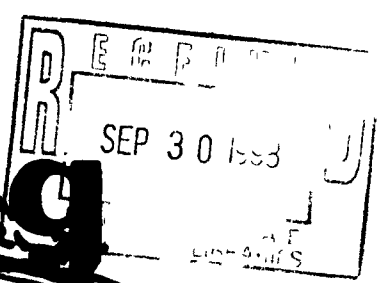


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USDA, EPA Propose A Plan For National Nutrient Management

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The USDA and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have issued a proposal for cleaning up the nation's waterways through encouraging states to use existing regulations to encourage or force

livestock producers to develop comprehensive nutrient management plans. Though dated Sept. 11, the 41-page document was formally issued Sept. 18 as the Draft Unified National Strategy for Animal Feeding Operations (AFOs). There is a 120-day public com-

ment period for the document that, in and of itself, does not propose any additional regulations. It does, however, perpetuate the belief that nutrients emanating from livestock operations and getting into waterways (surface and ground waters) constitute threats to public health, such as linking

phosphorus and pflisteria. The proposal is called "unified" because it is a joint proposal from the two federal agencies — USDA and EPA. The entire document is available on the Internet at <http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/cleanwater/afo> or <http://www.epa.gov/owml/afostrat.htm>. If those addresses fail, it can be found by using www.nrcs.usda.gov and then clicking on at the icon of a

green box with a brown stripe, labeled Draft EPA strategy. A satellite transmission providing a general overview of the proposal was made Sept. 18 from Washington D.C. in order to reach the nation's various USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service offices with downlink capabilities. In a note at the beginning of the document, it states, "This document presents USDA and EPA's strategies for addressing AFOS

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Pennsylvania's new dairy princess Jennifer Dotterer, center, was crowned last Saturday in Harrisburg. Jennifer is surrounded by alternates, Lacy Jean Zakostelecky, Crawford County dairy princess at left who was named first alternate, and second alternate Megan Meyers, Franklin County dairy princess, right. Read more about the pageant on page B2. Photo by Andy Andrews

New Direction Holsteins Exhibit Grand Champion Of State Fall Show

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Tom McCauley of Elizabethtown and Fred Strouse of Centre Hall on Tuesday exhibited both the grand and reserve grand champions of the Pennsylvania Holstein Championship show, held at the state Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg in conjunction

and Strouse, the partnership's animals won the state Holstein organization's spring show and have done well at other shows this year. McCauley and Strouse exhibit under the New Direction Holsteins breeder/exhibitor name. New Direction Holsteins is an offshoot of the Em-Tran embryo transfer business in Elizabethtown started by Tom's father Alan.

Dandyland Maggy A Dandy

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Dandyland Starbuck Maggy, the 4-year-old grand champion of the state Holstein Fall Championship, owned by Tom McCauley of Elizabethtown and Fred Strouse of Centre Hall, also was named grand champion of the Eastern Regional Holstein Show on Thursday at the state Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. The same day, she went on to become the supreme champion of the 35th Pennsylvania All American Dairy Show (PAADS), competing against the grand champions of the other five national and regional dairy breed shows. Reports and results of the national and regional shows of the 35th PAADS are to be published in the next issue of *Lancaster Farming*.

Duroc Boar, Spot Gilt Supreme At Maryland State Fair

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TIMONIUM, Md. — A Duroc boar, "Nathan 13-1", was named supreme champion boar at the swine show here at the state fairgrounds in Timonium. The show was held during the 117th annual Maryland State fair. Dr. Kim Brock, from Stillwater, Oklahoma, judged the swine show. Dr. Brock is head of the swine department at Oklahoma State University. The March boar was bred by Holloway Genetics of Glen Rock, Pennsylvania, and is co-owned by Holloway Genetics and Buffalo Valley Farm, Seven Valleys. Dave Holloway, Holloway Genetics, and the boar is out of a litter produced by a gilt that won grand champion Duroc gilt honors at the Pennsylvania Farm Show this year. The boar was grand champion Duroc boar, and his female littermate was grand champion Duroc female here at the State fair. The supreme champion female was the grand champion Spot gilt, a February gilt owned

and exhibited by Rural Rhythm Farm of Dayton in Howard County, Maryland. Judge Brock said he like the teat quality, shape up-top, muscling, soundness, and overall feminity of the Spot gilt. An electronic carcass class was held at the fair this year for the second time. An entry from Innerst's Berkshires, Red Lion, Pennsylvania, took top honors in the class. The supreme champion electronic carcass barrow was a February Hampshire barrow. The barrow had a loin eye of 6.5 square inches, .37 inches of backfat at the 19th rib, and computed into 58% lean. The examination is done using ultrasound equipment. The supreme champion market barrow was a heavyweight Berkshire exhibited by Abby Johnson of Montgomery County, Maryland. The supreme champion pair of market barrows was a pair of heavyweight Duroc barrows exhibited by Kenny and Connie Bauer, KC Farms, of Walkerville, Maryland. Ricky Bauer, superintendent of the swine division at the fair, explained that the ideal market

animal is the animal that has the most percent of lean muscle. The animal with the most lean muscle will yield the most productive carcass. The top three placings in

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The supreme champion boar at the Maryland State Fair is this March Duroc Boar shown by David Holloway and co-owned by Holloway Genetics, Glen Rock, and Buffalo Valley Farm, Seven Valleys.

with the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show (PAADS). While it was the first grand championship earned during the Fall Championship by McCauley

In recent years Tom has gone into partnership in co-owning and showing some Holsteins with Strouse and others. Their 4-year-old Dandyland Starbuck Maggy, a Duregal Astre Starbuck daughter bred by Dandyland Farm, was named senior and grand champion of the fall championship. As a result of her placing in the fall show she earned the 1998 All-Pennsylvania honors for her age class. The All-Pennsylvania award system is based on placings awarded animals exhibited in Pennsylvania Holsteins Association shows during the year. The fall championship is the year-end show. McCauley and Strouse's senior 3-year-old, E-Ricks Stardust Taz, a Browndale Stardust daughter bred by E Richard Gednarski, was named reserve senior and reserve grand champion of the show. Taz also earned an All-Pennsylvania age-class win, tying for the honor with Globe-Run AHMS Mo Broker, owned by John

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