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# Whirring Clippers Yield New Spring Jackets For Sheep

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**ATGLEN (Chester Co.) —**  
 The buzz of clippers and piles of

fluffy wool are familiar elements of an evening's work for shear-

ers Nate Good and Ken Snyder. Partners in "K & N Shear-

ing," Nate and Ken spend many of their evenings from mid-March to the end of May on farms in northern Maryland, Lancaster, and York areas. During the season they may shear more than 1,500 head of sheep.

Four nights a week plus Saturdays mean that the shearing season may get hectic, but is also rewarding. "I enjoy meeting the people," said Nate. "We have more than 100 customers that we shear for.

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## Township Group Hears Advanced Farms Presentation

**HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.)**

A recent study of just 15 livestock producers reveals that these companies provide nearly \$75 million in payments a year to farms in 20 Pennsylvania counties.

"That's more income to these 932 farms than the expected total of state and county funds dedicated to farmland preservation this year," said Al Wenger in a discussion of agricultural trends and a forum on higher-yield farms at the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors annual meeting in Hershey.

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**Nate Good, Windsor, foreground, and Ken Snyder, Airville, both of York County, team up to shear 1,500 sheep during the spring season. After leaving their workplaces for the day, the partners travel to farms in York, Lancaster, and northern Maryland areas in the evenings and Satur-**

**days. The clientele grows every year with little advertising, since few people know the trade. "It makes us feel good that so many people are counting on us year after year, since there's not many people who shear," said Nate. Photo by Michelle Ranck**

## Legislators Unveil Bill To Combat 'Agriterrorism'

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) —** Legislation that would combat agriterrorism — the deliberate infection of farm animals with contagious diseases

such as foot-and-mouth — was unveiled at a Capitol news conference Tuesday by state Sen. Noah Wenger (R-36) and state Sen. Mike Waugh (R-28).

The lawmakers were joined by state Agriculture Secretary Sam Hayes, Dr. Alan Kelly, dean of the School of Veterinary

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## Guernseys Were 'My Life,' Says Banquet Honoree

**LINDA WILLIAMS**  
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**BEDFORD (Bedford Co.) —** Bud and Anna Hamilton of West Chester were inducted into the Pennsylvania Walk of Fame

of the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeder's Association.

The award was presented at the annual Guernsey Breeder's Awards Banquet, conducted late last week at the Arena Restau-

rant. Bud Hamilton began his farming career in New York state with the McDonald Farms.

Always interested in the Guernsey breed, Hamilton continued to work at farms featuring this breed. He eventually became the manager at the DuPont farms, where he remained for 37 years.

"I've always farmed with Guernseys and I love them. They were my life," said Hamilton, who has retired.

Terri Johnson of the Rutter Farms in York won the production awards. The high herd in 2000 was Rutter Bros. 25 cows, 19,704 pounds of milk, 886 pounds of fat, and 687 pounds of protein.

High cow for milk and protein in 2000 was Rutter Brothers Magic Cindy with 27,202 pounds of milk, 1,129 pounds of fat, and 886 pounds of protein.

High cow for fat in 2000 was Rutter Brothers Perfectos Stacy  
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**Production awards at the annual Guernsey Breeder's Awards Banquet were all won by the Rutter Bros. of York. Representing the farm are Cindy Rutter, and Kelly and Terri Johnson. Photo by Linda Williams, Bedford Co. correspondent**



**Win one of these "cow prizes" by entering Lancaster Farming's annual June Dairy Recipe Drawing. Lou Ann Good, food and family features editor, shows some of the prizes that will be awarded to readers who submit entries within the next month. See page B2 for details on entering the drawing. Photo by Michelle Ranck**