

Slippery Rock Farm Family Wins Conservation Award

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Richard Kind family of Slippery Rock are the state winners of the 1986 National Soil and Water Conservation Awards Program.

Sponsored by the National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation and The Du Pont Company, the program recognizes farmers and ranchers for outstanding achievement in protecting America's agricultural resources.

Sound conservation management has helped the Kinds convert a poorly managed farm with naturally wet soils into an efficient 700-acre cattle, corn and alfalfa-grass hay farm. Their farm, Grassycrest, is known to thousands who have visited it to learn about farm life in general or conservation practices in particular.

"Conservation pays! We believe that we are stewards of the land," said Kind. "Conservation is necessary for preservation of our natural resources."

Ten national finalists will be selected from among the state winners. The finalists and their spouses will receive an expense-paid trip to attend a national awards ceremony in the fall.

In December, the three 1986

National Winners will be announced. Each will receive an expense-paid trip to the national awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. and a \$1,000 cash award. Last year's three national winners were presented a certificate in a White House ceremony.

"The Endowment awards program is designed to help make agricultural producers and the general public more aware of the importance of saving our soil and water resources by spotlighting the work of outstanding conservation farmers and ranchers," said Emmett Barker, Farm and Industrial Equipment president who chairs the Endowment.

"The program recognizes producers such as the Kinds, who work hard to conserve the state's and the nation's most precious commodities — soil and water," said area Du Pont sales representative, Duane Hobbs.

"As natural resources become more scarce, strategic conservation of these resources is critical to America's future," said Dale Wolf, vice president of Du Pont agricultural products. "Our farmers and ranchers have not only an opportunity in that regard, but a special responsibility as well. At Du Pont's agricultural

product's group, we are pleased to contribute what we can by helping sponsor these state conservation awards with the Endowment for Soil & Water Conservation."

The National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation is a non-profit, privately funded, non-political organization dedicated to

conserving the nation's natural resources and promoting a sense of stewardship for the land by involving all Americans.

Soil Conservation Society Honors Two Pennsylvanians

HARRISBURG — A Mechanicsburg man and a member of the Penn State faculty were recognized at the international meeting of the Soil Conservation Society in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Ronello 'Mel' Davis, Moores Mountain Road, Mechanicsburg was one of 20 to achieve the recognition of 'Fellow' in the Society. Lynn Hoffman, Pennsylvania Furnace, was one of nine to receive an 'Honor' award.

Davis is the retired special assistant to the undersecretary of agriculture for international science. He was recognized for his contribution to conservation with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, his skill at working with cooperating organizations and his international conservation efforts. Davis has assisted the govern-

ments of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Venezuela, Argentina, Haiti, Egypt and Israel in solving conservation problems.

He has been a member of SCSA for 29 years. He joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service, starting in North Dakota. Later in his career he was State Conservationist in Pennsylvania and ended his SCS career as national chief in Washington, D.C.

Hoffman, an assistant professor of agronomy, was recognized for his effective promotion of no-till crop production throughout the northeastern states.

Hoffman is known as "Mr. No-Till" in Pennsylvania and surrounding states. His no-till concepts include most agronomic crops. Hoffman actively promotes

the positive results of combining crop rotation with no-till.

Hoffman manages Penn State's agronomy research farm at Rock Springs. His current research focus is on crop management in conservation tillage production systems. Hoffman also serves as agronomy extension specialist for tillage. He also trained USDA Soil Conservation Service employees in no-till concepts.

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 1 Corina Frye 2 Jeff Frye 3 Roger Stock
Grand Champion
 Robbie Stultz
Reserve Grand Champion
 Corina Frye
Senior Fitting
 1 Holli Pheasant 2 Jeff Frye 3 John Doney
Senior Showmanship
 1 John Doney, 2 Holli Pheasant 3 Jeff Frye
Junior Fitting
 1 Robbie Stultz 2 Roger Stock 3 Crystal Sollenberger
Junior Showmanship
 1 Corina Frye 2 Robbie Stultz
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Lightweight
 1 Christine Rhodes 2 Joe Stitt 3 Jeff Walloon
Medium-Lightweight
 1 Kevin Rhodes 2 Joel Harker 3 Ron Michelson
Mediumweight
 1 John Doney 2 Brenda Brumbaugh 3 Mark Bailey
Medium-Heavyweight
 1 Holli Pheasant 2 Kristen Longenecker 3 Jody Longenecker
Heavyweight
 1 Randy Rhodes 2 Debbie Stahl 3 Roger Stock
Senior Fitting
 1 John Doney 2 Randy Rhodes 3 Kevin Rhodes
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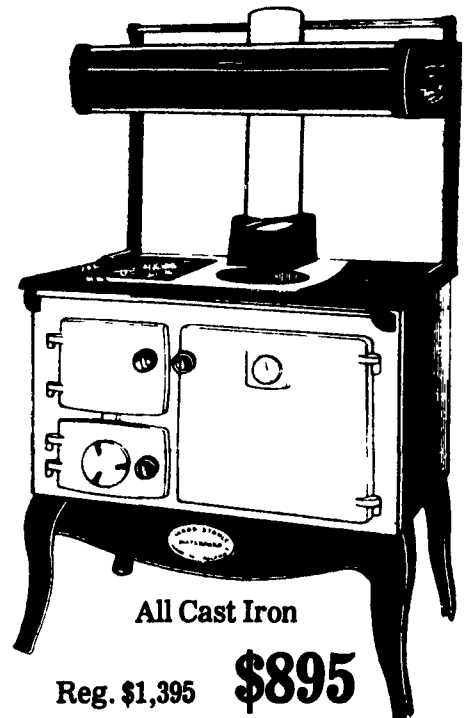
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