

Pork producers gather for annual banquet

By KENDACE BORRY
INTERCOURSE - Good foods, awards, an election of directors, and speakers were the reasons approximately 500 people gathered to attend the Pa. Pork Producers Council and the Lancaster Co. Swine Producers Association 21st Annual banquet and meeting. Held at the Harvest Drive Restaurant, Intercourse, Pa., the event was held on February 18.

The James Z. Martin Swine Achievement Award was presented to Stuart Heisey, an eight year

member of the Elizabethtown Pig and Rabbit Club in Lancaster County. The youth has served his club as newsreporter, secretary, vice president, and president and has shown reserve champion hogs in 1973 and 1976 county roundup as well as exhibiting the grand champion trio in 1977.

Three state youth awards were presented by the Pa. Pork Producers Council. The 4-H club award went to Denise McConahey, from Indiana County, who raises and shows Chester Whites

and Doroc hogs. Denise had shown 8 champions and reserve champions throughout her 4-H showing career at the Indiana County Fair. She has also served 4-H as secretary of County Council and president of the dairy club.

The FFA award went to J Ronald Zimmerman, Ephrata R1, who presently finishes out 500 market hogs per year besides having a breeding herd of 20 sows. Ronald has shown champion carcass hogs at the Lancaster FFA Show, the champion at the Ephrata

Fair, and the champion lightweight animal at the Pa Farm Show.

Ronald Haas, Orefield, was named outstanding showman at the 1978 Pa. Farm Show. The 16-year-old youth won his award by placing first in the 15-year-and-over division of showmanship and then going on to beat the competition in the other age groups.

The Pa. Pork Cook-Out King award was presented to Charles McKinsey, Allentown. For his culinary efforts, he was presented with a plaque and check for \$200. He will now go on to compete in national competition.

Bill Fisher, East Earl R2, won the Pa. Pork All-American award presented for outstanding accomplishments and efforts in the hog industry. Fisher is the swine manager at Stauffer Homestead, East Earl, where he operates a swine breeding operation of 125 sows and 25 gilts. For



Winning the Pork Cook out King Award of 1977 for Pa. is Charles McKinsey, Allentown. Presenting the award is Gene Wingert. McKinsey will represent Pa. at the national competition.



Christian S. Seaman, president of the Pa. Pork Producers Council, makes a point at the banquet and meeting held with the Lanc. Co. Swine Producers Association.

more information on Fisher, see the article on page 1.

Christian S. Seaman, Pa. Pork Producers Council president addressed the group stating that the organization has had a great past two years and he has been well pleased with hog market prices. He urged more markets to have "implied consent" and stated that hog producers should watch that they do not market their hogs too heavy in order to insure better prices.

The Ezra Martin, Arbogast and Bastian, Inc., Leesport, Pa. Farmers Association, and Hatfield Packing Co. markets were honored for cooperating with the implied consent market concept. These markets take a dime from each hog's selling price delivered for marketing to be used by the

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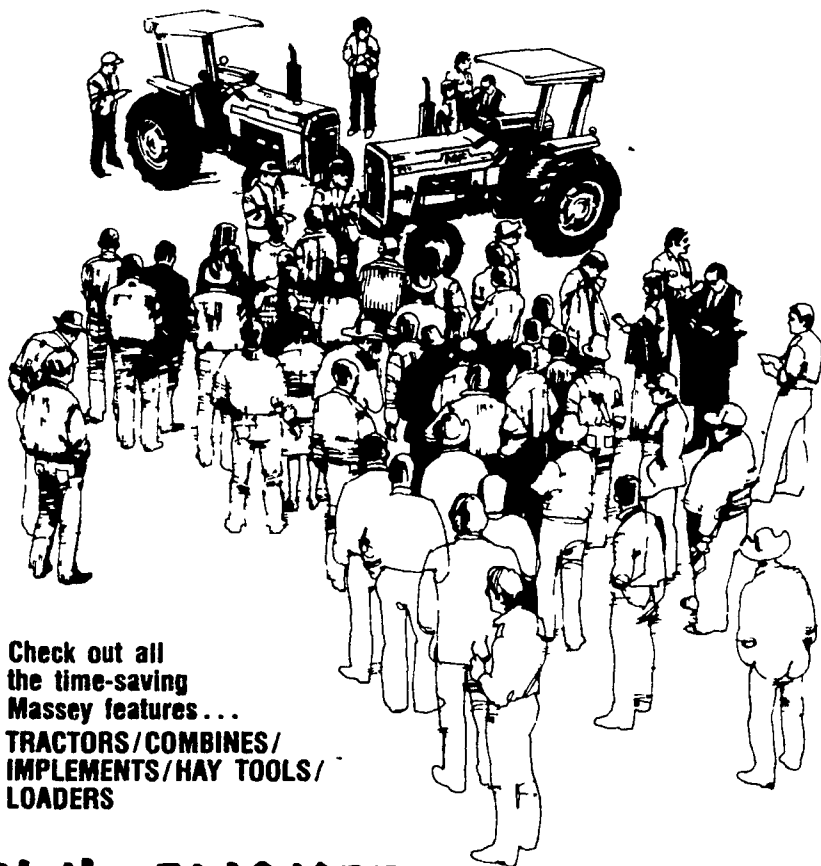
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