

Garner P. Mitchell, center, winner of the Pennsylvania Maple Producers Association Award of Merit, is pictured with Ed Curtis, left, of Honesdale, President of the Pennsylvania Maple Syrup Council; and, right, Robert McConnell, of Coudersport, a maple producer and former partner with Mitchell.

Receives maple syrup award

FARM SHOW — Garner P. Mitchell of Tunkhannock, Wyoming County, received the Pennsylvania Maple Producers Council Award of Merit at the association's annual meeting at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Thursday, January 15.

Now a retired Potter County Extension Agent, Mitchell played a major role in the establishment of the Potter-Tioga Maple Producers Association in January 1964. He helped northern tier maple producers in developing methods of marketing bulk syrup in 1963. That summer he attended a meeting at Penn State to consider formation of a state association. Follow-up of these activities resulted in the formation of the Potter-Tioga Association.

An experienced maple producer in Potter County, Mitchell served as an advisor to the Potter-Tioga Maple Producers Association from its formation until the present. He assisted in setting up the state maple tour in Tioga and Potter Counties in 1966.

Mitchell also was instrumental in organizing the Potter-Tioga Maple Festival in 1967. He served as chairman of this annual event as well as participating in many of the activities surrounding the festival.

MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCTS AWARDS
 1 Ernest Allen Corry 2 Edward A Curtis Honesdale 3 Ivan Stevenson Honesdale 4 C W Russell & Son Rome 5 Leon Morton Wattsburg
 Syrup, in tin glass or plastic 1/2 gallon or quart exhibit to consist of one container
 1 Edward A Curtis 2 Dwight Havenstein Pleasant Mount 3 Melvin Erway Ulysses 4 Ernest Allen 5 Callender s Sugar House Thompson
 Syrup in glass from 1/2 to less than quart in size exhibit to consist of not less than 2 like containers
 1 Edward A Curtis Honesdale 2 Melvin Erway 3 Ernest Allen 4 Ralph Curtis Newfoundland 5 Dwight Havenstein

Sugar Cake
 Small Individual Pieces not less than one pound in all
 1 Dwight Havenstein 2 C W Russell & Son 3 Cyril & Lee Warren New Milford 4 Robert McConnell Coudersport 5 Bernard Tobin Cambridge Springs
Small Individual Pieces, crystal coats not less than one pound
 1 C W Russell & Sons 2 Callender s Sugar House 3 Hubert & Lowell Friedline Boswell 4 Robert McConnell
Sugar crumb not less than one pound
 1 Callender s Sugar House 2 Eugene Running Cambridge Springs 3 James R Hemminger Somerset 4 Melvin Erway 5 Bernard Tobin
Sugar Soft also known as maple cream or butter not less than one pound
 1 Callender s Sugar House 2 Edward A Curtis 3 Dwight Havenstein 4 Melvin Erway 5 Jim & Dora Tice Mainesburg
Individual Collective Exhibit
 1 Melvin Erway 2 Bernard Tobin 3 Dwight Havenstein 4 Callender s Sugar House 5 C W Russell & Son
Gift Pack
 1 Wagners Camp -West Salisbury 2 C W Russell & Son 3 Cyril & Lee Warren 4 Jim & Dora Tice 5 Callender s Sugar House
County or Association Exhibit
 1 2 Northeast Maple Producers Cambridge Springs 3 Potter Tioga Maple Producers Cambridge Springs 4 Somerset Maple Producers Somerset 5 Endless Mts Maple Producers Rome
Other Uses
 1 Kim Erway Ulysses 2 Cyril & Lee Warren 3 Jim & Dora Tice 4 Melvin Erway 5 Irene Russell Rome



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Block calls U.S. food 'effective economic tool'

NEW ORLEANS, La — Secretary of agriculture-designate John Block told farmers attending the American Farm Bureau Federation's 62nd annual meeting in New Orleans that food can be an effective economic tool in promoting world peace and stability.

"Let's not sell this agricultural industry short," Block said. "Let's be positive and move forward."

He cautioned this economic tool can only be effective "if we are a reliable supplier of products; if we are consistent in our supply; if we don't give it out and pull it back like a carrot - because then, no one will count on us."

Block said we need to use this "great asset" to bring nations closer together and create an interdependency even across ideological lines.

"Let's take advantage of the strength that agriculture


has," the secretary-designate urged.

Block also pledged to help return profitability to agriculture. He said that without a healthy and prosperous agriculture the economic problems confronting this nation cannot be turned around.

He indicated he personally favors a new four-year farm program rather than an extension of the present one, and that he would work to cut federal government regulations which are "tying us in knots."

Block said the nation needs expanded agricultural research. Without such research, he predicted, the country cannot meet the many challenges of the 1980s.

The agriculture secretary-designate also said that he planned to work with other agencies of government so they would understand the potential impact of their actions on food production.



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