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Tender Loving Care Is Pallmans' Secret To Raising Turkeys

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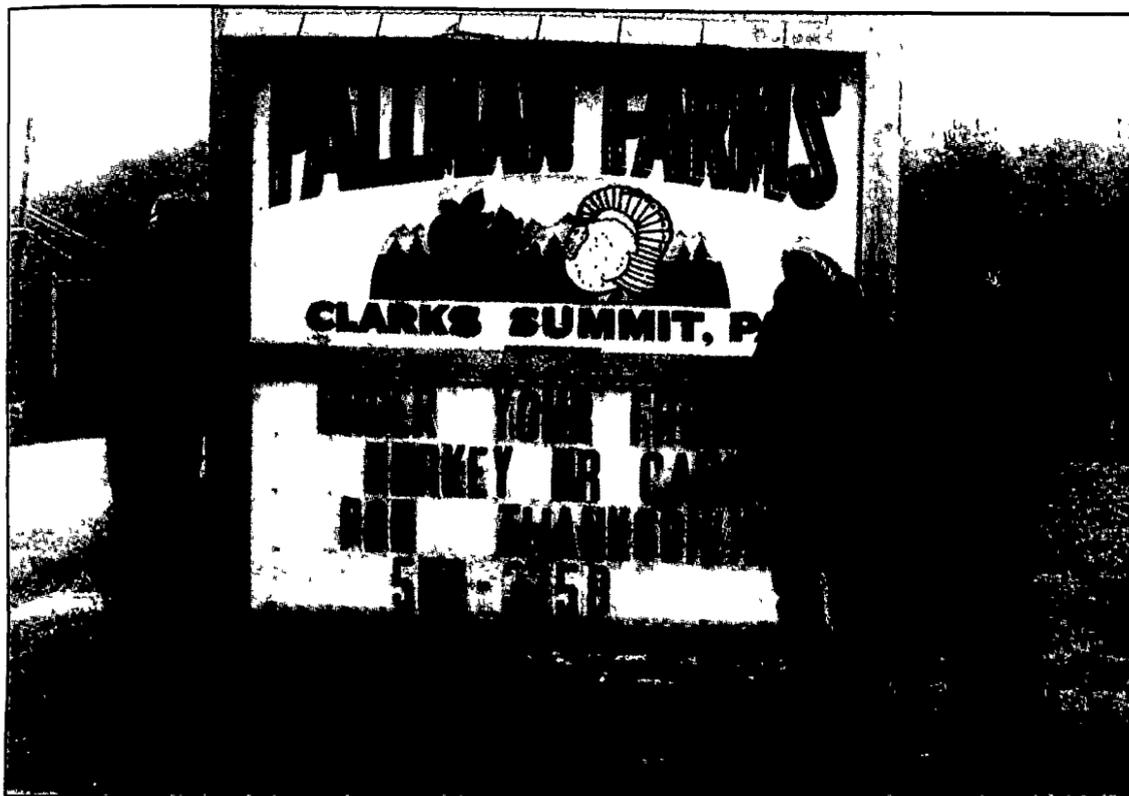
CLARKS SUMMIT (Lackawanna Co.) — As Thanksgiving time approaches and another tur-

key will grace countless holiday dinner tables, the Pallman family works double-time to make sure that they can meet thousands of requests for dinner.

This 139-acre farm sits just

minutes outside of Scranton, surrounded by townhouses. However, Pallman Farms continues the family's 50-year tradition of

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Rich, Bruce, and Brian Pallman continue their family's 50-year tradition of selling fresh turkeys and capons. Photos by Charlene M. Shupp Espenshade



The Pallmans offer larger-sized turkeys than can be found in the grocery store. Several turkeys will mature to a weight of more than 45 pounds.

Comment Period Allows Farmers A Voice In Nutrient Management Law

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Editor's note: In last week's issue, Lancaster Farming introduced proposed changes to the Nutrient Management Law for Pennsylvania. The conclusion of the two-part series looks closely at the makeup of the Phosphorus Index (P-Index) and the comment period for farmers.

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HARRISBURG, (Dauphin Co.) — P-Index, horse operations to be included in nutrient management planning, manure hauler certifications, nutrient balance sheets for manure importers —

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Bureau Honors Hayes For His Distinguished Service To Ag

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HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — During the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's (PFB) Annual Convention Tuesday evening at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, former Agriculture Secretary Sam Hayes was selected as the 2003 Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award winner.

PFB president Guy Donaldson called the Distinguished Service Award the "Who's Who of Agriculture." He congratulated Hayes for being "added to the list," recognizing Hayes for his years of service to agriculture.

"Sam has served his country for more than 30 years, first in the U.S. Army as a veteran of the Vietnam War where he received

the Bronze Star, in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives as a lawmaker and legislative leader for 22 years, and most recently as Pennsylvania's secretary of agriculture. With each responsibility, he has always approached it with a 'call to duty,'" said Donaldson.

Hayes was nominated by three counties for this year's award.

Donaldson noted several highlights of Hayes' career, which included serving in the House of Representatives as the majority leader and whip and as secretary of agriculture in the Ridge and Schweiker administrations.

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Former agriculture secretary Sam Hayes, center, was recognized for his service to agriculture at the PFB Annual Meeting. From left, PFB president Guy Donaldson, Hayes, and Betty Hayes.

Wolff Opposes USDA Butter Release

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Dennis Wolff criticized the USDA's recent decision to sell 3 million pounds of butter on the open market, arguing that the sale will depress dairy prices and hurt Pennsylvania dairy farmers.

"I am deeply disappointed in the USDA's decision to sell the butter from Commodity Credit Corporation stocks on the commercial market," said Wolff. "Milk prices are just beginning to show improvement. Now the USDA's decision to release these stocks of butter will likely have an adverse impact on prices received by dairy farmers."

USDA decided to sell the but-

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Bull Proofs In Dairy Plus



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This issue includes Lancaster Farming's Dairy Plus, with the November TPI bull proof summaries for the major breeds as a regular part of the book on a seasonal basis. The proofs appear on pages 32-37 of the booklet. Additional bull proofs are on page A23. Also included: an outstanding producer feature, dairy accounting school, sire information from businesses, and business and dairy cooperative news highlights.