



Dairy royalty from four states included the following, front, from left, Jenna Rinehart, Md. dairy princess; Heather Rhodes, Eastern Shore, Md.; Alicia Dewitt, Alleg/Garrett, Md.; Kelly Burier, Frederick Co., Md.; Rebekah Shahan, Upper Chesapeake, Md.; Laura Robinson, Va. Princess; Jill Torene, So. Central Md.; and Jamie Carlisle, Burlington Co., N.J. Second row, from left, Corinne Snare, Huntingdon; Elveita Kuhn, Adams Co.; Holly Deeter, Clarion/Venango; Misty Claypoole, Armstrong; Emily Cloninger, Centre; Lori Connelly, Pa. Princess; Jessica Lashinski, Indiana; Heather Crowl, York; Tracy Anderson, Wyoming/Lackawanna; and Susan Hartman, Franklin. Third row, from left, Eliza-

beth Young, Lancaster; Marsha Curry, Clearfield; Sarah Krall, Lebanon; Stephanie Carson, Washington; Laura Dougherty, Erie; Diana Bigelow, Blair; Holly Manross, Crawford; Desarae Oshop, Lawrence; Sherry Plummer, Jefferson; Melinda Wolfe, SUN; Lucinda Bray, Berks; Angela Harbach, Clinton; Melissa Burdick, Potter; Alicean Mignery, Wayne; and Veronica Miles, Tioga. Back row, from left, Heidi Miller, Dauphin; Kelly Diaz, Susquehanna; Samantha Snyder, Schuylkill; Amy Zembauer, Bedford; Amy Schliffka, Beaver; Kathryn Nailor, Perry; Shannon Linamen, Butler; Samantha Barrett, Bradford; Marsha Croskey, Mercer; Bobbi Jo Dressler, Juniata; and Tiffany Gilkinson, Warren.

## Seminar Trains Dairy Royalty From Four States

CLARION (Clarion Co.) — "Fantastic learning experience," "very informative," "fun," "super handouts," "thanks for a great time," — were some of the comments heard and read as a new "class" of dairy royalty and their moms or committee people departed from this year's Dairy Princess Training Seminar.

Conducted by Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and Promotion Services, Inc. (PDPPS), this

training session was held recently at Lycoming College, Williamsport. Sixty-seven dairy royalty from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and New Jersey and 31 adult supporters participated in three and a half days of intensive instruction on the "how tos" of dairy promotion. Led by nutritionists, media spokespersons, industry personnel, dairy farmers, and a fashion consultant, lecture sessions and workshops were

held on all facets of dairy promotion as well as the many lifelong skills of public speaking, social conduct, dress and appearance.

In addition, all 67 participants presented and were critiqued on speeches for adult audiences and skits for school children, which they will use many times throughout the coming year.

Former Pennsylvania Alternate Dairy Princess Amy Mearkle (1993-94) of Bedford

County got the program rolling on Thursday morning with her Keynote Address "Quotes for Life — Under the Crown and Beyond." Using a variety of well-known quotations, she related her experiences as a dairymaid, dairy princess and state alternate and the doors they opened to her in college and as a TV reporter for WTAJ (Channel 10) — Altoona.

Reigning Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Lori Connelly with Alternates Amanda Gilkinson and Rebecca Kilgore welcomed the group with "get to know me" games and pizza party on July 5 and served as helpers and hostesses throughout the seminar. They also appeared as models for the Fashion Show, which was moderated by Melinda Johnson of Warren County. The coordinators and directors of Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Program kept the sessions rolling at a rapid pace and this year even the

weatherman cooperated by keeping the temperatures in the low 80s.

Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and Promotion Services, Inc. is supported by Pennsylvania dairy farmers through the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program, American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Mid East, American Dairy Association/Dairy Council Middle Atlantic, American Dairy Association, Inc. and Allied Milk Producers along with a number of independent dairies, cooperatives and agri-businesses.

Pennsylvania county Dairy Princesses will compete for the state title on September 23 at the Sheraton Hotel in Harrisburg. The milk punch reception will commence at 5:30 p.m., the banquet at 6:30 p.m. and the pageant at 8 p.m. Tickets at \$20 and may be ordered from Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and Promotion Services, Inc., 214 South Street, Clarion, Pa. 16214.

## Penn State Master Gardener Open House

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Penn State Master Gardeners will hold an open house and demonstration garden tour on Saturday, September 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster. This event is free of charge; refreshments will be available.

Educational horticulture aspects to the day:

- The demonstration gardens, which includes annuals, perennials, container gardens, and ornamental shrubs. Master gardeners will be present in all areas to answer questions.

- A Trial Garden Program, in its second year, where the very best new and established annuals, perennials and edible plants from the University are planted in Master Gardener beds across the State. At the end of the season these evaluations will be tab-

ulated and "Gardener Selects Plants of the Year" will be chosen.

Home gardeners will find these plants or seeds at local nurseries with the assurance that they have been tested across the Commonwealth proving their superior performance. Visit this garden where each plant is labeled and see first hand how they're doing.

- A plant clinic conducted by master gardener specialists will help solve your gardening problems. Bring in a good specimen (include some of the healthy plant along with the problem) of diseased or insect-infested plants with several of the live insects and you'll learn the solution to your plant problem.

- Informational displays with accompanying handouts.

- Door Prizes.



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