

### PDA appoints new press secretary

HARRISBURG - Charles H. Muir, 41, of Harrisburg, has been appointed as press secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, according to State Agriculture Secretary Richard E. Grubb. Muir assumed his duties on Feb. 19.

"I am very pleased that Chuck Muir accepted this appointment," Grubb said. "He has both very strong background and experience in print and broadcast journalism

and a solid understanding of agricultural issues."

Muir will be responsible for all media relations, public information about the Department, its programs and Pennsylvania agriculture.

He replaces John A. Nikoloff who was recently promoted to new responsibilities at the Department in a reorganization of management staff designed to enhance policy development and long-range

planning capabilities.

Muir joins the Department after nearly 20 years in both print and broadcast journalism. He has spent the last 13 years as a reporter with the "Patriot-News" in Harrisburg. Most recently, Muir was assigned to cover federal courts and agencies.

Muir and his wife, Diana, live in Susquehanna Township, near Harrisburg. They have two children.

### Vegetable growers plan meeting


SHIPPENSBURG - Commercial vegetable growers from Franklin and Cumberland counties are invited to a special training meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

The special grower-session will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Linebach Farm Market, located two miles north of Shippensburg, at the intersection of U.S. Rt. 11 and PA Rt. 533.

Penn State specialists will provide instruction on the commercial growing of tomatoes, peppers, cantaloupes, broccoli, and cauliflower...including information on trickle irrigation and no-till vegetable production. Extension area marketing agent, Larry Yager, and Paul Linebach will address new vegetable-marketing opportunities for area growers.

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