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The Chester County Holstein breeders visited farms of fellow breeders in York County, Maryland, and Lancaster County on Tuesday. Here they all get in the picture at Heindel Dairy Farm in York County. See story page A24. Photo by Everett Newswanger, editor

Crohn's-Johne's Connection: Scientists Look Into Controversy, Herd Control Options

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GRANTVILLE (Dauphin Co.) — Evidence of human Crohn's disease, with strikingly similar symptoms to Johne's disease in cattle, has not been found in children on farms where Johne's has been detected.

According to a leading

researcher on the controversial issue of a possible human connection to Johne's, science has been challenged to come up with

ways to track exactly how humans acquire Crohn's.

Dr. Theodore Bayless is professor of medicine and head of

gastroenterology at Johns Hopkins University. Bayless spoke to about 180 educators, legislators, and agri-industry repre-

sentatives Thursday during a session of the Second Annual Pennsylvania Agriculture In the

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Poultry Progress Day Helps Producers Do A Better Job

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Poultry Progress Day enables poultry producers to

keep abreast of new equipment, industry developments, and management practices. But the primary concern of every producer is the threat of avian in-

fluenza (AI).

"AI has the potential to spell financial disaster with disruption to markets, cash flow, and international trade," Dr. David Kradel told 160 people attending the annual event, March 2 at the Farm and Home Center.

Although avian influenza in the county seems to be under

control, Kradel of PennAg Industries said that reviewing what happens in Italy could repeat itself here unless diligent and progressive action continues.

For several months Italy had been dealing with a low patho-

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Pennsylvania Celebrates 100th Anniversary Of First Soil Survey

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The year 2000 marks the 100th anniversary of the first soil survey completed in Pennsylvania. That survey was done

on a portion of Lancaster County, which included 11 soil series.

Lancaster County was chosen as part of the second national soil survey in 1900 because of its

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Ridge Administration Launches 'Export For Scholars' Program

DOYLESTOWN (Bucks Co.) — Building on Gov. Tom Ridge's commitment to education and to international trade, Agriculture Secretary Samuel E. Hayes Jr. launched the "Export for Scholars" Program.

"We often tell our young people that they live in a global marketplace," Secretary Hayes told students at W.B. Saul High School in Philadelphia and Delaware Valley College in Doyle-

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Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes Jr. launched the Export for Scholars Program last week at W.B. Saul High School within the Philadelphia city limits and at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown. In the photo along with Saul High School students are, from left, Andre Ruiz from Puerto Rico; Rep. Kathy Manderino, Philadelphia County; Hayes; and James Bane, Saul ag adviser.