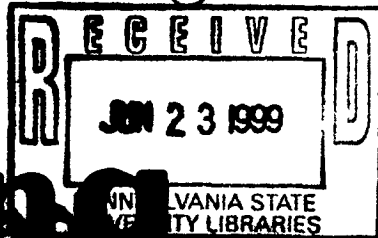


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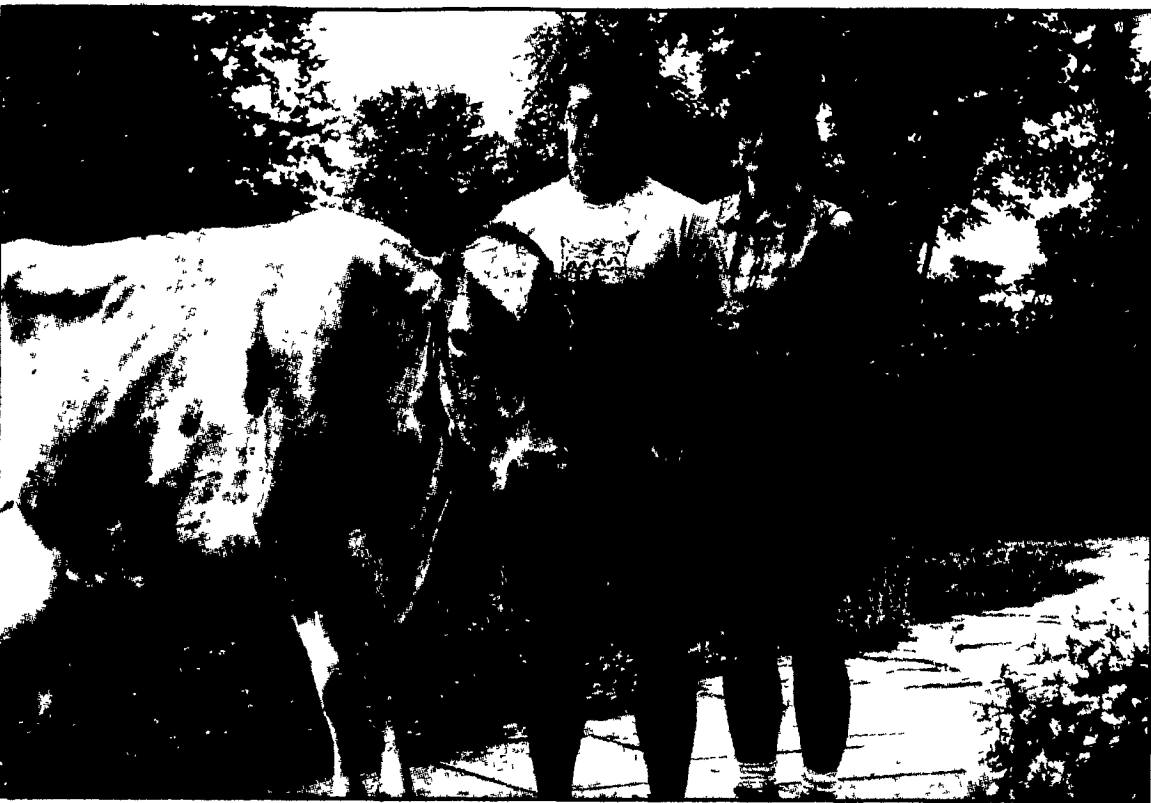
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## Top Commercial Guernsey Herd Grazes In Lancaster



Axel and Millie Linde are partners in Lindenhof Guerneys and have won the American Guernsey Association's Top Commercial Herd Award for the second straight year. Though none of their animals are halter broken, Axel holds the halter of the farm's currently oldest working cow, Lindenhof Beatrix, an 11-year-old bred to a young sire.

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UNION (Lancaster Co.) — For the second straight year, Lindenhof Guerneys in Lancaster County has been named the winner of the American Guernsey Association's top commercial herd award.

It's a great honor for the brother-and-sister partnership of Millie Widmann and Axel Linde, owners of Lindenhof Guerneys, located near the small village of Union, along the southeastern edge of the Lancaster County.

Millie and Axel said the award has come as a complete surprise, and they appreciate the honor of

receiving it.

Their win is to be announced during the National Guernsey Association's annual convention, set to be held in Columbus, Ohio, June 23-26.

However, a representative from Lindenhof Guerneys won't be there to accept the award.

They said they went to the convention last year to receive the 1997 national commercial herd award.

This year, though they would like to attend, they cannot get away.

They also didn't think they would win, they said.

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## Fly Control Part Of New Pest Guide Available In Fall

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 MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) —

Penn State's Poultry Pest Management Guide will soon have new updates and ways to deal effectively and rather inexpensively with that unfortunate pest: the housefly.

According to Dr. Charles Pitts,

professor of entomology and soon to be professor emeritus at Penn State, and interim head of the Department of Entomology, the new guide, available in the fall, may feature color pictures of insects — if the producers want — at additional cost.

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## Gov. Ridge Declares Drought Watch For Most Of State

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 HARRISBURG (Dauphin

Co.) — Drought concern is back again. Perhaps bigger than ever.

In the 110 years that water flow data on the Susquehanna River has been recorded at Harrisburg, the record low flow is currently being observed, for this time of year.

Much of the state is experiencing record low or near record low water flows that historically aren't reached until late July or August, after a typically dry summer.

While state and agency officials are reluctant to issue a more serious cry of alarm, it has to be noted that meteorologists have reported that the Middle Atlantic states normally experience drier and hotter than average weather following the oceanic weather influencer La Nina.

Last year was La Nina. (It

affected the California dairy industry severely, helping to boost milk prices nationally, though the state has recovered already this year.)

As of last week, state agencies and multi-state authorities have issued calls for voluntary water use reductions, especially for non-essential uses.

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Lancaster County Dairy Princess Elissa Ranck, left, and Alternate Elizabeth Young have plenty of hands-on experience working on their families' farms and in promoting the industry. Turn to page B2 to read about the pageant, held last Saturday. Photo by Lou Ann Good.



These three beautiful workhorses are typical of the 60 to 70 horses that will be working the fields at Horse Progress Days to be held at the Rough and Tumble Museum grounds at Kinzers in early July. For anyone with a desire to farm with horses, the event has a lot of reasons to attend. See story page A25.