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# Lancaster Farming

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Doug and Greg McCulloh of Franklin County expanded their dairy operation after son Greg decided to return to the farm. Now at 220 cows, they haven't ruled out future expansions on the farm because the economics of scale lowers unit costs and improves cash flow. Turn to page A27 for the story, which is the last in a four-part series on "Dairy Profit Possibilities." Photo by Jayne Sebright



The Penn State Dairy Science Club and the Pennsylvania Holstein Association team up to sponsor the 17th annual Nittany Lion Fall Classic. See story page A23. Club members in the photo are from left, kneeling, Josh Hushon, assistant chair, Airville and Olivia Courtney, chair, Mansfield. Standing, Marie Cudoc, Valencia; Matt Jewart, Home; Tia Crider, Chambersburg; David Shupp, Tunkhannock; Daphne Doll, Glen Rock; Angie Moschini, Spencer; Nicki Over, Woodbury; Steve Pavelski, Susquehanna; David Parkard, Troy; Erica David, Kutztown; Mandy Jewart, Home; and Jared Smith, Mayport. Seated on Nittany Lion, Diane Glock, Mifflin; Jane Ansell, Scottsdale; Michelle Cornman, Carlisle; Erik Traver, Tunkhannock; Tom Uber, Harrisville; and Joanna Wilson, Volant.



In some areas, "fair season" has begun. Breed champion at the Schnecksville Fair Swine Show went to Todd Bennecoff, right, with his Duroc January Gilt, "Atlas." At left is show judge Scott Wright. Photo by Andy Andrews

## 'Length, Ham' Define Schnecksville Champion Swine

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*Lancaster Farming Staff*  
SCHNECKSVILLE (Lehigh Co.) — Justin Wisser made five consecutive attempts, with no supreme champion ribbon to show for it. But the sixth attempt was sweet, as he won supreme champion market hog Tuesday evening here at the Schnecksville Fair.

Justin, 16, son of Larry and Tutty Wisser, New Tripoli, won supreme champion for a hog that he selected for its "length and ham," he said. Justin was fortunate to have "first pick" over his brothers and sisters when it came time to purchasing a show hog. Justin picked one with the best potential.

Justin, a sophomore at Northwestern Lehigh and six-year Lehigh County 4-H Swine Club member, exhibited a 197-pound Hampshire crossbred gilt. Justin purchased the hog from Oscar Manbeck, Bethel. Justin plans to attend Kutztown and Allentown fairs. Justin

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## Pa. FFA Announces New Officers

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Pennsylvania State FFA officers were newly installed here recently. New state president is Jimmy Mullen, Solanco FFA. Jimmy is the son of James H. and Elaine T. Mullen, Peach Bottom. The 2000-2001 vice president is Jennifer Whitman, Cumberland Valley FFA. She is the

daughter of Paul and Michael Whitman, Carlisle. New eastern vice president is Jennifer Zimmerman, Cloister FFA. Jennifer is the daughter of Jay and JoAnn Zimmerman, Reinholds. North central region vice president is Heidi Good, Beavertown, West Snyder FFA. Heidi's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jesse

Good and Mrs. Robin Soki. South central region vice president is Andy Flinchbaugh, Eastern FFA. Andy is the son of Sonia and Ritchie Flinchbaugh, York.

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Brandan Wagner has always been described as good looking, great personality, strong, and determined. Now "inspiring" has been added to the description. Two years ago, Brandan was paralyzed from the waist down, but that hasn't stopped him from doing much of the 700 acres of field work and the mechanical repair on the family's Berks County farm. Turn to page B14 to read more about this amazing 20-year-old. Photo by Lou Ann-Good

## Ranck Joins Lancaster Farming

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — Michelle Ranck has joined the news department at *Lancaster Farming* as a full-time staff writer. She comes to the staff from the Pennsylvania Beef Council, where she was industry relations director. Previously Ranck worked for Sherry Bunting Ag Writing and

Photography Services doing special projects that included interviews with dairy farmers and writing up reports. A May 1999 graduate of Shippensburg University, Ranck majored in communications and journalism, supplemented by an environmental minor.

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Michelle Ranck