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we also had a large amount of people who helped us with visuals to make our theme this year stand out. Other companies and individuals also helped us gain a "picnic look."

On behalf of the Lancaster County Dairy Committee, I just want to say another giant "thank you" to everyone. I cannot express how much it means to us to know that you are willing and able to share your resources with us. May God bless you. Not only do I want to thank everyone who gave up resources, but I also

want to thank all the girls who sat through the cold and, sometimes, very long parades. Your enthusiasm for promoting milk made even the longest waits fly by. It has been an honor to have each one of you part of the dairy royalty team.

Last but not least, I want to thank every committee member, parent, and family member who donated their time and talents to make this year's fairs great successes.

— Kari Martin
Lancaster County
Dairy Princess
Ephrata

Schweiker Administration Announces 34 Farms In 17 Counties Approved For Preservation

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Sam Hayes announced that 34 Pennsylvania farms totaling 3,545 acres in 17 counties were approved for preservation by the Pennsylvania Farmland Preservation Board at its November meeting.

"Other states look to Pennsylvania's farmland preservation initiative as a national model," Hayes said. "As Gov. Schweiker recently announced, we have surpassed our goal of preserving 2,002 farms in 2002. This effort would not be possible without the support of the governor and state lawmakers committed to saving Pennsylvania's farmland."

Hayes noted that the approval of 34 farms with 3,545 acres brings Pennsylvania's total preservation effort for 2002 to a total of 262 farms totaling 29,054 acres.

Since the inception of Pennsylvania's Farmland Preservation program in 1989, Pennsylvania has preserved a total of 2,048 farms covering 244,352 acres. Pennsylvania continues to preserve farmland at a rate faster than any other state in the nation.

The following 14 farms preserved under the State Easement Purchase Program are listed by county, owner, and municipality.

Beaver County:

- William and Mary Swick and Daniel and Megan Nye, Franklin Township.

Berks County:

- Robert and Glenna Lebo, Tulpehocken Township.
- Glenn Z. and Karen C. Musser, Bethel Township.

- Terry L. Ney, Jefferson Township.

Bucks County:

- Matthew G. and Patricia L. Millen, Durham Township.

Cambria County:

- John and Elizabeth Skebeck, Clearfield and Chest townships.

Centre County:

- R. Dane, Melinda S., Dean R. Jr. and Karyn L. Hooper, Potter Township.

Cumberland County:

- Mary Ann Brymesser, Monroe Township.

Dauphin County:

- Wayne and Kimbra Landis, Mifflin and Washington townships.

Lancaster County:

- Alice H. Carter, East Drumore Township.

Luzerne County:

- Jean S. and Jay K. Balliet, Butler Township.

Union County:

- Aaron and Susan Zimmerman, Buffalo Township.

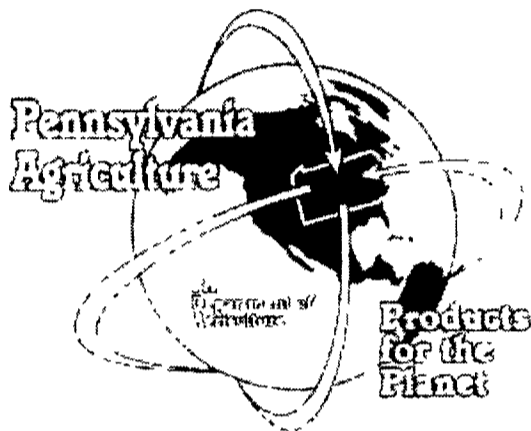
Washington County:

- William and Donna Lowry, Hopewell Township.

Westmoreland County:

- Naomi Costello, Mount Pleasant Township.

Twenty farms totaling 1,612 acres in Chester, Franklin, Lebanon, Lehigh, and York counties were preserved at the November Farmland Preservation Board meeting through the County Easement Purchase Program.



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Sam Hayes
Secretary of Agriculture



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