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Bob Livingston, farm manager of South Branch Farms in Seven Valleys, is a seedstock producer managing 200 registered Angus brood cows. He shares his herd experiences in this edition of *Lancaster Farming*. Photo by Michelle Kunjappu

## Manager Shares Breeding, Calving, Weaning Expertise

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**SEVEN VALLEYS** (York Co.)

— With the south branch of the Codorus Creek winding its way around the farm, and a rail-trail running through the properties, if South Branch Farms Angus cattle are into fishing or hiking, they are in luck.

The purebred registered Angus herd, however, is not into recreational activities. The cattle are bred to work.

“We focus on what the beef in-

dustry needs, not the show ring or a certain genetic line,” said Bob Livingston, farm manager of South Branch Farms.

“We’ve really tried to focus on the traits that are important to the industry — to breed good cattle that are relevant to the industry,” he said.

Livingston has managed the operation for owner Bob Kinsley,

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## Ag Department Likely To Change Under Rendell

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**HARRISBURG** (Dauphin Co.)

— Pennsylvania’s Governor-elect Ed Rendell will likely make some changes at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

(PDA) when he takes office in January.

At this early stage, those changes and what they could mean for farming in Pennsylvania

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## Amidst Challenge Of Urban Pressure, York Farm Family Continues To Raise Beef

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**MANCHESTER** (York Co.) — Patrons who walk to the back of the pizzeria have a full view of the pasture.

Softball players, as they stand in the outfield, can watch the cows graze.

Residents of a nearby apartment complex can see calves capering in the field.

Employees of the Starbucks Coffees Eastern Roasting and Distribution Center work in the facility which sits adjacent to the farm’s fields.

Clearly, the Gross family of Manchester, York County, share their farm.

Although they live amidst industrial growth and residential development, however, the family’s resolution to farm has not dimmed.

Cold Springs Farm includes parents Steven and Phyllis, who live in the home Steven grew up in. Their sons, Steve Jr. and Daniel, are joined by their spouses Becky and Tina and children. The farm also employs Allen

## Farmers Finalize Resolutions For Bureau’s State Meeting

**CAMP HILL** (Cumberland Co.) — A statewide committee of farmers wrapped up work in Camp Hill on resolutions that will go before the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) during the organization’s 52nd annual meeting in Hershey, Nov. 18-20.

policy will be decided range from trade opportunities with Cuba to a requirement that buyers of homes near farms sign a disclosure notice acknowledging their proximity to accepted agricultural practices. Reforms to make local taxation more equitable and

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At left, Daniel stands with his father, Steven Gross. A recent expansion of the feedlot allowed the Grosses to house more cattle at this finishing facility.



Some of the Registered Angus herd of River Bend Farm enjoy their autumn pasture near Peapack, N.J. The picturesque farm, with its wood shingle barns, and black cattle grazing among the fall colors, was the site recently of the reorganization meeting of the New Jersey Angus Association. River Bend Farm is

home to herd manager Corne Vogelaar; wife Dawn; and children Case, 5; Jay, 4; Melissa, 2; and Joshua, 6 months. The farm consists of 240 owned and rented acres and has a herd that includes 60 cows. See story page A23. Photo by Deanna Cunfer, Carbon Co. correspondent.