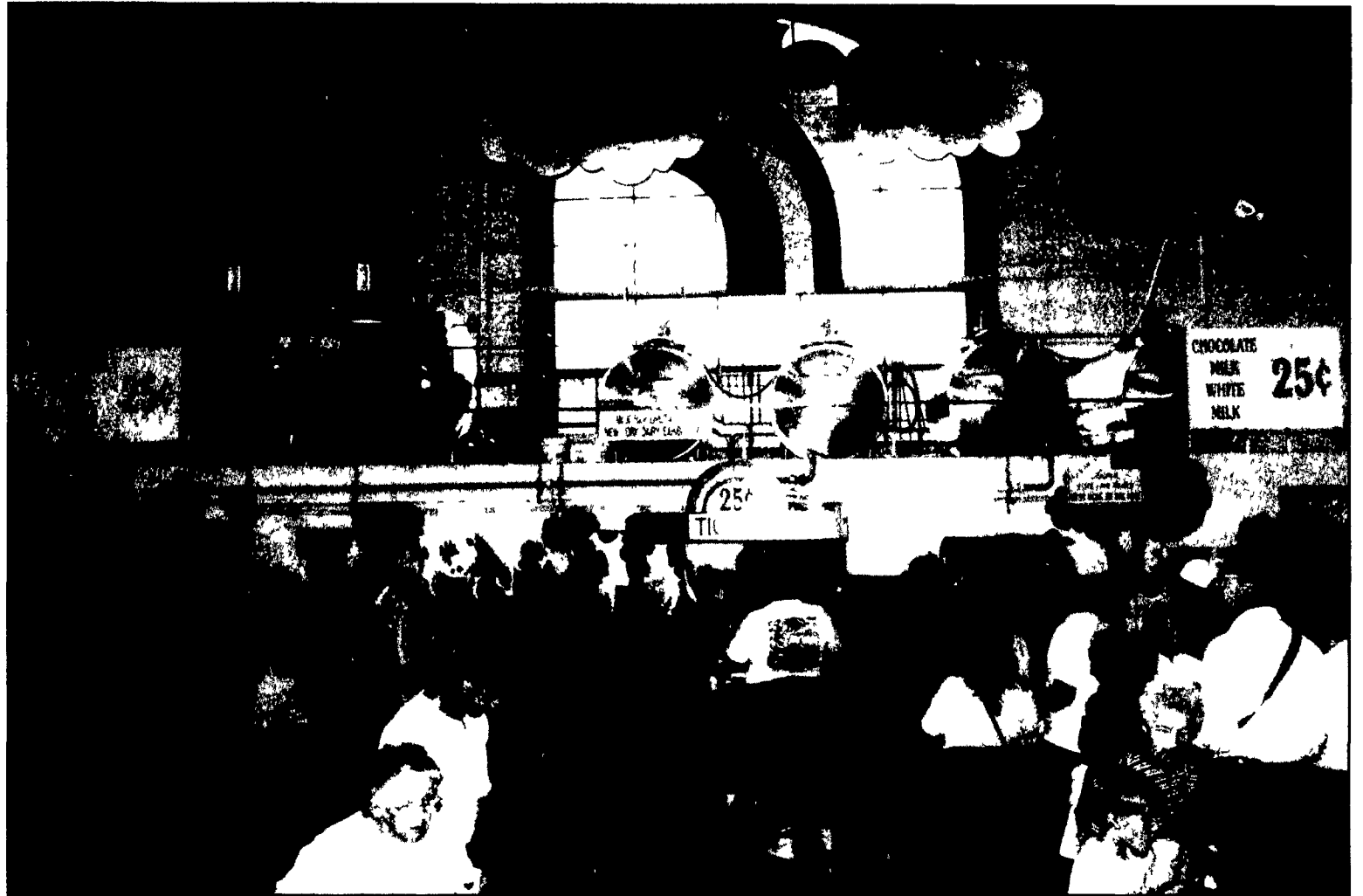
Milk Promotion, Awards, Receive Top Billing At New York State Fair Dairy Day

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SYRACUSE, N.Y.—The 20th annual Dairy Day was held Monday at the New York State Fair to honor the dairy industry and bring the dairy message to the largest assembly of consumers possible. Greetings from Gov. George C. Patacki in the form of a proclamation and a keynote address from State Ag Commissioner Donald Davidsen provided the backdrop for the recognition and awards reception at the Empire Room in the Art & Home Center.

"Dairy Day is in recognition and appreciation for what all the dairy families do in New York state," Gov. Patacki's proclamation said. "We proudly join on this special day to recognize the contributions made by the men and women of the New York state dairy industry and the role in strengthening our economy and beautifying our rural landscapes."

Commissioner Davidsen said farmers are the original environmentalists and that protecting the environment and having people live here is not mutually exclusive. "We need to be practical. In the past two years, federal, state, and local governments spent over \$10 million in environmental management. And over the past year, \$10 million was spent for farmland protection. Even if you live in the most



Promotion of milk by the state dairy industry at the New York State Fair is intense. Here they sell milk for 25 cents at the colorful rainbow milk bar. A

special Dairy Day (Monday) at the fair was dedicated to the industry in honor of its 20th year. Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.

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