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Calving Season Demonstrates White Park Cattle's Calm, Even Temperament



Glenn Wenger, left, breeds and owns 23 cows, their calves, and four bulls of British White Park Cattle, aided by herdsman Bill Paul. Photo by Michelle Ranck

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MYERSTOWN (Lebanon Co.) — The sight of white calves with black noses, legs, and ears capering beside their mothers this spring will turn the heads of more than a few passersby in Myerstown this spring.

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One of Wenger's favorite characteristics about the British White Park breed is their calm, even temperament.

Lawmakers Take Proactive Stance Against FMD, BSE

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Animal disease was the center of attention for legislators, university researchers, veterinarians, and producers gathered here at the capitol building Wednesday.

media attention which has been centered on the disease, foot and mouth disease was the much-discussed topic of the meeting. Legislators had a broad range of questions for the authorities present.

The meeting also worked to highlight the challenge that agriculture is facing and help producers take precautions and learn how to respond if a disease arrives in the U.S.

Disease symptoms include blisters on the coronary band, in the interdigital spaces, inside the mouth on the tongue, lips, or gums, on the udder and teats, and on the snout of pigs. Excessive salivation and lameness are also classic symptoms.

Because of England's outbreak, and the vast amount of

A suspected case should be immediately reported. At the
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Poultry Council's Annual Fundraiser Features Mattea

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HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — An evening of fellowship and fun marks PennAg Industries Association Poultry Council's annual fundraising banquet.

The "dinner theater"-type program, Monday, April 9 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, features entertainment by Kathy Mattea.

Mattea combines country, folk, pop, and gospel ideals to craft music that "explores the kind of love most people profess to want: full of safety, security, dedication, and intensity," according to promotional materials from the Council.

Last year about 1,200 attended the dinner theater at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

According to Jim Shirk, vice president of the Council, about \$70,000 was raised at last year's event.

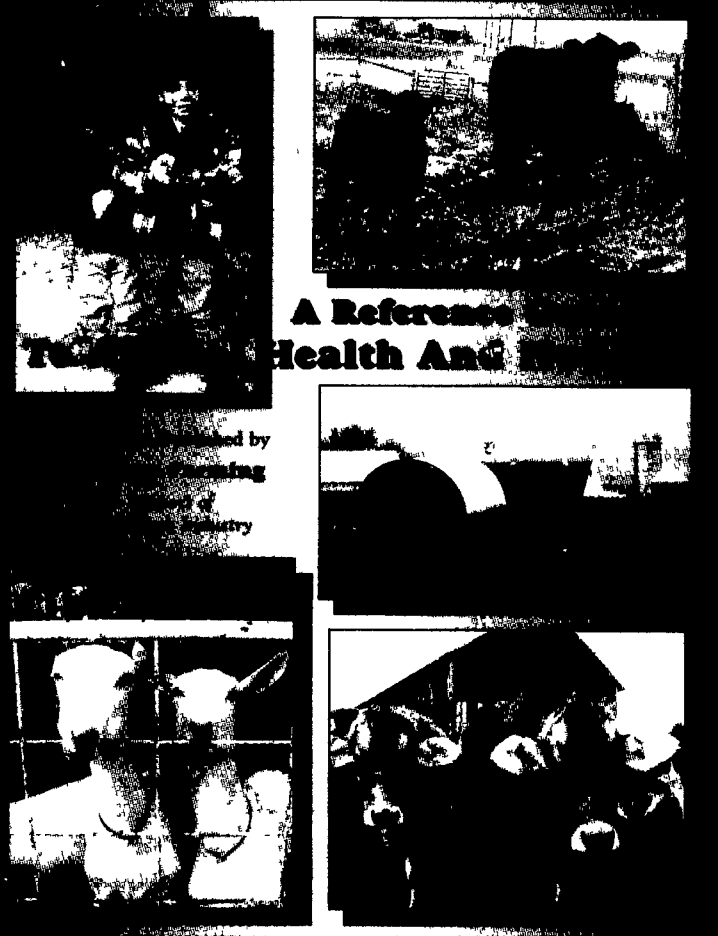
The money, he said, pays for Council education programs and legislative work for the poultry industry.

"We have a strong poultry health program, and we work very closely with the state," he said.

Programs involve education
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Pennsylvania State Grange Young Couple Ken and Wendy Kerschner combine strengths to promote Grange. Read more about the Alleghenyville Grange members on page B12.



Lancaster Farming's 2001 Reference Guide to Animal Health and Housing, included in this issue, features information about livestock certification, dairy reproduction troubleshooting, news for cattle feeders, avian influenza identification and control, foot and mouth disease information, and other items.

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