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Former Farm Show Boss To Maintain Strong Ag Ties

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MYERSTOWN (Lebanon Co.)—Dennis Grumbine showed his first livestock at the Pennsylvania Farm Show as a 4-H youth in the 1950s, and continued to exhibit there until 1996.

That's the year he became director of the show. At that point, his new responsibilities took him out of the ring, at least as an exhibitor.

"It wouldn't have been the

right thing to keep showing (as director)," he said.

After seven years at the helm, Grumbine was told late last week that the new state administration under Gov. Ed Rendell was terminating him from the position.

The decision to replace Grumbine follows the state's change in leadership since Rendell was named governor in January, according to Dennis Wolff, acting Pennsylvania ag secretary.

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Dennis Grumbine will have more time to spend with his quarterhorse, Cash, now that he's no longer Pennsylvania Farm Show director. Photo by Dave Lefever

Organizations Gather To Seek Health Insurance Solutions

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Special Correspondent

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Members of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB), Pennsylvania State Grange, PennAg Industries Association, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), Pennsylvania Builders Association (PBA), Pennsyl-

vania Retailers' Association and Pennsylvania SMC Business Councils gathered here at the Capitol Tuesday to call on the Pennsylvania General Assembly to make health insurance reform a priority.

"The cost of health insurance

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Township Supervisors Must Be Able To Accommodate Large-Scale Agriculture

ANDY ANDREWS

Editor

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — Township supervisors take heed: you can't simply "zone out" large-scale agriculture enterprises, according to an attorney.

Large-scale operations should be part of a multitownship, regional zoning plan.

You have to allow for large-scale agriculture enterprises, including confinement housing,

"somewhere — you don't have to allow them everywhere," said Charles E. Zaleski, attorney with Reager and Adler, PC.

Zaleski spoke Tuesday during the four-day-long Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors Annual Convention and Trade Show at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

About 100 township supervisors attended the workshop, "A Dialogue On CAFOs," during the

convention.

Hundreds of supervisors in the state can make use of the Municipality Planning Act to regulate what parts of a township can be zoned specifically for large-scale animal operations. Comprehensive planning, noted Zaleski, is the key.

Zaleski noted that you simply cannot prohibit individuals or corporations individually from developing large-scale ag enter-

prises. There are legal options for them to use against any type of proposed township ordinances.

And if comprehensive planning is not incorporated, Zaleski

warned that other groups will try to force their own types of rules, creating problems for everyone.

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Ethanol Plant Construction To Begin Within A Year

DAVE LEFEVER

Lancaster Farming Staff

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A new ethanol plant slated for southcentral Pennsylvania will benefit farmers, the environment, and the regional economy

and decrease dependence on foreign oil, according to founders of Penn-Mar Ethanol, LLC, the company spearheading the project.

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These "bottle babies" are especially friendly and inquisitive at the Sharon Ebaugh farm in Delta. Ebaugh prefers a short kidding season, "since I'm always there, tending them — I just live in the barn." This year 26 nannies presented Ebaugh with 51 kids. See story page B6. Photo by Michelle Kunjappu

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"Land and Community?"

The title reflects our role as extension agents who work with farmers and community members in a wide variety of areas, in-

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