

Susquehanna County Dairy Day Draws More Than 900 Visitors

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mination of ground and surface water, the availability of pesticides for responsible use is more likely to continue, according to Mark Madden, extension agent.

The worksheet included questions on distances from wells or other water sources, management practices, and storage habits including the type of material on the floors of storage areas, the type of containers that are stored, and the security of the area.

Farm safety was the topic of concern for a group known as the Partners For Safety. Their display featured a gravity box filed with corn, comparisons of common chemicals with Koolaid or water, and a PTO demonstration.

Chad Johnson of Susquehanna County spent some time studying the gravity wagon with his friends Jeremiah Smith and Troy Kiryuk.

As they played with the exhibit that included a doll and a bag full of popcorn and a plexiglas gravity wagon, they could see firsthand how fast tragedy can strike.

"You should never stand in a wagon full of grain," said Johnson, "You could fall into it and get trapped."

The group, sponsored by the Susquehanna County Farm Bureau, is just starting to promote farm safety actively. They plan to host an annual farm safety day in

addition to attending Dairy Day events.

Other programs included talks on milk pricing, dairy compacts, Federal Milk Market Order restructuring, and the FSA Dairy Relief fund presented by Clyde Albertson and Louis Hawley.

Dr. Robert Graves of Penn State also offered tips on barn ventilation and dairy expansion.

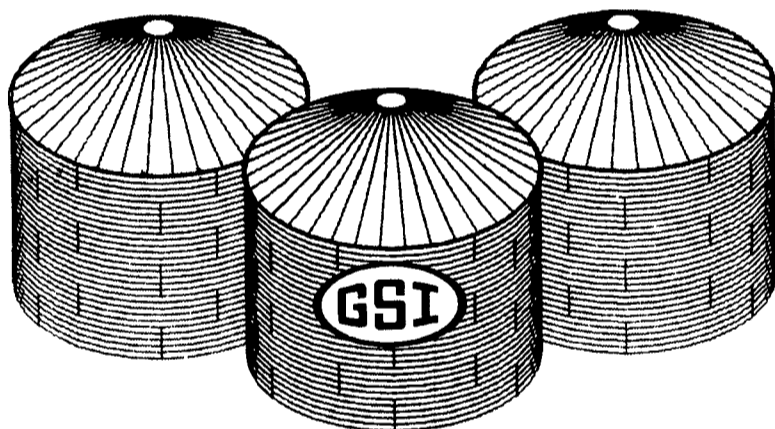
Topping the event was the annual pie auction. Twenty-seven pies were entered in the event, judged by the three Susquehanna County Commissioners. Topping the event were a blueberry pie baked by Jean Castrogiovanni, a pecan pie baked by Gail Brooks, and a coconut cream pie baked by Robin Campbell.

The pies were auctioned off, raising \$1,930 for the 4-H Dairy Program and Dairy Promotion Program of Susquehanna County. State Representative Sandra Major purchased Jean Castrogiovanni's pie for \$70, Dave Hibbard of the Department of Agriculture purchased Gail Brooks's pie for \$75, and dairy farmer Rubin Everett purchased Robin Campbell's pie for \$135.

Door prizes and a roast beef or fish dinner provided by the exhibitors were also part of the day's events as were samples of cheese, ice cream, and milk handed out by the Susquehanna County Dairy Promotion Committee.



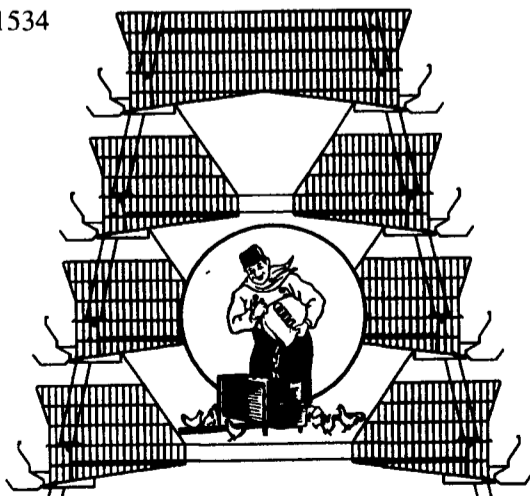
Jean Castrogiovanni, left, and Gail Brook proudly display their winning pies. Also shown are Susquehanna County Commissioners and contest judges Lee Smith, Cal Dean, and Jeff Loomis and Congressman Don Sherwood and State Representative Sandra Major.



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