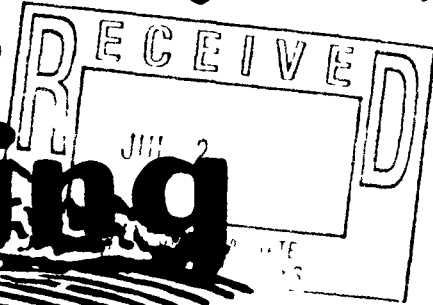


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Susquehanna County dairy promoters include, left to right, Jenna Sprout, Abbey Puzo, Ashley Franklin, Madison Legg, Abbey Hewitt, Amanda Miner, Shana Mack, Becky Jordan, and Alyssa Sprout.

Milk Break At The Susquehanna County Courthouse

MONTROSE (Susquehanna Co.) — The Susquehanna County dairy princesses, ambassadors and dairy maids invited courthouse employees and passersby to take a break — a milk break.

On a summer day with temperatures near 90 degrees, dairy

promoters wanted everyone to experience a refreshing glass of white or chocolate milk. Nearly 100 containers of milk were distributed.

The Susquehanna County Judge, commissioners and the chief clerk were among the guests that took time to visit the

young promoters and enjoy a glass of cold milk.

After the milk break Darlene Page, the extension family living agent, did a food safety workshop for the dairy royalty, who also made their own serving of ice cream in a bag.

Another Breed Profile From Lancaster Farming:

Maine-Anjou Cattle The Breed Of Choice For Walters



Donald and Marianne Walter, Airville, have enjoyed success at the Farm Show with their Maine-Anjou animals, a breed originating in northwestern France. See full report on page A26. Photo by Michelle Ranck

MICHELLE RANCK
Lancaster Farming Staff
AIRVILLE (York County) —

Spend some time during next year's Farm Show in the Maine-Anjou area. Chances are you will meet York Countian Donald Walter, who has supplied the event with the last three champion females and several champion or reserve champion bulls... and shows no signs of letting up.

Noticing Maine-Anjou cattle "win show after show" more than 10 years ago, Walter de-

Agriculture Secretary Hayes Applauds State Budget

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Sam Hayes has given an "enthusiastic thumbs-up" to Gov. Tom Ridge's and the state legislature's continued commitment to the support of Pennsylvania's agriculture, as shown by the new state budget recently approved for the fiscal year that begins on July 1.

"This agriculture budget is excellent when considering the complex difficulties which were faced by Governor Ridge and our state lawmakers. While other states struggle, the new ag budget in Pennsylvania is an exceptionally good fiscal plan. As has been the case for the past few years, this new budget is

good for agriculture and highlights the commitment and high level of support for agriculture from Gov. Ridge and our state lawmakers," Hayes said.

To firm up its national lead in farmland preservation and Gov. Ridge's "Growing Greener" initiative, \$59.6-million is available beginning July 1. "Growing Greener" is Ridge's commitment to the environment and the preservation of open spaces.

Since 1989, Pennsylvania has spearheaded the preservation of 1,640 farms and 198,811 acres for future generations. Due to Pennsylvania's farmland preservation effort, the American

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Milking Robot Gets The Job Done

Cows Volunteer To Be Milked



The Holl family and robotic milker technician Scott McCulloch, beside cow being milked by robot. From left, McCulloch; Carolyn, 12; Gordon; Karl, 8; and Amy Holl.

Photo by Dave Lefever

DAVE LEFEVER
Lancaster Farming Staff
NEWVILLE (Cumberland Co.) — It's called a robot, but it doesn't look like one — at last not like the first picture that

may come to mind of a mechanical gadget with head, arms, and legs in a roughly human form.

When it comes to milking cows, however, it acts like a

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Dairy Recipe Contest Winners Announced

This is the moment you have been waiting for. Thirty lucky winners will receive prizes for their recipe entries in *Lancaster Farming's* latest drawing. Turn to page B2 for a listing of the prize winners.



New Pennsylvania FFA Association officers are, back row, from left: Lance Bittner, Berlin, Brothers Valley FFA, sentinel; Jeremy Ranck, Christiana, Hans Herr FFA, eastern region vice president; Karrie Kehr, New Holland, Grassland FFA, vice president; Paul Hostetter, Holtwood, Hans Herr FFA, president; Cody Holden, Hegins, Tri-Valley FFA, chaplain; and Isaac Harrington, Albion FFA, Erie County, western region vice president. Front row, from left: Holly Rankin, Red Lion FFA, York County, treasurer; Sherisa Brammer, Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Valley FFA; Amanda Brown, Danville FFA, secretary; Rebecca Sankey, Clearfield, north central vice president; and Lisa Fetscher, Saul High School, Philadelphia, reporter. Watch for more pictures of FFA Activities Week next week's issue of *Lancaster Farming*.