Statewide crop association eyed

TOWANDA - The Sulbra (Sullivan and Bradford County) Crop Management Association recently held its first annual meeting in Wysox.

The Association's financial situation was explained by Treasurer Jasper Smith of Canton. Smith indicated that at the completion of the first fiscal year the organization was solvent and financially successful in meeting all committments.

Nelson Wells of Sheshequin, Vice President of the Association's Board of Directors' reported on the membership status. According to Welles, the Association now has 29 members and approximately 5,900 acres enrolled. The Association is expected to grow rapidly when the financial climate for dairy farmers improves.

Gary Polly of Troy, Crop Management Technician, reported to members details of his involvement during the year. He explained his schedule of work, what needed to be done at various times of the year, why schedules were altered peak times of soil sampling etc. Gary indicated also how he expected his work schedule to be during 1984 after one year of experience.

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Al Homan, Bradford County Extension Agent, reported on the history and progress during the past year explaining the growth of the Association and the steps and extensive work done by the Board of Directors to form the Association. He explained the possible formation of a statewide association with a fulltime manager to assist county associations with problems, direct training for technicians and

directors, coordinate services, etc. Homan expects progress in formation of a statewide organization by 1985.

Tom McCarty of Sugar Run, President of the Board of Directors, assisted by Board Member Bill Lambert of Dushore, conducted the election of board members for 1984. Those elected were Charles Allen of Granville, Nelson Welles of Sheshequin, Tom McCarty of Sugar Run

Lambert of Dushore, Duane Wilcox of Canton, John Wilcox of Troy, and Sidney Lewis of Wysox.

The ultimate goal of the Sulbra Crop Management Association is more efficient crop production. This involves assisting members in the use of the latest available technology in relation with the data collected on their individual farms. The Association was formed in 1982 by a group of area who recognized that a

service in the area of agronomic crop production could dramatically improve profits crop through increasing efficiency with a multiple function, comprehensive program.

For information about the Crop Management Association call any of the above directors or the technician, Gary Polly at 297-4417 or Al Homan at the Extension office at 265-2896.

22 commodity reps to perform

HARRISBURG - Four new commodities will be represented among 22 agricultural products enthusiasts who will gather to promote "The Pride of Pennsylvania" at the 68th Pennsylvania Farm Show, January 8-13 at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

Strawberry Queen Karen Lisa Bird of Muncy, Lycoming County; Poultry Queen Brenda Hershey of Marietta, Lancaster County; Pennsylvania Candy Queen Deboray Rovazzini of Hershey, Dauphin County; and FFA Representative Carolyn Witmer of East Earl, Lancaster County, are

the latest additions to the "ag team" who will tout the merits of their products during Farm Show Week.

Products ranging from apples to wool will be on display at the show for visitors to sample and view. Pennsylvania foods will be highlighted in the Pennsylvania Food Marketplace in the lower concourse of the large arena and at booths sponsored by state commodity associations on the main exhibition floor.

The other commodity group representatives include Pennsylvania Apple Queen Laurie Roth of Fairfield, Adams County;

Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Queen Sheila Fairbairn of West Chester. Chester County; Dairy Goat Youth Representative Debra Lee Smeltzer of Bellefonte, Centre County; Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Tamara Lynn Cree of Carmichaels, Greene County; and Pennsylvania Draft Horse and Mule Queen Debbie Shupe of Homer City, Indiana County.

Other representatives include Pennsylvania Evergreen Queen Susan Mae McCullough of Creekside, Indiana County; Pennsylvania Flying Farmer Queen Betty Orendo of Bethel, Berks County; Pennsylvania

Grape Queen Sally Luke of North East, Erie County; Pennsylvania Honey Queen Robin Ann Staudenmeier of Conyngham, Luzerne County; Keystone Pony Pulling Queen Vicki Steckly of Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County; Pennsylvania Lamb and Wool Queen Aimee Sheeder of Somerset, Somerset County; and Pennsylvania Maple Sweetheart Deanna Stahlman of Reno,

Venango County.

Also, Mr. Penn State College of Agriculture Daryl Schafer of Spring City, Chester County; Ms. Penn State College of Agriculture Marcia Minor of Washington, Washington County; Pennsylvania Mushroom Queen Stephanie Tingley of Chatham, Chester County; Pork Cookout King Eugene Wenger of Mt. Joy, Lancaster County; Pennsylvania Potato Queen Tammy Zimmerman of Boxwell, Somerset County; Pennsylvania Red Cherry Queen Angela Kay Taylor of York Springs, Adams County; and Penalope Peach Puppet portrayed by Gail McPherson of New Park,

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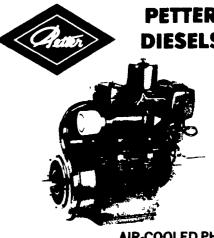
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