

York Co. Farmers Present Awards

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NASHVILLE — Two special awards were presented Friday night at the annual fall meeting of the York County Farmers' Association.

Recognized for their outstanding service to agriculture were Louis Wambaugh, Delta, R.D. 2, and Lorne Detter, Old Carlisle Road, Dover.

Detter was recognized for the 1985 year, and Wambaugh for 1986. The award was created by the Association last year but was not formalized until this year's banquet.

Detter operates a 76-acre farm with his wife Aileen and is active with the ag committee of the York Chamber of Commerce, and received an award for the outstanding job he did as agri-business chairman. He is a director of the York County Conservation District and has served on the Dover Township Supervisors for six years. He is also responsible for offering dairy education and sponsoring dairy clinics in vo-ag classes at four County school districts. He has received the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Community Service Award. The Detters have four children.

Wambaugh served as a director with the Pennsylvania Farmers Association for six years and with the York County Board for nine years. He is a director of the York County Pork Producers. Instrumental in establishing a planning commission in Lower Chanceford Township in 1970, Wambaugh serves as president of their Zoning Hearing Board. He and his wife Barbara have two children.

Although the group did not meet its membership goal, 1986 membership chairman Sandy Dehoff presented awards to Lorne Detter, John Altland, Ellis Crowl, Ruth Gallagher and Joe Bonene for their work in signing up new members.

Star Awards were given to Carolyn Rutter, state director; Kay Taylor, women's committee chairman; Sandy Dehoff, public relations chairman; J. Donell Taylor, legislative chairman and Ellis Crowl, president. These awards are presented to committee chairmen who have completed a series of activities delineated by the state.

Nominated to serve as directors for the upcoming year are Stephen Green, District 1; Donell Taylor, District 5; Tom Wolf, District 7; Charles Sunday, completing a two year term at large; and Marty Gray, at large.

A wide variety of policies were adopted by those attending the meeting.

On the county level, it was proposed that they support "a waste recovery facility as opposed to the creation of monstrous landfills." Also on the county level, a resolution passed recommending that the group "solicit the support of actively engaged farmers to serve on the ASCS Committee."

Other resolutions included a recommendation that USDA approval be denied for the dairy growth hormone until more research is conducted on consumer reaction to it. Crowl explained, "We advertise that we produce natural products, and we feel consumers may not feel they are natural with the use of hormones." He said the adoption of policies is to guide delegates when they attend the state meetings.

One resolution proposed from the floor supported the same idea, but died for lack of a second. That resolution suggested that manufacturers and producers be aware of consumer resistance brought about by media reaction to hormones and medications administered to livestock.

The group adopted a resolution supporting the idea of optional medication IRA's as an alternative to the medicare system. Carolyn Rutter, state director, reported that such a bill is pending in Congress.

The group also supported the recommendation that any new real estate transactions list whether property borders on an agricultural area. County agent Tony Dobrosky said that people frequently purchase land or new homes and are surprised to find active agriculture operations next door, often to the farmer's detriment.

They asked that support for the supplemental budget for the Penn State Extension Service be approved so that necessary agricultural staff levels can be maintained.

The group also asked that liability insurance be made a top priority issue to protect insurance policy holders from cancellation of liability protection without just cause or prior claim.

State Director Rutter reported on the newly formed Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture group, a foundation whose purpose is "to raise funds to help agriculture meet its challenges in the future." She said the main problem in starting new programs is often lack of funding and this coalition of businesses and others who are friends of agriculture will



Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wambaugh, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Detter are shown following presentations to Wambaugh and Detter for their outstanding service to agriculture in York County. The awards were presented by York County Farmers' Association at their annual meeting.

help make funds available.

"A strong healthy economy means a strong healthy agriculture," Rutter said. "You'd be amazed at how much support there is for agriculture." The group hopes to raise \$1 million in the next three years, and will use interest to fund programs. Applications for grants will be accepted. Rutter said, "It is a

challenging, exciting concept."

In concluding her eight years as state director, Rutter thanked the group for its support, and said, "I really benefitted the most."

Ed Koncle, regional organization director for PFA, challenged the group to get involved in local government. Such participation, he said, would be "very beneficial to agricultural communities."

Protect Soil This Winter

HARRISBURG — Winter cover crops are essential to protecting bare cropland fields during the winter, according to Joel Myers, SCS district conservationist in Dauphin County.

The use of fall grains on unprotected fields can reduce soil erosion by 5 to 10 tons annually per acre. Myers added that

establishment using no-till drills, whether for grain, silage or just for cover has numerous benefits.

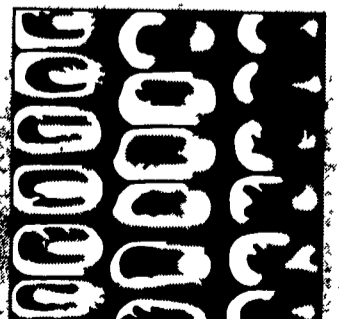
Seeding can be completed in one operation, thus saving time. Establishment will be quicker due to moisture conservation and a better seed to soil contact. Since the soil is only slightly disturbed, erosion can be significantly reduced.



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Rapid drydown.