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# Poultry Manure Management, Use Strategies Focus Of National Symposium

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OCEAN CITY, Md. — It's a big challenge: how to move what some consider "waste" and others a valuable resource. Poultry manure. The problem: of the seven billion broilers produced in the

U.S. every year, the manure generated could be laid down in a pile three feet wide by three feet high stretching 7,900 miles long, or about twice the length of the U.S. Processing the manure so it could be used for fertilizer, fuel, or feed is the greatest challenge,

but one that can be technologically met today, according to an agent with North Carolina Extension Service. Glenn Carpenter, area agent

with North Carolina extension in Pittsboro, N.C., said Monday that the technology to convert the resource is there, but is "not nearly as good as it needs to be

for a long-term, sustained market of poultry goods," he said. Carpenter spoke Monday (Turn to Page A29)



Nelson Groff, Manheim, is poised to lead, as president, the Lancaster County Poultry Association, which will conduct its annual banquet Tuesday evening. Groff, technical services representative for Heritage Poultry Management Services, is pictured with his wife, Arlene. Turn to page A36 to read more about the Groffs. Photo by Lou Ann Good



Margeaux Firestine and "Miss Universe" stand by the MAP Farm sign in Womelsdorf. Firestine recently won the junior division speech competition at the Hereford Junior National Expo in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Miss Universe has been a class winner at several fairs and state competitions. Photo by Michelle Ranck

## Speaking Of Beef, Have You Heard About CHB?

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WOMELSDORF (Berks Co.) — Heinz ketchup, Idaho potatoes, and a trip to the gro-

cery store proved to be more than simply food for thought for Margeaux Firestine. Firestine, 15, combined several marketing ideas as she de-

vised her own plan to market beef, the basis for her first-place speech at the Hereford Junior National Expo held in (Turn to Page A38)

## World Dairy Expo Names Holstein Supreme Champion

MADISON, Wis. — A 4-year-old cow exhibited by Kent Van Dyk and Mark Rueth of Jefferson, Wis. was selected as the 2000 World Dairy Expo supreme champion here during closing ceremonies at the 34th annual show.

Vandyk-K Integrity Paradise is sired by Robthom Integrity and her dam is Vandyk-K Broker Pansey-ET. The supreme champion produced a 305-day record of 23,729 pounds of milk, 849 pounds of fat, and 780 pounds of protein.

The reserve supreme champion honors went to the champion from the Central National Jersey Show. Waymar Patrick Nadine is an aged cow owned by Piedmont Jerseys Inc. of Coaticook, Quebec, Canada. She has a 305-day record of 21,344 pounds of milk, 977 pounds of fat, and 838 pounds of protein. Nabdon Master Patrick sired Nadine and her dam is Waymar Silver Jay Norah.

A Jersey cow named Robin Acres Red Alpha 10f was se- (Turn to Page A39)



**INTERCOURSE (Lancaster Co.)** — Fall harvest season is almost complete as warm weather arrived early this week. The morning sun created an Indian Summer-like spectacle.

This has been a record year for corn production in the state and the country. The USDA notes that a record crop is in store for Pennsylvania — an average of 129 bushels per acre, up seven bushels per acre from the previous record of 120 bushels per acre in 1994. Corn production nationwide should be 10.2 billion bushels, the largest production and yield on record (average of 139.6 bushels per acre for the nation). Other farm reports indicate the corn harvest is coming in strong at regional feed mills. Rain has prevented harvest in some areas.

According to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service, corn for grain production is forecast at 135.5 million bushels, 120 percent above last year's crop. The corn crop was 96 percent dent, 2 percent behind the 5-year average. The corn crop was also 78 percent mature, which was the same as the 5-year average. Twenty-two percent of the corn acreage was harvested by the end of the week, 8 percent behind the 5-year average. Corn silage harvest was very active and yields looked good. Fall plowing was 59 percent complete.

A sign of some rainy, cooler weather, not to mention shortening days, ahead . . . The photographer caught this glimpse of the rising sun Monday at the corner of Newport and Pond roads near Intercourse. Photo by Andy Andrews