

# Farm Show honors outstanding individuals

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## Farm Family

The Galen and Linda Smith family was chosen the Farm Show's Farm Family of the Year, recognizing the family's participation in show activities at the

Farm Show complex over three decades.

Galen, 39, exhibited a second-place heifer at the 1957 edition of the Farm Show, while sons Mike, 16, and Tim, 14, have been involved for the past seven years.

Over the years, the family has won a second in the All-American Dairy Show (1977) and a first and a seventh in the 1979 All-American.

Last year, son Mike exhibited a first-place dry cow in the 1985 FFA State Junior Dairy Show, a second-place dry cow in the Eastern National Junior All-American

Dairy Show and a 10th-place entry in All-American competition.

The Smiths maintain a herd of 100 Holsteins on their 279-acre Shippenburg RD 5 farm. Galen is the sixth generation of his family to operate the farm, which dates back to 1848.

## Master Farmers Six of the region's top



State Agribusiness of the Year -- Ag Secretary Richard Grubb with executives of Kutztown Bologna and Country Fresh Foods, Myerstown. From left, are Grubb; Jim Miranda, president of Country Fresh Foods of New Jersey; and Jerry Landuyt and Terry Kieffer, owners of Kutztown/Country Fresh.

agriculturalists were named Master Farmers at the annual Master Farmer Luncheon Tuesday.

The awards, co-sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Services of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and West Virginia, were conferred on:

- Roy Alger of Palmyra, who owns 183 acres and farms more than 900.

- David Hileman of Tyrone, who operates a dairy operation, using advanced soil conservation and cost-reduction methods.

- Benjamin Dum, Ellitsburg, who milks 55 registered Holsteins and uses homegrown feed, forage testing, and a herd-health program.

- Carl Bender of Accident, MD, a dairyman who uses cost-containment measures to keep his operation profitable.

- Donnell Calhoun of Milford, DE, who maintains 63,000 broilers, also producing lima beans, peas, sweet corn and soybeans.

- Eugenia DeCou, Shiloh, NJ, who operates a roadside market and a successful peach and apple orchard in southern New Jersey.

**Dairymen's Association Award**  
A Luzerne County dairymen and a Penn State Dairy Extension Specialist were honored at the 115th annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association.

William L. Conyngham of Shavertown received the 1985 Charles E. Cowan Memorial Award, recognizing his "leadership contributing to the improvement and promotion of the dairy industry."

His 90-cow dairy Holstein herd last year averaged 16,000 pounds of milk, 612 pounds of butterfat and 570 pounds of protein. Very active in industry circles, he has been secretary-treasurer of the Luzerne County Dairy Herd Improvement Association for more than 30 years.

He was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Holstein Association for eight years, and was chairman of the finance and

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Pennsylvania Dairymen Awards -- William L. Conyngham, left, of Shavertown won the Charles E. Cowan Memorial Award and Larry W. Specht, right, the Cooperative Extension Service Award at the 115th annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association.

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