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State Dairy Princess Melinda Wolfe, right, and Alternate Heidi Miller pick the dairy recipe contest winners to be announced June 30. Photo by Michelle Ranck

## Where Medicine, Agriculture Meet Lancaster Dairy Vet Gives Glimpse Into Colorful, Varied Job

**Part 1 of 2**  
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Editor's note: This article is part one of a two-part series addressing the veterinary vocation. This week's story introduces Peter Dippel, DVM, and gives an overview of the demands, challenges, and rewards of the animal care profession. Next

week the story will trace a typical day on the field for the veterinarian.

**SALUNGA (Lancaster Co.)** — They are familiar figures on farms around the countryside.

Clothed in overalls with the sleeves chopped off, surrounded by sterilized tools, carrying a bucket of soapy water, and spouting difficult medical

jargon without a second thought, veterinarians are a necessary and valued element of the agriculture industry.

They may spend their day performing surgery, doing pregnancy checks, taking milk samples, or diagnosing mysterious illnesses.

And Peter Dippel, DVM,  
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To kick off June Dairy Month, Pennsylvania's dairy promotion organizations arranged for the creation of a giant sundae on the capitol steps in Harrisburg. Alexa Stoner, ADADC Middle Atlantic, holds a ball of cherries which will top the sundae's 126 gallons of ice cream, whipped cream, and five gallons each of chopped nuts and chocolate and caramel syrup. See report on page A29. Photo by Michelle Ranck

## Rural Health Workers Face Unique Challenges

Program Offered To Farmers With Disabilities

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Medical personnel from across the state gathered here Monday and Tuesday to share and learn ways of meeting the unique challenges of providing health care to Pennsylvania's rural communities.

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania

Office of Rural Health, Penn State Cooperative Extension, and the Pennsylvania Department of Health, "2001: A Rural Health Odyssey" featured educational sessions on how to make health care more accessible to people in rural areas, the effects of a nursing shortage, palliative medicine, and a program that provides services to  
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## Japanese Group Tours Ephrata Egg Facility

**MILLIE BUNTING**  
Market Staff  
EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.)  
— Food safety is the focus of

food producers the world over. Egg safety is the focus of Sauder's Quality Eggs, who helped pioneer the Pennsylvania Egg

Quality Assurance Program (PEQAP), the first of its kind in the U.S.

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## Ridge Directs \$10 Million For Equine Center

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — On Wednesday, Gov. Tom Ridge released \$10 million in capital budget public improvement funds for the construction of a Pennsylvania Equine Center.

The center will be co-located with the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, and will host equine events and accommodate vendor exhibits.

"The new equine center builds upon our unprecedented commitment to Pennsylvania agriculture and the state's 60,000 farm families," Ridge said. "Pennsylvania's equine industry is a \$5-billion-a-year industry. We're home to more than 200,000 horses. And now, we'll have a state-of-the-art facility in which to showcase it."

"Pennsylvania makes the best agricultural products on the planet. With the new equine fa-

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York County's dairy promotion team includes, from left front, Dairy Miss Amy Baumgardner, Little Dairy Miss Katie Baumgardner, Dairy Princess Michelle Walker, Little Dairy Miss Amber Thoman, and Dairy Miss Caryln Crowl. Back, from left, are Dairy Ambassador Raechel Kilgore, Dairy Maid Amanda Hoover, and Dairy Ambassador April Daughtery. See page B12 for details. Photo by Joyce Bupp, York County correspondent

## Greenhouse Growers Cut Pesticide Use

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CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes Jr. visited Quality Greenhouses here Wednesday to promote an integrated pest management (IPM) program for greenhouse operations in the state.

With the goal of reducing pesticide use while controlling pest damage to crops, IPM practices include monitoring for insects and using biological agents (living organisms that control pests) rather than adhering to a fixed pesticide application program.

Hayes recognized Quality Greenhouses for its leadership in implementing IPM practices, pointing out economic, safety, and environmental benefits of the program.

"Pesticides are not a low cost  
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