

Welsh elected officer at Agri-Women convention

**BY DEBBIE KOONTZ
HERSHEY** — The American Agri-Women convention became a special treat for Emilie Welsh, one of Penn's Agri-Women, when she was elected second vice president of the national organization, Tuesday.

Welsh, East Berlin, will be the first member of this state to hold an office for AAW. Other than serving as publicity chairman, Welsh has never held an official position in Penn's Agri-Women, making the position a double honor.

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and have enjoyed it very much, she said.

Welsh's duties as second vice president consist of overseeing the Public Relations chairman, the regional communicators, the Speakers bureau, and the Newsletter.

She will receive written reports from communicators and the chairman that she will be required to submit to the Executive board for approval. She also will be required to attend all executive board meetings with travel expenses reimbursed.

Other business at the Tuesday meeting included adoptions of resolutions. Some of these were that American Agri-Women recommend that the Department of Agriculture concern itself with quality of food at all levels, both domestic and imported, with transportation of such foods and with much needed research for improving such food distribution, rather than recommendations for diets for a healthy nation of people of differing needs.

that American Agri-Women will support the "Green Thumb" program of USDA weather service and will encourage the States to

elect her at the Tuesday business meeting.

This will be time well spent for me. I don't belong to any farm women groups, so I'm going to give all my spare time to this position. Anything dealing with the promotion of agriculture is worthwhile to me," Welsh said.

Along with her husband James and her four sons, Gary, Tommy, Joey and Mike, she resides in York County on a dairy farm. The Welsh family owns nearly 250 milking cows.

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Gail McPherson, convention coordinator, congratulates Emilie Welsh, left, for being elected second vice president of American Agri-Women.

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make the program known and available.

that American Agri-Women closely monitor quantity and quality of all dairy imports and strongly oppose any trade agreements which would increase dairy imports and depress the domestic market.

That AAW support legislation which will allow the parents or family approved guardians of mentally or severely handicapped to have control over their future plans without court procedure.

that AAW advocate privately held grain reserves in lieu of government held reserves.

that AAW discourage the use of agricultural products as a foreign policy tool.

that AAW work to improve methods of transportation and distribution of agricultural products.

that AAW demand that the 1981 farm bill be thoroughly researched and revised to meet the needs of the modern American family farm system, and that a 1981 Farm Bill task force will keep the executive board and affiliated organizations informed as to the content, progress and timing of the bill and that AAW and its affiliated organizations will respond according to the needs of their membership.

Eastern sees better spot milk sales

SYRACUSE, N Y — Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative, says spot milk sales to buyers who had not made prior arrangements for adequate supplies have shown marked improvement this fall season as a result of what it calls "aggressive marketing practices."

According to Howard McDonald, Eastern's General Manager, the cooperative has also negotiated several new annual sales contracts with buyers throughout the New York state and parts of New England. With Eastern's new mozzarella cheese plant not quite completed, the co-op had milk available and was able to take advantage

of the situation, he noted.

"Construction of the Waverly plant" said McDonald "is now winding down to the point where we expect to be fully operational by late November or early December."

Eastern expects the plant will be able to operate at full capacity during the Christmas and New Year holidays, which is traditionally a heavy milk surplus period, he said.

McDonald observed the new Waverly cheese facility could be of extreme importance as plans are developed by Eastern to assure that the effect of a strike on its members will be minimal.

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