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## Co-op Leaders Discuss Ways To Help Milk Producers Cope

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GEORGETOWN (Lancaster Co.) — Dairy farmers know that low milk prices and high feed costs add up to tough times. Those are the conditions they

Especially in times like these, milk cooperative leaders try to assure farmers they are doing all they can to secure the best markets and member benefits. One way to offer better security to dairy farmers is by working together with other co-ops, according to Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) and Dairylea leaders speaking to about 70 dairy pro-

ducers and family members at a meeting here late last week.

"We need to keep our eye on the ball and what we can do together," said Jerrel Heatwole, DFA director from Greenwood, Del

DFA, an international milkproducers cooperative, and New York-based Dairylea have worked together as Dairy Marketing Services (DMS) since the fall of 1999. DMS also includes several smaller cooperatives, including Mount Joy Farmer's Coop, based in Lancaster County.

Part of the meeting was spent

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## Farm Aid Brings Music, Message

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BURGETTSTOWN (Wash-

ington Co.) — When the Farm Aid extravaganza rolls into town, it brings with it much more than just some of the best music in America.

While the musical fare did not disappoint last Saturday's sold-out crowd of more than 23,000 fans who showed up at the Post-Gazette Pavilion in Burgettstown (near Pittsburgh) for the eighthour feast of stars, the "real show" was mostly behind the scenes.

For a 24-hour period before the concert, the 15th edition of Farm Aid, and a host of local sponsors, presented numerous opportuni-

ties for members of the public and the press to be nourished on information and encouragement aimed at bolstering family farms all over Pennsylvania and the rest of the country.

Beginning at the Regional History Center in downtown Pittsburgh on Friday night, supporters of the Farm Aid message sponsored a program entitled "Challenges and Choices: The Future of Our Food and Farms," featuring the words and reflections of nationally known speakers as well as three Pennsylvania farmers.

Local co-sponsors of the event who intended to underscore the

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Turn to page B2 to read "A Night To Remember." The story chronicles the state dairy princess pageant, Sept. 21, where these three contestants were selected to represent Pennsylvania's dairy industry. From left are Second Alternate Ashley Lynn Chapman, Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Raechel Kilgore, and First Alternate Rachel Ebert.

Photo by Lou Ann Good, food and family features editor

## Three States Converge At Small Farm Expo

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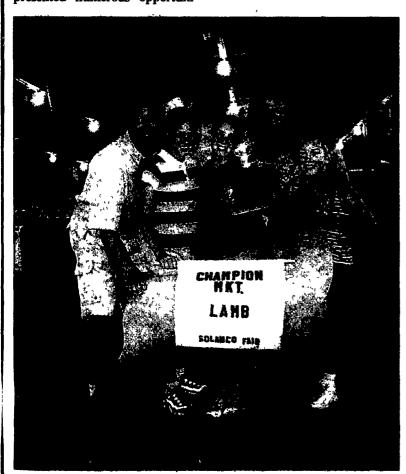
GILBERT (Monroe Co.) — People seeking inspiration and support for managing small farms had a chance to gather with like-minded rural enthusiasts at the Northeast Small Farm and Rural Living Expo at the West End Fairgrounds here last weekend.

It was the second annual expo coordinated by the agricultural college extension programs from universities in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania — Cornell, Rutgers, and Penn State, respectively.

"You have three states coming together, forgetting boundaries," Russell Gunton, regional director with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA), said of the two-day expo. Gunton joined ag representatives from New Jersey and New York for the official event kickoff on Saturday.

Soil health, livestock production, raising flowers for profit, horse handling, and launching

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Good prices stood in store for 4-H livestock exhibitors at last week's Solanco Fair. Grand champion lamb at the Solanco Fair sold for \$4.30 a pound to the Liebold family. From left, Rick, Brittanie, Aurora, and Meg Leibold, and at haiter, exhibitor Miriam Henry. See story page A21. Phop by Andy Andrews, editor

## All-American Names Youth Supreme Champion



HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Alf-American Dairy Show named Brothers Three Wisper, a Brown Swiss junior 2-year-old (S: Bettavue Emory Prelude ET, D: Top Acree Jetway Wisp), exhibited by Jacob Hushon, Airville, youth supreme champion Thursday evening at the Ali-American. This was the first time the show hosted a youth supreme champion. From Teft, Mark McIver and Paul Miller, presenting the check; Ashley Chapman, state alternate dairy princess; Rachel Ebert, alternate dairy princess; Hushon; Raechel Kilgore, state dairy princess; and Sam Hayes Jr., state secretary of agriculture. Shoremar \$ Alicia, the Holstein grand champion, was named supreme champion of the open show. See stories next issue.

Photo by Dave Lefever