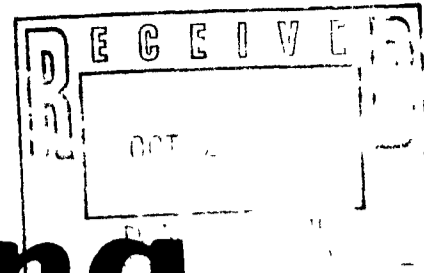


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One of these county dairy princesses will be crowned Pennsylvania state princess tonight at the annual pageant. They are, front row, from left, Corinne Snare, Huntingdon; Elveita Kuhn, Adams; Holly Deeter, Clarion/Venango; Misty Claypoole, Armstrong; Emily Cloninger, Centre; Elizabeth Young, Lancaster; Lori Connelly, Pa. Princess; Veronica Miles, Tioga; Jessica Lashinsky, Indiana; Heather Crowl, York; Tracy Anderson, Wyoming/Lackawanna; and Susan Hartman, Franklin. Second row, from left, 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; and Alicean Mignery, Wayne. Back row, from left, Heidi Miller, Dauphin; Kelly Diaz, Susquehanna; Samantha Snyder, Schuylkill; Amy Zembauer, Bedford; Amy Schliiffka, Beaver, Beaver; Kathryn Nailor, Perry; Shannon Linamen, Butler; Samantha Barrett, Bradford; Marsha Croskey, Mercer; Bobbi Jo Dressler, Juniata; and Tiffany Gilkinson, Warren.

All-American Dairy Show: Best Ever

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premiums to be paid out are now \$146,000, up 82 percent.

This was all made clear at a press conference in the Farm Show building Tuesday morning. And along with these glowing reports of big increases, Hayes unveiled the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's (PDA's) new bulk milk tank calibration program.

A bright new tractor trailer truck was on display that takes this free service from PDA and the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board to independent farm-



ers or other dairymen who want to be sure they are receiving proper milk weights from their bulk milk tanks. A previous, similar service was abandoned by PDA in 1990 because of a

lack of funds. The new test unit required an investment of \$149,125 by PDA.

Tanks of water on-board are run into the farm bulk tank through a computer calibration system from the mobile test unit. Guidelines set by the state gov-

ernment's division of weights and measures are used as standard. The Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board provides the operator.

An All-American event schedule and other related stories can be found elsewhere in this issue.

MMB Schedules Emergency Hearing To Consider Increase In Over-Order Premium

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Milk Marketing Board (MMB) will conduct a public hearing for Milk Marketing Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 on Oct. 4 at 10 a.m. here in Room 202 of the Agriculture Building, 2301 North Cameron Street.

Dairylea Cooperative Inc. and Dairy Farmers of America's Northeast Council petitioned the MMB for this emergency

hearing based on current market conditions. According to the petition, there is an unusual tightness in the milk supply, thus encouraging other states to offer Pennsylvania dairy farmers as much as a \$1.50 per hundredweight premium to purchase their milk — for out-of-state sales — which could hurt the Pennsylvania market.

The current Pennsylvania over-order premium of \$1.25 per

hundredweight (this included \$.25 per hundredweight for fuel adjustment) is scheduled to expire Dec. 31, 2000.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony and exhibits concerning the level of the over-order premium paid to Pennsylvania dairy farmers (for Class I milk that is produced, processed, and sold in Pennsylvania) for the months of November and December 2000.



Keith, Dennis, and Bob Loy know firsthand the havoc cancer can play in the lives of loved ones. For this reason the Loy family planned a community event to raise \$10,000 for cancer research. Turn to page B18 to read more about the event and the Loy Farms in Schuylkill County. Photo by Lou Ann Good