

PFA recognizes members' efforts

CAMP HILL - Boyd E. Wolff, a Westmoreland County dairyman and community leader, Tuesday night was presented the distinguished service award of the Pennsylvania Farmer's Association (PFA). Also, the Franklin County Farmers' Association was named the top county for overall program achievement for 1977.

Both awards were presented Tuesday night along with 20 other program awards at the PFA's annual awards banquet which was held in conjunction with the group's four-day convention here at the Penn Harris Motor Inn.

PFA is a general farm organization with 21,723 family members in the state. It has 53 local units and is affiliated with the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Boyd Wolff owns and operates a large dairy farm in Westmoreland County, near New Alexandria. His farm consists of 421 acres and a dairy herd of 150 registered Holsteins.

He was praised by the farm organization for his willingness and public

relations efforts to bring understanding between farmers and city dwellers. He has appeared on numerous TV and radio shows to discuss agriculture, and has been source of many newspaper articles.

The Wolfden Farm, operated by Wolff, has been opened to the public on many occasions, to local school children, Pittsburgh inner-city children, service clubs, cub scouts and many foreign groups.

Wolff has held many state and national positions with professional agricultural groups, and has won numerous awards for community service.

Franklin County Farmers' Association was designated the "all star" county for operating the best overall program for their membership. Joel Wenger of Greencastle and president of the local unit, accepted the award. The association took individual program awards for advisory council, information, insurance, national legislation, marketing, commodity and took first place in overall program achievement for local units with more than 400 family members.

Other individual program and achievement winners by county association were

Chester/Delaware Association - State Legislative (Harold Martun of Oxford).

Erle Association - Local Affairs (William Goodwin of Lake City).

Montour Association - Membership (C. (Herbert Zeager of Watsonstown).

Snyder Association - Second in overall achievement for local units with membership between 251 and 400 (Robert Klingler of Selinsgrove).

Mercer Association - First in overall achievement for local units with membership between 251 and 400, and first place for Policy Development (William Cannon of Sharon).

Armstrong Association - Second in overall achievement for local units with membership in the under 250 member category (Bernard A. Goodheart of Dayton).

Berks Association - Second in overall program achievement in the over 400 member category and first place for individual

programs including political education, women's activities, and farm management (William R. Myer of Myerstown).
Washington Association -

Supply Purchasing (Robert Lowry of Washington).
Clarion Association - First in overall achievement for local units with membership of 250 or under.

Lehigh Association - Organization (Russell K. Dietrich of New Tripoli).

Each of the awards consisted of cash and plaques.



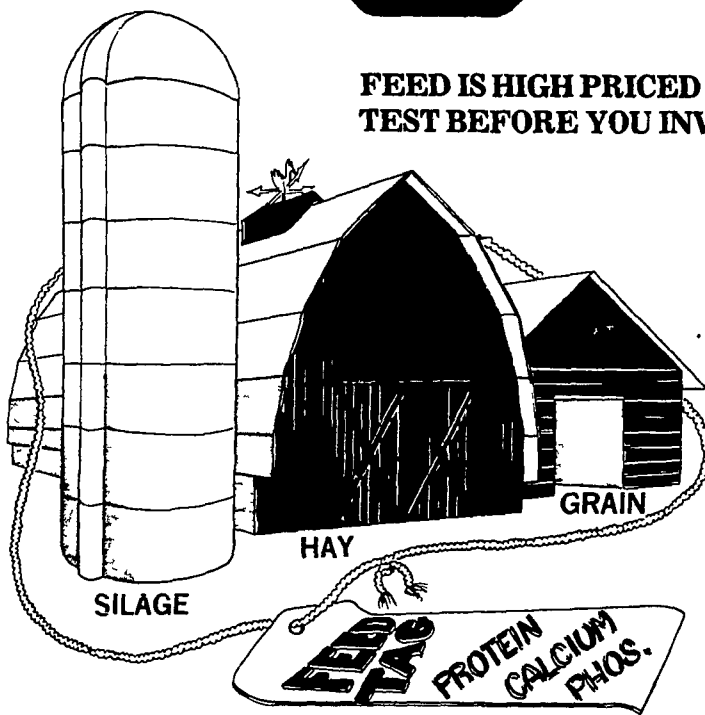
Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Wolff, were presented with the distinguished service award Tuesday evening, in recognition of their services to the Pennsylvania Farmers Association. Flanking the pair are daughters Pat, left, and Corky.



Joel Wenger, Franklin County farmer, accepts the "All Star" plaque on behalf of his county from Pennsylvania Farmers Association president Eugene Thompson, left. Wenger is a former president of the Franklin County Farmers Association.



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