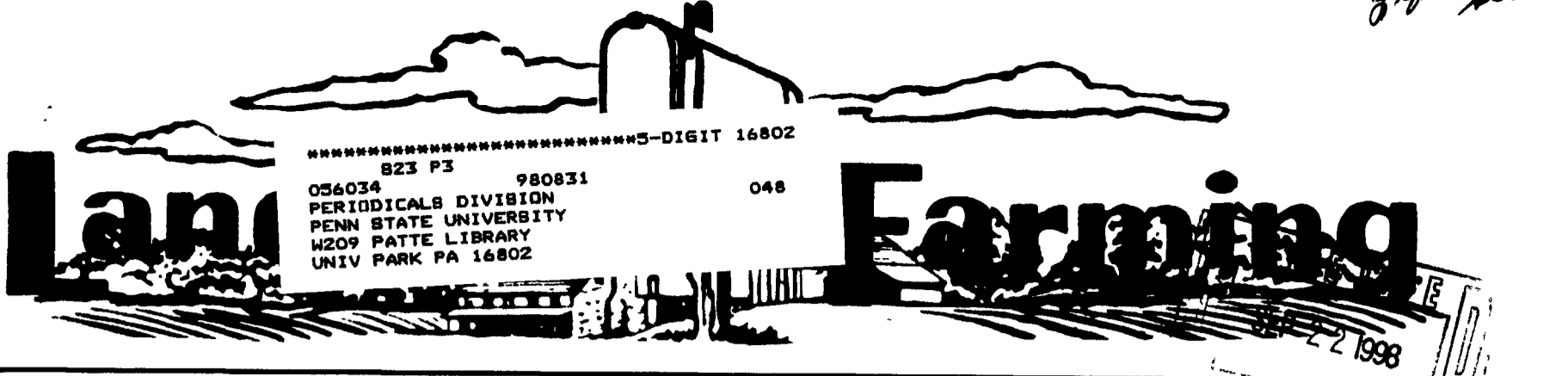


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Standing with Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Nichole Meabon, center front, are county dairy princesses competing for the state title tonight, front, from left, are contestants Cynthia Grossman, Chester; Missy Powell, Somerset; Vicki Henry, Clearfield; Kristen Morgan, Beaver-Lawrence; Becky Ruffaner, Armstrong; Christine Messner, Schuylkill; Billie Jo Bird, Centre; and Kristina Baker, Tioga. Second row, from left, are Kristen Burch, Warren; Jennifer Dotterer, Clinton; Melissa Daly, Lycoming; Heidi Finicle, Lebanon; Lacey Zak-stelecky, Crawford; Jessie Pomrning, York; Jessica Bailor, Juniata; Megan Meyers, Franklin; Talitha Coolbaugh, Bradford; Lisa Heimbach, SUN; and Laura Peachey, Mifflin. Third row, from left, are Elizabeth Seman, Susquehanna; Amanda Sollenberger, Blair; Bridget Farabaugh, Cambria; Jill Broschart, Sullivan; Audra Wood, Lancaster; Rebecca Cornman, Cumberland; Alicia Gross, Berks; Tammy Menke, Mercer; Kristen Freemer, Jefferson; and Abby Wilson, Wyoming-Lackawanna.

## 35th Pa. All-American Dairy Show A Celebration

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**HARRISBURG** (Dauphin Co.) — This is the 35th year for the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show at the state Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg and organizers have announced that it has grown into a world-class event. The All-American Dairy Show really is for all dairy enthusiasts, not just those who show animals or breed for type. The PAADS technically is from

Sept. 20-24, but in reality, it started Friday with animals arriving from all over the United States and Canada, and continues today with the state dairy princess competition and coronation at the Sheraton Harrisburg East. Sunday, Sept. 20 is officially the first day, and starts at noon with an opening ceremony and ribbon-cutting ceremony in the Dairy Activity Center, located in the Farm Show Complex's Northeast Building, adjacent to the Large

Arena. The ceremony will feature the fact that PAADS is serving as host to its first dairy antiques and collectibles show, with collectors from Maryland, New York, North Carolina and Pennsylvania having committed early to displaying their items, and others expected from other states. Items to be displayed include seldom-seen equipment used in the late 1880s and early 1900s, such as gravity and mechanical cream separators, butter churns, butter workers, paddles, bowls, molds and prints, cheese making utensils, ice cream freezers, etc. One of the most rare items is to be a foot-powered milking

machine on loan from the Penn State University Pasto Agricultural Museum. Many items will continue to be displayed through the week. **Youth Competitions** At 1 p.m. Sunday, the youth showmanship contest is to be held in the Large Arena, which is to have been especially decorated for the 35th anniversary. The showmanship contest is in its second year and is competitive. Youth don't have to own an animal or have one registered in any of the shows to compete. The contest allows the loan of animals for those willing to test their showmanship skills.

The showmanship contest is a two-phase competition. Phase II of the showmanship competition pits the top 10 in the senior-age division in a fit-out contest. A \$500 savings bond and a set of clippers goes to the top finalist, but all of the top 10 receive a monetary award. The second phase starts at 5 p.m. in the Small Arena of the Complex, that also boasts a new coat of paint and some other new decorations. Another competition is the Invitational Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, opened to 4-H, FFA and collegiate judging teams from (Turn to Page A25)

### USDA-EPA Draft More Regs

**HARRISBURG** (Dauphin Co.) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency were to have officially released Friday a draft package of regulations directed at controlling all livestock operations in the United States. This new proposal is officially called the draft USDA-EPA Unified National Strategy for Animal Feeding Operations (AFOs). It was to have been published in the Sept. 18 issue of the Federal Register. Not to be confused with EPA's already released Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) strategy — targeted at controlling nutrients on high density livestock operations — this new strategy is directed at all livestock operations. A satellite transmission from USDA of an overview of what is in the strategy was set for Friday afternoon. This issue is considered important enough for all livestock farmers to understand and provide comment to USDA. Look for a report in next week's *Lancaster Farming*.

## \$30,000 In Hand To Kick Off Lancaster Farmland Trust Drive

**EVERETT NEWSWANGER**  
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**LANCASTER** (Lancaster Co.) — At the kick-off breakfast of the Lancaster Farmland Trust Harvest Appeal fund raising campaign, Tom Stouffer, executive director said the \$200,000 goal is significant because of the leverage these funds give to secure additional matching funds. Stouffer expressed belief the Trust can turn the campaign funds into \$1 million. "Farmland preservation is not only about preserving farms but also preserving farmers," Stouffer said. "Since we are asking those who preserve their farms to make a perpetual commitment to farming must give them the assurance that future generations can find farming profitable into the long future. John Schwartz, Lancaster County agent and board chairman, said membership has increased to 1,500 members and agreed that preserv- (Turn to Page A26)