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helped the members learn to work together, to communicate, to stay on task, to be organized, and to build trust.

"B" team leader Andy Musser, Grassland FFA at Garden Spot High School, led his team to victory in grass skiing during the ropes competition.

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A contest named "36 squares" is an activity designed to allow FFA leaders to work together to achieve a goal. Through building on the

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During the workshop skills session with county presidents and vice presidents, Beth Frey, county president, chalks out a "checks and balances" list for leaders.

difficult course is necessary to reach the goal.

New county leaders for 1999-2000 are Jennifer Zimmerman, president; Darren Sumny, vice president; Kimberly Landis, secretary; Craig Felpel, treasurer; Dan McMichael, sentinel; and Amanda Sauder, reporter.



Manor FFA leaders review leader characteristics. From left, Adam Nissley, Manor president; Audrey Nissly, vice president; and Allan Herr, executive vice president.



"You will experience, as president, an awful lot of stress," Brittany Robinson, right, told the county presidents and vice presidents.



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PAADS Expands Junior Dairy Management Contest

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A highlight of the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show, the Junior Dairy Management contest draws youth from Pennsylvania and neighboring states to compete for a \$1,000 first place scholarship.

The nationally recognized contest quizzes youth on their dairy farm and industry knowledge.

The contest this year will consist of seven classes: dairy heifer selection; linear trait analysis; meats identification; grain and forage identification; current issues in the dairy industry; milk quality and milk product identification; and new this year, a station featuring dairy housing and venti-

lation.

This year the contest will be on Tuesday, Sept. 21. Registration is at 9 a.m. and the contest begins at 10 a.m., in meeting Rooms A-E, located on the second floor of the Farm Show Complex, in Harrisburg.

Pre-registration is required and registrations must be mailed by Sept. 11.

The contest is made possible because of generous support from agri-businesses including Church and Dwight Co.-Arm & Hammer Products, Milk Specialties Co. Mfg. of Energy Booster 100, Pharmcia And Upjohn Animal Health, and Prince Agri Products, Inc.

The Pennsylvania Dairyman's Association will award the \$1,000 first place scholarship. Additional financial support comes from Land O'Lakes Milk Cooperative.

Resource packets are available to assist individuals and teams in preparing for this contest. These training kits can be obtained by writing Christine Williams, Tulpehocken High School, 430 New Schaefferstown Road, Bernville, PA 19506. Training kits should be requested prior to Sept. 1.

Individual and team winners are recognized following the contest and will receive ribbons and premiums.

The top five finalists in the analytical portion of the contest will participate in an interview with three industry representatives where they will share their knowledge about the dairy industry. The scholarship winner is selected from these finalists, based on his or her total performance for the day.

All interested 4-H and FFA members are urged to participate.

For more information, contact Junior Dairy Management Contest, PA All-American Dairy Show, Farm Show Complex, 2301 N. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Telephone (717) 787-2905.

International Forum Focus Of U.S. Animal Health Policy

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The U.S. must fully support and be an active participant in international efforts to monitor, report, and control animal disease worldwide, according to a top U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) official during the National Conference on Animal Health and International Trade held recently in Nashville, Tenn.

The conference was held in conjunction with the Livestock Conservation Institute's 83rd annual meeting, March 29-April 1, 1999.

"The U.S. needs to set an example that we can subscribe to," said USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service associate administrator Joan Arnoldi.

Arnoldi is the U.S. representative to the Office of International des Epizooties (OIE), a global assembly of animal health officials from 151 countries designated by the World Trade Organization as the lead group for setting animal health standards worldwide.

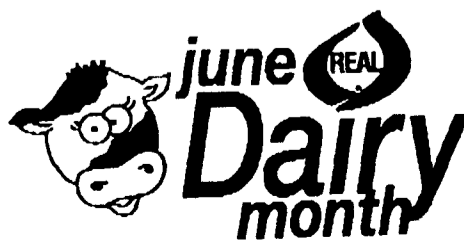
"OIE has some basic structure that is important to the U.S. It's where we can have some influence, and it's to our advantage to be involved," Arnoldi said.

"Disease reporting is why we really need the OIE. We need to support it, participate and embrace transparency," Arnoldi said. Transparency is a term used to describe the practice of making a country's animal health compliance requirements known to others in order to promote fair trade. "There's no better way to see (transparency) work than through involvement in OIE,"

"Disease reporting worldwide is improving significantly," Arnoldi said. "We subscribe religiously to the regular reporting of animal disease problems."

According to Arnoldi, OIE provides opportunity for the scientific community to help evaluate and deal with animal health problems wherever they may arise. The challenge for the future, she said will be for the Western Hemisphere nations to recognize their mutual interests and to begin working together.

"The U.S. is looking to draw the Western Hemisphere together. This presents some challenges because as you look to the south, there are some differences in customs, politics and agriculture," Arnoldi said. "The challenge is to get the group to focus on animal health issues rather than politics."



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