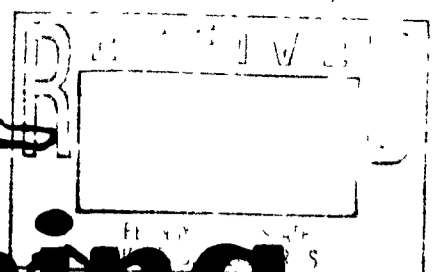


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Pa.'s 38th All-American Dairy Show 'Biggest In America'

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Sam Hayes encourages all dairy enthusiasts to attend the 38th All-American Dairy Show Sept. 22-27, what he calls the "biggest dairy show in America," at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex.

Hayes said, "Pennsylvania takes great pride in hosting one of the top dairy shows in America. I encourage all dairy breeders to get their premium list and make plans to attend the All-American Dairy Show. We are working to have the 'All-American' a world-class show for a world-class dairy industry; and, with things such as increased premiums and the huge new construction scheduled for the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, we are providing tangible proof of our intent to provide the dairy industry with the very best."

The numbers prove it: the show, largest in the U.S. last year, at 2,848 entries, has grown in size this year to 3,077 entries. Hayes noted. Last year the number of exhibitors stood at 562; this year, Hayes said, they have risen to 574.

"Twenty states were involved in the All-American Dairy show last year, up substantially from 1999," he said. "This year there are entries from 24 states in the show."

State appropriations reflect what Hayes called a positive and upbeat commitment to the event. Appropriations for the show totaled \$187,000 last year; this year, appropriations have risen to \$225,000.

The "All-American" showcases some of the finest dairy (Turn to Page A39)



HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A new Pennsylvania Dairy Princess will be crowned from among these county princesses competing tonight. Front row, from left, are LeAnn Witmer, Cumberland; Stephanie Blesinger, Armstrong; Jessica Brigich, Washington; Jennifer Stahl, Somerset; Melinda Wolfe, Pennsylvania Dairy Princess; Rebecca Mowrer, Huntingdon; Amber Rose, Erie; Bobbie Sue Adams, Wyoming-Lackawanna; and Krista Braymer, Crawford. Middle row, from left, are Andrea (Anne) Fisher, Lancaster; Danielle Bagley, Sullivan; Kimberly Voorhies,

Mercer; Nicole Boyle, Butler; Lane Whiting, Lawrence; Joan Adams, Perry; Ashley Judy, Centre; Kimberly Baker, Tioga; Heather Gray, Juniata; Holy Miller, Dauphin; and Selena Hollenbach, SUN Area. Back row, from left, are Donnica Greider, Lycoming; Nicole Powell, Clarion-Venango; Amy Moyer, Lebanon; Pamela Cornell, Potter; Michelle Freyer, Clearfield; Gretchen King, Indiana; Emily Kirsch, Blair; Kristen Gross, Berks; Jessica Bilger, Mifflin; Michelle Walker, York; Sara Jennings, Bradford; and Barbara Reichard, Franklin.

Dairy Plus

Facility Construction
Co-op News
Alternative Dairying
Herd Expansion

Lancaster Farming Introduces Dairy Plus

A new booklet this issue arrives just in time for the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show in Harrisburg. *Lancaster Farming's Dairy Plus*, pictured at left, includes brand-new dairy industry news and information departments.

The premier issue of *Dairy Plus* includes features on facility and herd expansion, alternative dairying, and expanded DHIA reports. The booklet also includes information from Penn State dairy science experts, including grazing with larger herds, information on BVD, minimizing immune system dysfunction, and a foot and mouth disease update.

Dairy Plus also includes a special information from the cooperatives, business news, and a long-range dairy calendar. Also provided is pertinent regional and national news and advertising messages.

Animal Handling Expert: Don't Abandon Ethics While Improving Technology

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POCONO MANOR (Monroe Co.) — Dr. Temple Grandin, assistant professor of animal science at Colorado State University and designer of animal handling facilities, said her biggest concern after working with livestock for 25 years is the pushing of genetics to the point where science overrides ethical issues in regards to animal welfare and handling.

At the 123rd PennAg Convention early this week at the Pocono Manor Inn and Golf Resort, Pocono Manor, Grandin provided her insights into animal handling practices.

Grandin's presentation was titled, "If the Public Visited Your Farm Today, Would You Feel Comfortable?"

Grandin believes the general public won't accept drastic scientific and genetic changes — we must keep ethical issues in

mind and must find standards that the general public will find acceptable.

According to Grandin, animal welfare is an issue that is not going to go away. Through providing accurate information to the public and retailers who purchase and use our products, addressing those in the industry who conduct unethical practices, and working to communicate and teach the public where the food comes from, we can improve our share of the market.

Grandin, a leading consultant in animal welfare, suggested one way to improve the handling of animals was to avoid putting handlers on a piecemeal basis, but to instead use incentive pay. In her studies she found employees who share in the profits were more likely to treat the animals with respect.

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