

4-H Alumni program honors PADA Secretary Grubb

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA — Dr. Richard E. Grubb, Pennsylvania's Secretary of Agriculture, has been named a national winner in the 4-H alumni recognition program. Grubb is on leave from his position as senior vice president of administration at The Pennsylvania State University.

He is one of eight former 4-H members who received the Gold Key Award this week during the 64th National 4-H Congress in Chicago. The awards were presented Thursday at a recognition luncheon, sponsored by Beatrice Grocery Group/Orville Redenbacher's Gourmet Popping Corn.

Grubb was a 4-H member in Centre County for 10 years. He was an officer of the Centre County 4-H Baby Beef Club, and held leadership offices in his 4-H club and on the County Council. As a state winner in the agricultural program, he attended National 4-H Congress in 1956.

Since 1961, Grubb's career has

been with Penn State. During that time he earned a master's and a doctoral degree in agricultural economics and higher education. He has served as senior vice president of administration since 1979.

Grubb also serves as director of the State College Federal Savings and Loan Association and was past

director of the State College Area School District and the Central Intermediate Unit.

He is a member of the Association for Institutional Research, American Association for Higher Education, National University Extension Association and Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

Grubb continued his work with 4-

H by serving for two years on the Centre County 4-H Program Council and as chairman for one year. He gave presentations at state 4-H Leadership Congresses and conducted a leadership workshop at a regional 4-H teen conference. He also arranged for a "4-H Day" at two Penn State home football games and discussed 4-H

activities during radio broadcasts at halftime each day.

"The 4-H training I received helped me develop leadership and interpersonal skills which have served me well in my professional and personal life," Grubb said.

He and his wife Barbara have three children, Susan, Jeffrey, and Amy, all of whom were active in 4-H.

Red Lion student wins National 4-H swine award

UNIVERSITY PARK — An 18-year-old Pennsylvania student, who established a swine herd known for its high quality breeding stock, has been named one of six national winners in the 4-H swine program.

Melissa Trostle, Route 2, Box 246, Red Lion, received a \$1,000 scholarship from Pfizer, Inc., the program sponsor.

Selected by the Cooperative Extension Service, winners received their awards during the 64th National 4-H Congress in

Chicago, Nov. 30-Dec. 5.

Trostle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Trostle, is a high school senior and plans a career either in nursing or agriculture.

The York County resident, a 10-year 4-H'er, said at first it was hard for her to sell stock for breeding purposes. However, by exhibiting her Poland China swine at stock shows and winning numerous awards, she established a swine herd known for its high quality breeding stock.

"From this, I learned the im-

portance of retaining quality and not to become involved with poor quality and large numbers," she added. "Of course, like most producers, I am always interested in a profit." Most of her profits are reinvested in her swine herd, she said.

Two of the most important things she has learned in the swine program, she said, are sportsmanship and showmanship. "No matter how good you are, you cannot always win," she said. "One must learn to accept the

results and make the most of what he or she has done."

Trostle was named the "Outstanding 4-H Swine Award Winner" of 1983 by the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Association. In 1984, she exhibited the champion spot market barrow and grand champion spotted sow at the York Interstate Fair. She took third place this year in the state pork group's public speaking contest. In 1982, she was a member of her county's meats team that won state honors and placed fifth in national competition.

She said her project has taught her responsibility, which has come in "quite handy in the classroom, as well as with life's everyday challenges."

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Currently, the check-off assessment rate is 20 cents per market hog sold.

Participation in the program is voluntary on the part of farmers who can request, in writing, that deductions covering animals they have sold be returned to them. Monies raised under the program are sent to the Maryland Pork Producers Association which shared funds with the National Pork Producers Council.

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