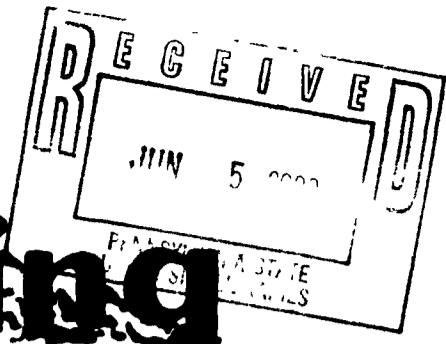


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## Educational Center And Working Farm Opening In Annapolis

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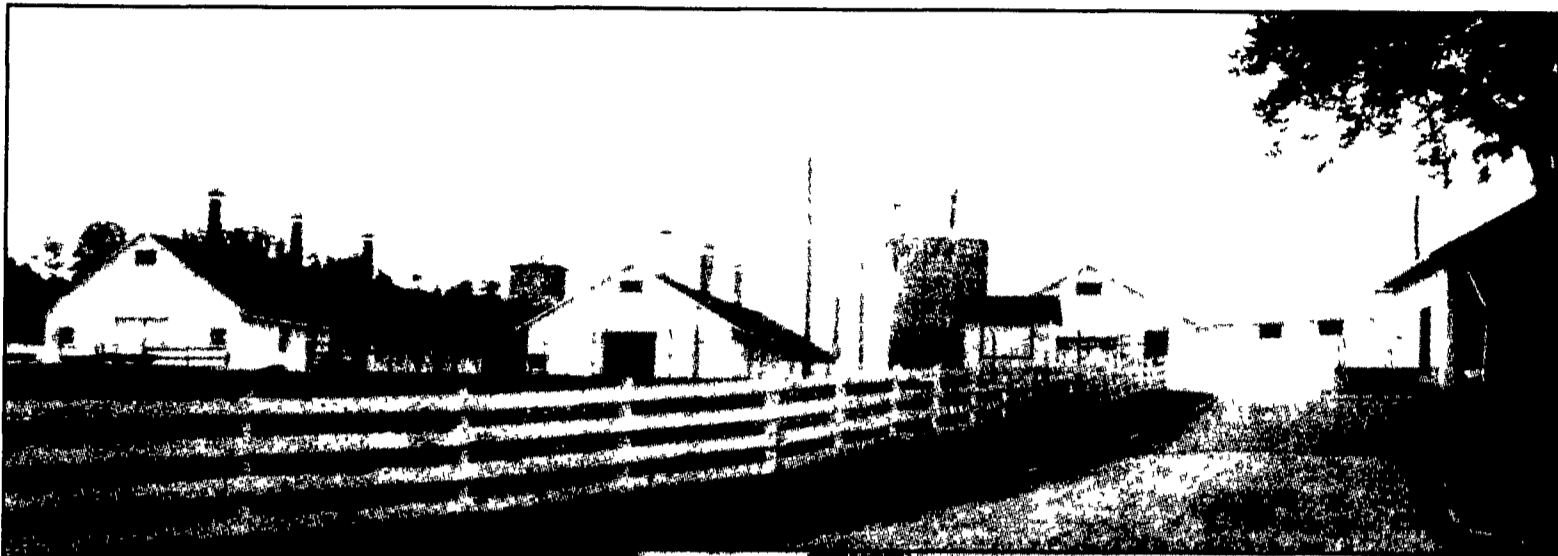
ANNAPOLIS, Md. — In the heart of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, a 575-acre working dairy farm will be used to educate urbanites about agriculture and its role in supplying food and preserving the environment.

Horizon Dairy, an organic milk processor, purchased the farm from the Naval Academy, which ran the farm for the past 100 years to supply its midshipmen with fresh milk and dairy products.

At peak production, the Navy milked 400 cows in the dairy facilities. About 60 employees packaged, processed, and sent the milk to various Navy bases. Two years ago, the cows were sold and the farm was put on market when the Navy decided farming wasn't part of its mission.

At the same time, Horizon Dairy was looking for a facility to use as an educational farm.

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This 575-acre farm was purchased by the Naval Academy in the early 1900s to provide healthy milk to its midshipmen. At its peak, the dairy facilities housed 400 - 500 cows. Now Horizon Dairy plans to re-open the dairy facilities and eventually milk about 300 cows, raise organic crops, and invite the public to the farm to educate them about agriculture.

Jan Stanton, manager of the farm and educational center, has been working closely with designers to develop an interactive, educational center that will teach children about agriculture and where food comes from. The center will be housed in one of the existing barns. *Photos by Jayne Sebright*

### Tribute To Dairy Month Next Week

June is dairy month. In next week's issue, the *Lancaster Farming* will pay tribute to the men and women involved in the dairy industry. Look for feature stories on dairy producers from all over Pennsylvania, recipes using real dairy products, and columns reviewing trends in the dairy industry. It's sure to be "dairy-delightful."



About 600 members of the Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania gather recently for the Spring Rally, Lebanon. Members, from left, Sharon Engle, Mary Boyd, Martee Mentzler, Marie Bachman, and Luella Duppstadt enjoy renewing friendships in between sessions on happiness in the new millennium. Turn to page B14 for photos and story by Lou Ann Good.

## Pork Cooperative Strives To Capture Processing Dollars

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — "There is money in our business, but we're not getting our fair share of it," said John Q. Adams, representative of the newly formed Pork America Cooperative, at a meeting here Monday evening.

Adams was referring to the hog industry, which suffered its worst depression a couple of years ago yet is beginning to recover in a big way.

The East Coast in particular, noted Adams, is ripe for a packer/processor. We have adequate production to support additional packing capacity, he noted.

Adams spoke to about two dozen swine producers and agri-industry representatives at a special meeting at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture building.

Adams outlined some proposed plans for the newly formed cooperative.

The cooperative is aware of

the many opportunities in the wake of a rapidly changing industry.

Adams said that last June, at the Pork Expo, a task force from the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) met to study the possibility of a new cooperative for producers. A task force met last November in which 60 people, representing 20 million hogs, met in Des Moines, Iowa, to create an interim board.

The mission of the co-op: capture increased value for the producer by marketing pork, rather than hogs.

"That's what we envision," said Adams. "We've got to move into the value-added part of it."

"We're designing a profit-oriented business," he said. "Early on we may have to pool market hogs as a stepping stone to move to the meat, working with existing players in the chain to accomplish our goals."

Finding those direct, niche markets is key for many indus-

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