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Gary and Jenny Bowman, Quarryville, were recently honored as having the lowest somatic cell count in Lancaster. The couple is joined by children Mark, 2, Ellen, 5, and Laura, 7 on Four Leaf Acres, where they milk 60 cows. Photo by Michelle Ranck

Agriculture Makes Headlines For The New Millennium

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EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — From Y2K to “why two candidates?” to record yields, increased beef demand, excitement over robotic milkers, Pennsylvania Egg Quality Assurance Program perhaps providing a model for a national program, and pork and other commodity organizations rethinking the importance of checkoff programs, the agriculture world continues to change

to keep up with this political and information age.

January

The year for the agriculture community opened with the 84th Pennsylvania Farm Show. This event offered six new computerized information booths and more than \$260,000 in premiums distributed to about 10,000 winners.

Lancaster Farming's opinion column reported, “The Pennsylvania Farm Show is history and

officials are calling it the best ever.”

High attendance at the show and Farm Show dinner helped to make it a successful consumer education event.

February

Pennsylvania DHIA and Dairy One entered into an agreement to create an international service company focused on delivering American-style dairy herd management systems around the globe. The interna-

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Bowman Family: ‘We Just Do The Best Job We Can’

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — And the recipe for success is . . . there is no recipe for success. Or trade secrets. Or no-fail product. To achieve the lowest somatic cell count in Lancaster County for the past four years, Gary and Jenny Bowman simply practice careful farm management.

The Bowmans were honored

recently at the Lancaster DHIA banquet for their accomplishment, a distinction which has been theirs during their time at Four Leaf Acres.

The couple prefers not to boast about their track record. “We want clean cows, we want to ship quality milk, and we just do the best job we can. We also feel that the Lord has blessed us,” said Gary.

The Bowmans’ herd consists

of 75 registered cows.

Both have farming backgrounds. Gary grew up farming with his father in Lancaster and Berks counties, and Jenny grew up on a dairy farm in southern Lancaster County.

Helping Make It Work

Part-time help comes from not only neighbor Anthony Johnson, 17, but also the Bow-

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Dairy Stakeholders Name Officers

GRANTVILLE (Dauphin Co.)—The Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders board of directors elected Richard Waybright, Gettysburg, as their new president at a recent board meeting held in conjunction with the 2000 Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders conference. At the same meeting, Chuck Cruickshank, Carlisle, was elected vice president; Betty Reibson, Forksville, secretary; and Allyn Lamb, Mechanicsburg, treasurer. The officers were elected to serve one-year terms. Waybright is co-founder and

partner in Mason-Dixon Farms, Inc. where they milk 2,300 cows and farm 2,400 acres. He also serves as president of the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program and is a member of the National UDIA Board that directs the spending of producers’ funds for milk promotion.

Chuck Cruickshank is director of procurement, member relations and transportation for Land O’Lakes, Inc. Cruickshank is in charge of procurement for Land O’Lakes Mid-Atlantic region. He also works

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Officers of the Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholder board of directors are from left, Richard Waybright, president; Betty Reibson, secretary; Chuck Cruickshank, vice president; and Allyn Lamb, treasurer.



We Reflect On The Past, Anticipate The Future

As the year comes to a close, we reflect on the past and anticipate the future. At *Lancaster Farming*, we extend seasons greetings to all our readers. With this issue you will find our 2001 Ag Directory. This comprehensive, 160-page listing of agricultural organizations and contact people in an eight-state region will be useful all year. Next week, our annual Farm Show issue includes coverage of events for both the Pennsylvania Farm Show and the Keystone Farm Show. Traditional Farm Show weather didn’t wait for the beginning of January this year. With the coldest winter since 1989, the cold creek and snow scene above gives warning of what to expect on our trek to the shows in Harrisburg and York. In the photo, the camera looks west from the small bridge on North Weavertown Road between Mascot and Church roads in east central Lancaster County. Happy New Year, everyone! Photo by Everett Newswanger, editor