

State Dairy Association honors leadership, support

CAMP HILL — The Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association honored three of its outstanding members at its annual meeting here Tuesday night.

The trio included Samuel B. Williams, Middletown; James Benfield, Schwenksville; and Stephen B. Spencer, State College.

Samuel B. Williams, of Dauphin County, received the 1979 Charles E. Cowan Memorial Award from the Association.

The award, "for leadership contributing to the improvement and promotion of the Pennsylvania dairy industry," was presented to Williams at the 109th annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association. He received a plaque.

The award winner was cited for developing an outstanding Jersey herd and for community, state, and international service.

Reared in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, he was graduated from Penn State was a major in dairy husbandry. He served as a DHIA supervisor in Clearfield County before purchasing his farm near Middletown in 1933 which is now operated by his son.

According to Herbert C. Gilmore, Penn State Extension dairy specialist,

Williams received numerous honors for his agricultural accomplishments. He was named a Master Farmer in 1966; Outstanding Grassland Farmer in 1964; and his herd won many awards for production and type.

He served as president and director of the Dauphin County DHIA; president of the Dauphin County Extension Association; and was a school board director for 16 years.

Williams also is a member of the Federal Land Bank; Penn State College of Agriculture Advisory Council; Pennsylvania Council of Farm Organizations; and Master Farmers Association.

He was director of the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club and Atlantic Breeders Cooperative; and has been in charge of the Jersey booth at the Farm Show for many years.

Williams attended three World Dairy Conferences and World Jersey Bureau; visited the Island of Jersey; started a Jersey herd in Zanzibar; delivered a plane load of bulls to Greece for the Heifer Project; and served as a Volunteer in Mission to Sri Lanka to improve the dairy industry.

The Charles E. Cowan Memorial Award,

established five years ago, recognizes dairy farmers who have made outstanding contributions to the state's dairy industry.

Stephen B. Spencer, extension dairy specialist at Penn State was the recipient of the Dairymen's Association Cooperative Extension Service Award "for valuable and noteworthy contributions to the state's dairy industry."

The award, a plaque and \$100, was presented to Spencer January 8 at the dairy association's 109th annual meeting in Harrisburg as part of the 64th Farm Show.

Herbert C. Gilmore, Extension dairy specialist who presented the award, said Spencer's educational programs have made a major impact on the dairy industry. He is known throughout the United States for his knowledge of milking management and milking systems.

The Penn State professor works closely with all major milking machine manufacturers to coordinate, correct, and develop a program of better understanding among educators, dairymen, and service representatives to promote more uniform standards within the industry.

Spencer formed a Penn State Milkers School several years ago. It continues to be a valuable and popular program, averaging about 12 schools per year for about 40 dairymen per school.

Television has been effectively used to teach milking management to dairymen. The specialist takes a video tape recorder into milking parlors to film the advantages, disadvantages (Turn to Page B4)



James Benfield, right, was honored with the Superior DHIA Supervisor Award. Honor was presented the Montgomery County tester by Penn State Dairy Specialist Herbert Gilmore.



Stephen Spencer, left, was presented the Dairy Association's Extension Award for valuable and noteworthy contribution to the state's dairy industry by Association President Dave Roth.

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