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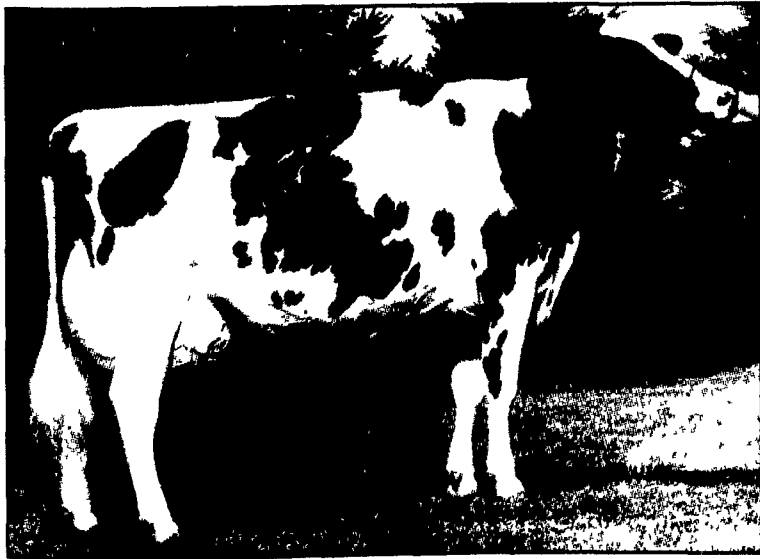
What a beautiful scenic countryside we have this year. The wonderful crop year is so appreciated after last year's drought. Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service Crop Summary reports 97 percent of the state's soil moisture is adequate or in surplus. Small grains and vegetable harvesting is well under way. Lancaster County tobacco farmers are into the annual fall harvest, but the lack of a good market has reduced the number of acres planted.

Silo filling just started this week, but the corn is still very green. Corn statewide was reported at 85 percent tasseled, with conditions variable but mostly

a very excellent crop in the making. A very good soybean crop is also expected. Haymaking continued to be behind schedule because of frequent rains. However, the grazers are having a field day this year with good pasture growth that, along with cool temperatures in August, helped milk production. Apples and peaches are also being harvested with a good crop reported. The fields, stream, and farm in the photo captured the eye of the editor on Monday from the corner of Hess and Musser School roads.

Photo by Everett Newswanger, editor

Cow Cam: A New Adventure
 EVERETT NEWSWANGER
 Editor
 EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) - As part of Lancaster Farming's ongoing effort to support the agricultural community and bring interesting farm features to our readers, a new adventure is in progress. To help our city and



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Industry Officials Want Producers To Vote On Pork Checkoff

ANDY ANDREWS
 Lancaster Farming Staff
 ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — In-person voting on the pork referendum begins Sept. 19 at your local Farm Service Agency office. The referendum voting ends Sept. 21.

The purpose of the referendum is to allow pork producers and importers to vote on whether to continue the

checkoff program administered by the National Pork Board.

The referendum will decide whether to continue the current pork checkoff program.

It's important to vote, according to many industry representatives.

"The most important issue is that pork producers need a voice," said Ken Kephart, Penn State swine specialist. No organization is as effective as the National Pork Producers Council in helping producers market their swine and provide a "good,

objective voice," he said. "They don't base their recommendations or philosophies or comments on emotions and hearsay.

They base it on science and logic."

Promotion of pork is also a

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First Clone Offered At World Dairy Expo

MADISON, Wis. — World Dairy Expo will present another first for the global dairy world this year by offering the first cloned dairy animal ever to be sold at public auction. World Dairy Expo is an international trade and cattle show scheduled Oct. 4-8 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wis.

A September 2001 heifer calf

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Ken Kephart, Penn State swine specialist, right, urges all pork producers to vote on the upcoming checkoff referendum. At left is Robert J. Meinen, new Penn State senior extension associate. Both put the finishing touches on a biofilter demonstration at the recent Ag Progress Days. Photo by Andy Andrews