

Superior Hobby, the American Paint stallion that stands at stud at Double D Stables near Elizabethtown, is known for, of all things, line dancing. That's right. Owners, David and Dolly Hass have choreographed Hobby's agility to "Boot Scootin' Boogie" and he will be part of the show on the tour of southeastern Pennsylvania's professional horse farms the weekend of April 8-9. Hobby shows his superiority in his beautiful confirmation, show winnings, and the 83 foals on the ground that he has sired. He is 15.3 hands and weighs more than 1,300

pounds. Hobby poses with his neighbor kids who belong to Daryl and Donna Wenger. When everybody got together for the photographer Tuesday, Hobby received offers of carrots and hay for his attention but managed to look the camera in the eye long enough to trip the shutter. In the photo from left, David and Dolly Hass, owners, and the Wenger kids, Emma 2, Laura 8, Elizabeth 7, and John 4. See more about the professional horse farm open house tour on page A28. Photo by Everett Newawanger, editor

## Temporary Increase Added To Pennsylvania Over-Order Premium

**JAYNE SEBRIGHT** Lancaster Farming Staff HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board (PMMB)

voted unanimously on Tuesday to add 25 cents to the current over-order premium on Class I milk produced, processed, and sold in Pennsylvania.

The temporary 25-cent in-

crease will bring the over-order premium to \$1.45 and will go into effect on April 1, 2000. The temporary increase was initiated to help absorb some of the financial impact that overly high fuel costs are having on Pennsylvania dairy farmers.

The over-order premium is a dollar amount added to the minimum Class I price paid to

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Pennsylvania dairy farmers. The over-order premium on Class I milk has been mandated in Pennsylvania since 1988.

While about 50 percent of the milk produced in Pennsylvania is sold as Class I milk, only 20 percent of that milk is actually

processed and sold in Pennsylvania. While the temporary increase will only be on milk that

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ANDY ANDREWS Lancaster Farming Staff MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) Everybody knows the immune system in poultry is critical to maintaining flock health. But exactly how does it work?

That was the question answered by a poultry immunologist Monday afternoon at the Penn State-sponsored Poultry Health and Management Seminar at Kreider's Restaurant in Manheim.

Dr. Magdi M. Mashaly, associate professor of poultry science at Penn State, not only provided an overview of the workings of the immune system in birds, but pointed out the importance of

measuring stress — a barometer for the prevalence of disease and a tool to use to boost the immune system.

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Tim Saber of Sunnybrook Ag Resources in Chambersburg stayed in the dairy business by raising heifers and then leasing them to area dairy producers. To find out more about Saber and his heifer-raising operation, see story page A28. Photo by Jayne Sebright.