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State Selects New State Dairy Royalty



At the Pennsylvania Dairy Princesses Pageant last Saturday, selected to represent Pennsylvania's dairy industry, from left, are First Alternate Pam Werley, Berks County; Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Carla Martin, Lancaster County; and Second Alternate Emily Grove, Franklin County. See story and more photos on page B2. Photo by Lou Ann Good, food and family features editor

Isabel Flattens Cornfields Southeast Pa., Big Valley Hit Hardest

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UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Tropical Storm Isabel took her toll on cornfields, especially in the southeastern part of the state and in some other areas, including the Big Valley of Mifflin County, according to Penn State agronomists.

"It's kind of disheartening to drive around and look," said Bob Anderson, crop agent from Lancaster County. In his travels through the county, he's seen plenty of corn "with big ears, flat on the ground."

According to Anderson, about 25,000 acres of corn in Lancaster County is in a bad way from the hurricane winds and will be difficult to harvest. About 97,000 acres suffered less damage, with yield losses estimated at 15 percent, Anderson said.

Before the storm hit on Sept. 18, farmers had harvested about 53,000 acres of corn for silage, putting it away at "very variable" quality levels because of the wet conditions, Anderson said. Now

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PennAg Industries Celebrates 125 Years At Banquet

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Editor

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Little did the audience know that, when PennAg Industries began 125 years ago, there were 5,000 flour mills in Pennsylvania.

Imagine that!

Little did they know that when the call for an organization that came to be known as PennAg was brought to the millers, the driving issue at the time was "discriminatory rail rates being given to western flour mills."

Imagine that!

But who could imagine that after 125 years, an association to represent the interests of all of agriculture in the state could be thriving and seeking not only to

serve the feed industry, but poultry, swine, and other critical ag industries as well?

Association members and friends of PennAg gathered at the Nittany Lion Inn in University Park Monday evening to celebrate PennAg's 125th anniversary.

The association also honored several individuals for their work in Pennsylvania agri-industry.

Sam Sherk, who began as director of services with Pennsylvania Millers and Feed Dealers (PAMAFDA) in 1966, a precursor to PennAg, spoke about the history of the association.

Sherk, PennAg vice president of Feed, Grain, and Allied Indus-

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KILE Announces 2003 Show Schedule

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Celebrating 47 years of outstanding livestock competitions and agriculture educational activities, the Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) will fill the Farm Show Complex to capacity with beef cattle, sheep, swine, and horses. The showing competitions start on Tuesday, Sept. 30 and continue through Monday, Oct. 6.

In an unbelievable collection of contests, shows and demonstrations, riding horses leap over fences, work horses put themselves to the test, steers and heifers parade on the tanbark, sheep line up for evaluation, and swine classes battle for blue ribbons and bragging rights. KILE is an awesome event filled with fun and entertainment for everyone.

There will be lots to ooh and aah about this year, particularly over the newly added "Over

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Search For Plants That Tolerate Next Summer's Scorching Heat

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LANDISVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Now that summer is over, it may seem odd to talk about plants and container gardening, but growers are already gearing up for next spring.

Hundreds of growers swarmed around the research gardens recently at the Southeast Research and Extension Center, Landisville. It's the perfect spot to see new varieties and compare the plants with older varieties.

Gardeners know that what grows best in one climate may not grow well in another. The Landisville site is the ideal spot for trial gardens because the climate is similar to that experienced by 30 percent of the population. If it grows well in Landisville, it will probably do well in your garden.

It's different in Europe, where Europeans look for small, compact plants that do well in cool,

cloudy conditions. In contrast, Americans want bigger plants with a longer blooming period and those that tolerate August's scorching sun.

"We look for uniformity, over-

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All-American Selects Supreme Champion



Ryan Savage, Knoxville, Md., at the halter in center, shows the youth supreme champion at the All-American Dairy Show late Thursday afternoon. Savage exhibited Lylehaven Lindy Dalilla-ET, a 5-year-old Holstein. This is Savage's last year as youth exhibitor at All-American. Overall supreme champion was the junior 3-year-old Jersey, Hermitage Counciller Sheba, owned by Ken, Mike, and Paul Stiles, Waverly Farm, Clearbrook, Va. In this photo, from left, Pam Werley, Alternate Dairy Princess; Carla Martin, Pennsylvania Dairy Princess; Emily Grove, Pennsylvania Alternate Dairy Princess; Savage; John Marchezak and Paul Miller, presenting check; and Michael Pecher, executive assistant to the Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture. Photo by Dave Lefever