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Cuba: Sustainable Agriculture As National Defense?



Cuba has come up with some unique methods of self-sustenance over the years. Here, customers arrive at a bustling Havana farmers market. Most booths are managed by intermediaries who are contracted directly by farmers to market their products. Tomatoes displayed here for 5 pesos per pound (about 20 cents U.S.) are considered expensive. Photo by Brian Snyder, Centre Co. correspondent

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HAVANA, Cuba — Two days before the war in Iraq began, and as Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge announced that the terrorism threat level was being raised to orange, USDA Secretary Ann Veneman announced a corresponding increase in security for all USDA facilities and functions.

In a memo released by the department, Veneman detailed some of the changes that would

be forthcoming. The memo lists several specific actions, including the secretary's orders to "increase perimeter security at all USDA facilities and restrict access to essential personnel," and "Alert industry and producer organizations of the threat status and urge them to implement additional security measures such as inspecting all vehicles entering facilities and operations and escorting all visitors."

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Conference Examines Solutions To Preventing Bioterrorism

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A one-day conference on Tuesday provided "an opportunity to get together to talk about issues we're all facing," said Dan Azzara, Hershey Foods Corporation.

The fourth biannual conference, designed to address issues

such as agro/bioterrorism and provide participants with useful information, drew 60 people to the symposium and 90 to the evening dinner.

Azzara discussed Congress's Bioterrorism Act and the changes it will bring to the food industry,

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Cattlemen's Association Honors Beef Producers, Sam Hayes

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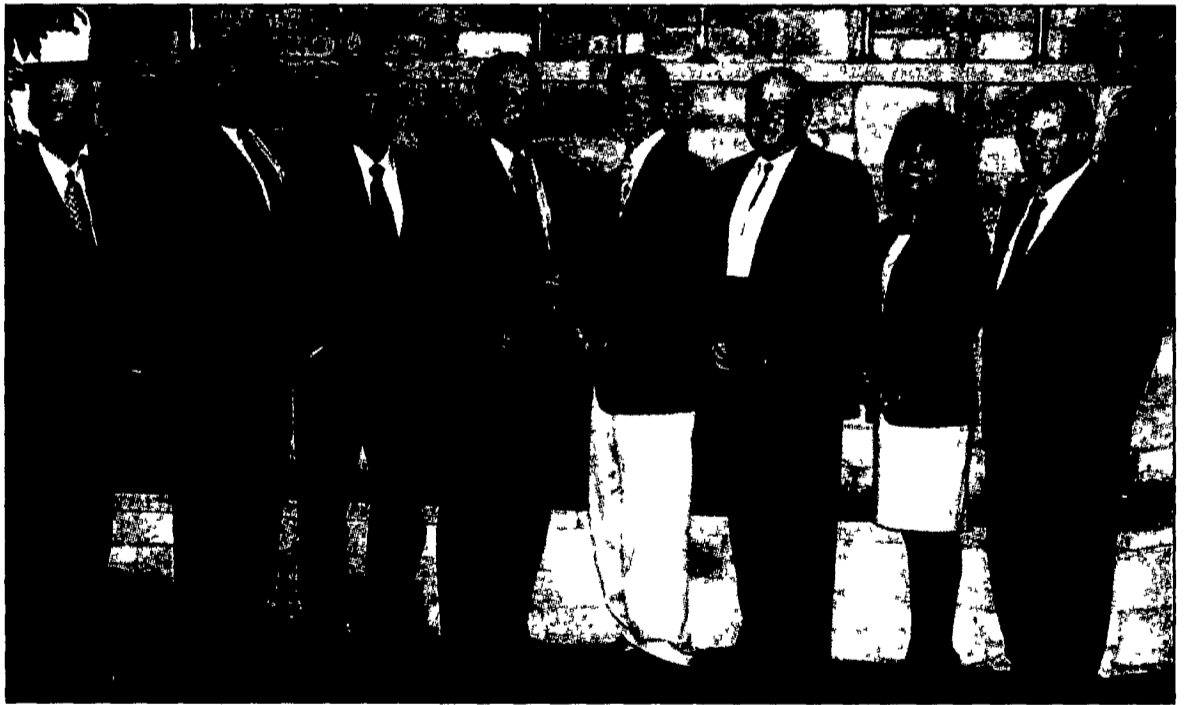
STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association recognized a number of cattle producers and other beef industry movers at the annual banquet here last week. The event launched this year's Pennsylvania Beef Expo that

took place in State College March 27-30.

The association named four beef producers and three others for their unique service to the industry.

Sam Hayes, former Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture, was

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Beef stakeholders honored at the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association banquet last week are, from left, Sam Hayes, Glenn Eberly, Frank Stoltzfus, Bob Boyce, Mike Buckwalter, Allyn Myers, and Natasha Shoemaker, with Terry Shearer, PCA president. Photo by Dave Lefever

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The annual *Lancaster Farming Animal Health and Housing Book* is included this issue. The book focuses on herd health and odor control, including silo safety management and nutrient management planning.

Time To 'Spring Forward'

With the arrival of spring comes Daylight Saving Time.

The good news for farmers: days get longer and the nights shorten.

It's time to "spring forward" to Daylight Saving Time, which begins tomorrow. We "spring forward" one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, April 6.

Turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed tonight. Remember to adjust animal feeding and milking schedules accordingly.



At the recent Holstein Spring Show, from left, is judge Alta Mae Core, Pa. Alt. Dairy Princess Rachel Ebert, Jason Rankin with the reserve champion, Justin Burdette with the grand champion, and Pa. Dairy Princess Rachael Kilgore. See story page A32. Photo by Michelle Kunjappu