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Dairy Winner



Barry Ziegler  
Star Greenhand



Roy Hetrick  
Honorary Chapter Farmer



Martin Moyer  
Star Agribusinessman



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## Awards given at Tulpehocken FFA

BERNVILLE — Members and guests of the Tulpehocken FFA celebrated the 35th anniversary of their organization March 17th at the Bernville Grange Hall. Highlighting the evening was the presentation of awards and a slide presentation by Chapter President, Greg Koenig.

for the support they have given the Chapter. Presenting awards to the FFA members were Mike Orendo and Barry Kellner, advisors.

Accepting the coveted Star Chapter Farmer Award was Greg Koenig. Martin Moyer was awarded the Star Agribusiness Award and Star Greenhand was Barry Ziegler.

Honorary Chapter Degrees were bestowed on Daniel Harnish, Richland, and Roy Hetrick, Bernville,

National Foundation Medals were awarded to Martin Moyer, Greg Koenig, Daryl Harnish, Jeff Dunkel, and John Geib.

The Soil Conservation Award from the Berks County Soil Conservation Service was presented to Greg Koenig who had placed first in the county soil judging contest held earlier in the year.

The following female members of the Chapter received gold FFA lockets: Betsy Moyer, Diane Weik, Kay Ziegler, Missy Clay, Bonnie Davis, Barbara Strunk, and Bonnie Marsh.

## Sheep indemnities up

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Federal indemnity payments would be increased to a maximum of \$300 per head for sheep destroyed to stop the spread of scrapie — a disease of the central nervous system — under a proposal announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Currently, indemnities are limited to \$40 per head for grade animals and \$90 per head for purebreds. Since today's market values greatly exceed these rates, the sheep industry asked USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to increase the indemnity rates.

Sheep scrapie is an incurable disease characterized by a long incubation period — 18 to 42 months or longer — and progressive deterioration of the central nervous system. It affects only sheep and goats, but is similar to nervous disorders in other animals and man.

The state-federal

cooperative scrapie eradication program calls for destruction of all infected and exposed sheep and goats. Flock owners receive indemnity payments to help compensate them for their losses.

Under the proposal, owners of destroyed animals would be compensated in an amount of two-thirds of the appraised value of each animal not to exceed \$300. Qualified appraisers would be hired to set the values.

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