

Dairy Day Draws 450

and industry representatives, targeted farmers in both Bradford and Sullivan counties.

"We've tried to include them more in our programs because there aren't as many dairy farms in Sullivan County," said Gary Hennip, Bradford County dairy agent.

Hennip also commented that the annual program has turned into a fun event with the ever-growing pie auction and ample

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EAST SMITHFIELD (Bradford Co.) — Free health screenings, informational programs, and fun events drew about 450 people to the annual dairy day program Monday, Feb. 19, at S.R.U. School.

For the first year, the growing program, sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension



Charlotte Johnson sits for a blood sugar screening performed by Sandy Swick, RN from Memorial Hospital. Dairy Day participants could also get a free tetanus shot and have their hearing tested, among other health screening activities.



Cole Beckwith of North Orwell takes a bowl of vanilla ice cream from Bradford County Dairy Princess Samantha Barrett, while Alternate Dairy Princess Sara Jennings and Dairy Maid Marlesa Coolbaugh look on.

time to visit with industry representatives from all facets of the dairy industry, as well as other farmers. This year's pie auction averaged \$50 per pie with Joyce Taylor's winning confection bringing a price of \$150 from Morrissey Insurance.

Nineteen pies were judged, raising \$995, which will be shared between the 4-H dairy

program and the dairy princess program, less \$100 in prize money for the entrants.

"We've got a lot more life in Dairy Day," noted Hennip. "It's

kind of a fun day."

Although dairy princesses served up gallons and gallons of free ice cream and sponsored a

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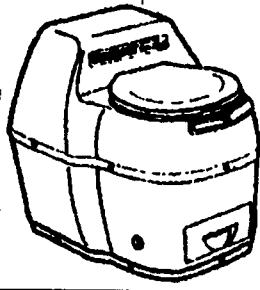
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Bradford County Dairy Agent Gary Hennip prepares to auction off the 19 pies entered in the annual pie auction. Money raised supports both the Bradford County 4-H dairy program as well as the Dairy Princess Program.

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