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Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board To Consider Over-Order Adjustment

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board has announced that it will hold an April 6 hearing to consider changes to the Class I over-order premium paid to dairy farmers.

The PMMB hearing is set to start at 1 p.m. April 6 in meeting Room B of the state Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

If necessary, the meeting is to continue starting 10 a.m. April 7.

Those who wish to present testimony to the PMMB regarding the level of the over-order premium should file a request with the board by March 31.

The PMMB is a state organization that has oversight of the dairy industry in the state, with functions such as auditing the handlers of milk, ensuring that farmers are being paid properly for their milk, and that consumers are protected as well.

In addition, the PMMB has the authority to regulate the minimum retail and wholesale prices of milk, as well as mandating that a premium be paid to farmers who milk is produced, processed and sold in Pennsylvania for beverage use (Class I).

The premium is called an over-

order premium, because the federal government sets the price of milk according to "orders," which are regions of the nation delineated for the purpose of regulating milk flow.

The PMMB has been setting an over-order premium since 1988.

Currently, the over-order premium is 50 cents per hundred pounds of milk.

At the behest of the Pennsylvania Association of Milk Dealers, state Sen. Noah Wenger and state Rep. John Barley, the PMMB has announced that it has scheduled an April 6-7 hearing to gather testimony as to the adequacy of the premium level.

In light of the fact that the price

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Schadler Honored For Outstanding Contributions

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — For nearly three decades, Alletta "Letie" Schadler has been influencing the lives of countless individuals in Lebanon County and beyond. Because of her pioneering influence, Penn State's Commission for Women recently honored her with its Rosemary Schraer Mentor Award.

As the first female county extension director for Penn State, Schadler's leadership and coaching skills have opened the doors for many others to follow in her path. Schadler has been named the winner of the 1999 Schraer Award in recognition of her record of out-

standing mentoring service that goes beyond the requirements of her job.

In her role as county extension director, Schadler handles administrative as well as extension education duties. Schadler has expertise in the areas of food safety, sanitation, nutrition and health. In the past, she has filled in as interim director in numerous adminis-



Alletta "Letie" Schadler

trative positions, leading one nominator to say, "It is common knowledge that Letie has served in just about every type of position other than dean." Additionally, she has served as an adjunct faculty member in Penn State's College

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Claire and Jack Donohue who live between Cashtown and McKnightsville have just added their farm to the Adams County Land Conservancy for preservation in perpetuity.

Adams Land Conservancy Preserves Donohue Farm

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Adams Co. Correspondent
MCKNIGHTSTOWN (Adams Co.) — Claire and Jack Donohue, joined by their two dogs, walk up a knoll in their orchard confident that the land will remain as farmland forever.

They recently joined other Adams County landowners in the

Land Conservancy of Adams County by protecting the farm's 120 acres, most of which is in orchards located off Old Route 30 between McKnightstown and Cashtown. A restriction has now been placed on their deed which mandates the land will always remain as farmland.

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The Cumberland County 4-H achievement winner is Amy Kulick, who received a \$100 savings bond as the recipient of the Merle E. Miller Memorial Award. Making the presentation is Duane Duncan, county agent. See story page A42.



From the left, officers of the Maryland Holstein Association are vice president Arthur Rhoderick, secretary/treasurer Donna Reese, departing secretary/treasurer Anita Hill, and president Carl Bender. The officers were recently elected during the Maryland Holstein Association's annual meeting. See story on page A22.



Steve Hershey, Manheim, was recently elected president of the Lancaster DHIA. Steve has been a member of the board for six years, serving the last five years as vice president. Other officers are John Wanner, vice president; John Burkholder, secretary; Clair Oberholtzer, treasurer; Rodney Denlinger, lab committee chair; and Tom Lapp, field committee chair. In the board photo from left, seated, Burkholder, Oberholtzer, Hershey, and Wanner. Standing, John Groff, Mel Lantz, Dale Hershey, Denlinger, Frank Reist, Mahlon King, Lapp, Leonard Martin, and Joe Graybeal.