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Nancy Hildebrand specializes in primitives such as this early 1900s jelly cupboard, old slaw board, yellowware teapot, and tobacco bowl. Turn to page B23 to read more about Hildebrand and a former chicken coop that has been transformed into Shrewsbury Antique Center.

Photo by Lou Ann Good, food and family features editor

Beef Market Still Strong After Boom Week

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NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — It looks like the live beef market has gone as high as it will go.

Finished cattle prices this week slipped back from the record-breaking levels posted at local auctions and across the country during the week that ended Oct. 17.

Closing the border to Canadian cattle since a case of BSE was reported in Alberta this past May is widely viewed as a major cause of the beef market boom in the U.S.

Monday, slaughter steers at Vintage Livestock Auction, Paradise, sold \$10 to \$15 lower per hundredweight (CWT) compared to the previous Thursday, according to USDA-Pennsylvania's market news report Oct. 20. Thursday's market at New

Holland this week held steady with the Vintage auction.

The previous week had seen top-quality steers going as high as \$132.50 per CWT at Vintage. This past Monday, high choice and prime steers sold mostly \$106-\$109 per CWT, with three going for \$112-\$116.

"It looks like they've peaked," said Henry "Butch" Brown, Vintage sales manager.

In more than 30 years in the beef business, Brown said he had never seen slaughter cattle sell above \$100 per CWT, much less

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Canadian Cattleman: Border Closing Is 'Huge Blow'

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Beef cattle prices have been breaking records in the U.S.,

but rancher Grant Hirsche of Alberta, Canada, has a different story to tell.

Hirsche manages a cow/calf operation near Calgary, running

about 1,000 head of purebred Angus and Hereford cows. He is also president of the Alberta Hereford Association.

Hirsche spoke with *Lancaster*

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Oct. 6 at the Keystone International Livestock Exhibition in Harrisburg.

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Va. Farmers Air Concerns At Bridgewater College

GAY BROWNLEE
Virginia Correspondent

BRIDGEWATER, Va. — Shenandoah Valley farmers who weren't committed to field work

on the beautiful mid-October Monday of the 2003 Agriculture Conference took advantage of a rare opportunity to personally

meet with several persons from Washington. The officials bear the challenging responsibility of representing the interests of the multifaceted U.S. agriculture industry.

The conference was conducted at the Bridgewater College. Farmers and processors alike were granted an opportunity to ask questions and to voice concerns about their livelihoods.

First, however, they listened to the speakers expounding on the

status of farm legislation, U.S. trade policies, food safety in today's greatly altered world, and the ever-present threat of bioterrorism.

Bridgewater College President

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Mariah and Trevor Tompkins greeted more than 700 people for Susquehanna County's "A Day On A Dairy Farm." Their parents, Mark and Cindy Tompkins, opened their 200-acre dairy farm for the event. Turn to page B10 for more photos and to read about the many activities guests enjoyed.

Photo by Eyle Goff, Susquehanna County Dairy Promotion

Raw Milk Takes Spotlight At Info Meeting

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Why are people allowed to buy life-endangering cigarettes when their freedom to purchase raw milk products is so limited?

Taylor Diaz, 15, asked that question at a raw milk informational meeting this week, draw-

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Time To Fall Back'

With the arrival of fall, we return to Eastern Standard Time.

It's time to "fall back" to Eastern Standard Time, which begins tomorrow. We "fall back" one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 26.

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



"This is a tremendous honor," Lancaster County Poultry Association Ambassador Bobby Bresch, center, said of his appointment. With him are his parents, Lynda and William Bresch. Although Bresch is from a nonfarming family, he became interested in the poultry industry through his involvement in poultry judging for the Penn Manor FFA. See page A22 for more about the association's annual meeting.

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