

Miller selected for committee

HARRISBURG — A member of Sen. Edward W. Helfrick's staff has been personally invited to serve as a member of the Pennsylvania Agribusiness Award selection committee by the state's Secretary of Agriculture.

According to Helfrick, Sheila Miller, who serves as research analyst to the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, will be helping to select the agribusiness firm which excelled in the promotion of Pennsylvania agriculture through the "We're Growing Better" or "Keystone Pride" logos. This year six firms have been nominated as candidates for the annual award, in its fourth year.

In asking Miller to serve, Secretary Hallowell stated in a letter: "Your knowledge and involvement in Pennsylvania's agriculture/agribusiness industry makes you ideal for the Pennsylvania Agribusiness Award selection committee."

Miller is a graduate of Penn State's College of Agriculture and, with her husband, operates a purebred beef farm. She has been a member of Helfrick's Harrisburg office staff since April 1983. Previous to her employment with the Senate, Miller was editor of Lancaster Farming newspaper. She was also an employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service from 1974-79.

"With agriculture being our state's number one industry, I am proud that the Secretary has chosen one of my staff people to help select the firm which best helped the public to recognize the vital role agribusiness plays in the Commonwealth's economy," says Helfrick.

Herbicide name picked

MIDLAND, Mich. — Dow Chemical U.S.A. has announced Verdict herbicide as the trademark for its new postemergence soybean and cotton herbicide.

Verdict herbicide will be the trademark for Dowco 453, the experimental name currently used

for the active ingredient, haloxyfop-methyl.

Verdict herbicide is expected to be approved for limited use under an Experimental Use Permit (EUP) by the Environmental Protection Agency in 1984.

Verdict is said to control annual

and perennial grasses in soybeans and cotton. Specific weeds controlled include giant foxtail, wild proso millet, quackgrass, johnsongrass and bermudagrass. The herbicide is highly selective to grasses and can be applied to broadleaf crops without injury.

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