

# Chester County Crowns New Dairy Princess

CHESTER SPRINGS (Chester Co.) — Chester County Dairy farmers wrapped up June Dairy Month and kicked off July Ice Cream Month by crowning a new dairy princess and court. The pageant was conducted June 29 at the lovely Chester Springs Creamery overlooking the meadows of Milky Way Farm in Chester Springs, northeastern Chester County.

Meredith Baily, daughter of Bernard and Jane Baily of West Chester received the title and crown of Chester County Dairy Princess. The 2002 Chester County Dairy Princess, Elizabeth Young was on hand to perform the coronation honors.

Cristy Guest, daughter of Stan and Cathy Guest, Pottstown, received the title and crown of Chester County alternate dairy princess.

Five dairy ambassadors who make up the court include: Becky Baily, daughter of Barnard and Jane Baily, West Chester; Trish Harrop, daughter of Bruce and Betsy Harrop, Exton; Abby Hedrick, daughter of Ruth and John Hedrick, Pottstown; and Rebecca Nolan, daughter of Rob and Sharon Nolan, Cochranville.

Elizabeth Young, daughter of Charles and Debra Young, West Grove, and past 2002 Dairy Princess will continue to promote the dairy industry as a county ambassador. In her farewell speech she spoke about her dairy princess experiences. As ambassador, she will encourage the other ambassadors to continue with the program and to learn more about the dairy industry so they may one day become a dairy princess.

Sharon Nolan, Chester County and member of the Chester County Dairy Princess Program Committee welcomed the audience and introduced Steven E. Dietrich, the Penn State Extension agent for Chester County who served as the Master of Ceremonies.



**Chester County Dairy promotion team includes the following: seated from left are Christy Guest, Chester County Alternate Dairy Princess, and Meredith Baily, Chester County Dairy Princess. Chester County Dairy Ambassadors, from left back, are Abby Hedrick, Elizabeth Young, Becky Nolan, Becky Baily, and Trish Harrop.**

After introductions and a brief interview of contestants, each had opportunity to give a prepared speech.

Meredith Baily focused her presentation on the nutritional aspects of milk. She explained the benefits of milk and each nutrient. She explained that about 70 percent of Americans do not eat the correct amount of dairy product to benefit their nutritional needs.

Christy Guest talked about the concerns facing the modern dairy farmer in Chester County. She discussed how educating the public about farming could benefit the community and increased a deeper awareness of the value of the family farm.

Each of the dairy ambassadors also prepared a speech beginning with Becky Baily who talked about

the importance of drinking milk and eating dairy products during the teenage years. She also explained the importance of calcium in our daily lives.

Trish Harrop, the youngest of the court, has had many experiences with her life on the farm. In her speech she shared some of the events. She explained that her life is new and different each day, and never wanting for activity or the security of family life.

Abby Hedrick did not grow up on a farm but has always loved animals. Without animals on her families four acres, she decided to go to the animals, and began working on a neighboring farm that now houses her own dairy 4-H animals. She explained what could happen to the dairy industry because of rapid de-

velopment in her vicinity. Abby is involved in educating younger people about the importance of farming in Chester County.

Becky Nolan spoke of the need for Americans to consume the recommended amounts of dairy products. She gave statistics and the value of the nutritional aspects of milk and milk products.

The Chester County Court will appear at dairy events throughout the coming year in addition to visiting schools, grocery stores, and county fairs where they will talk with the public about the aspects of milk and hand out promotional materials. Anyone interested in inviting the Chester County Dairy Royalty to a local event may do so by contacting Sharon Nolan, booking chairperson (610) 593-7465.

## Herbal Workshop Offered

SCHAEFFERTOWN (Lebanon Co.) — Learn how herbs were used to flavor foods and make an herbal vinegar to take home on Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Schaeffer Farm.

Carlyn Krall of The Summerhouse on Main in Schaefferstown, will teach this fun morning workshop for kids and adults, ages 8 and up. The workshop begins at 11 a.m. and runs approximately an hour.

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# Teachers Participate In Ag In The Classroom Workshop

WESTMINSTER, Md. — Forty elementary teachers from across the state gathered in Westminster in June for the 2003 Ag in the Classroom Workshop presented by the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation. Agricultural industry professionals and educators from the region came together to present dozens of educational ideas and materials to teachers for use in their classrooms in the coming year. Teachers left the workshop with books, videos, curriculum materials, handouts, and enthusiasm for infusing agriculture concepts into students' reading, writing, science, math, and social studies curriculum.

The week-long workshop provided five action-packed days of seminars, field trips, demonstra-

tions, and hands-on activities. Seminars included Agriculture — Keystone of Civilization, Geography of Maryland Agriculture, Maryland Magic, Economics is Fundamental, Udderly Amazing, New Resources from Delmarva's Poultry Industry, Kids Growing Grains, Sheepy Shenanigans, Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Beef, Ag Goes into The Classroom, and more.

Field trips included a behind-the-scenes tour of Baugher's Orchard and Bakery in Westminster, an opportunity to learn about Maryland's dairy industry with a visit to Sellers Dairy Farm in Manchester, a close-up look at Maryland's egg industry at the R.W. Sauder Egg Packing Plant in Hampstead,

and a visit to Union Mills Homestead and Grist Mill.

The teachers got their hands dirty with workshops on the importance of soil and soil stewardship, exploring the many ways plants are used while making a topiary and "building" their own scarecrow under the direction of the staff from Spring Meadow Farms. Teachers had the opportunity to experience several hands-on projects using soybeans and they also constructed their own crate representing the varied agricultural products of the state.

A highlight of the workshop was

the premiere showing of "Take Me Out to the Corn Field," a video produced by the Foundation and Blue Plate Productions of New York. The video demonstrates how a baseball game could not be possible without agriculture and shares facts about Maryland's top agricultural products. Curriculum guides are being developed to accompany the video and other educational resources developed by the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation in 2003.

**Richard Herr from Hostetters Mennonite Church at Littlestown, PA**  
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