

Extension Agent Retires

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York County Cooperative Extension Service in 1959 as an assistant agent. In 1968 he accepted the position of director of the Snyder County Cooperative Extension Service.

Holt admires the many volunteer programs by the multi-county extension staff. He said he's enjoyed working with people who give of their time for the 4-H program. "It's very rewarding to see the programs work because of their efforts," he said.

Through Holt's own efforts, the volunteer programs gained popularity in his eighteen years in Snyder County. In 1975, he started the Snyder, Union, and Northumberland Area Dairy Princess

Committee. The girls and the dairy industry both benefit because of public exposure to the two parties.

Other programs started or promoted by Holt include: livestock sale co-sponsored by FFA and 4-H clubs at the Beaver Fair, milk promotion efforts, poultry committee for the PA Farm Show, a state task force on extension organizational policy, and a state program development committee for agriculture and natural resources. For his numerous contributions to PA agriculture, Holt was honored with the Distinguished Service Award by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents in 1982.

A recent accomplishment of Holt

that gained state attention was his development of a milker's school in 1984 to record mastitis problems on Snyder County farms. So successful was this program in the four county area that it is now being used statewide. In fact, in the last twelve years his dairy efforts have increased milk production efficiency by seven percent as compared to the state average of three percent.

When asked about the future of the dairy industry, Holt felt that agricultural management is the key to success. "It's going to take better managers using better management tools to keep abreast of the whole situation. They must realize what parts are profitable and then develop a balance sheet to know where they are at," he said.

Another pleasurable work project was his involvement in agri-business programs. He stated

that closer work should be done with agricultural lending agencies to help farmers with the uncertainty of the farm economy.

To honor Holt for his 27 years of assistance to area agriculture, 182 friends, co-workers, and family members from seven counties gathered on April 19 (his 60th birthday) to honor him with a surprise retirement dinner. Harold was not only praised by speeches from well-wishers, he was also bestowed the honor of "Honorary Dairy Princess" and presented a lamb as part of his departing gifts and mementos.

His future? Harold Holt plans to pursue his woodworking, improve his gardening, and visit his six children and nine grandchildren with wife, Vida.

"I'm looking very forward to retirement," he said.

YORK — Bovine Somatotropin (growth hormone) will be the topic of the Veterinary Nutrition Forum set for May 21 at the Host Town on Route 501 in Lancaster.

The speaker, Dr. William Chalupa of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine Department of Nutrition, will address the lactation response and implications for the dairy industry of the growth hormone.

Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. and the program will begin at 8:00 p.m. Reservations can be made by phone or mail by Friday, May 16 to the York County Extension Service at 112 Pleasant Acres Road, York, Pa., 17402, 717-757-9657.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 17 at the Host Town in Lancaster. Dr. Richard Weidman will speak on Dietary Control of Kidney Stones in Poultry.



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