# PFA Names 'Outstanding Young Farm Couples'

HERSHEY - Each year the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association presents its Outstanding Youth Farm Couple award to couples under the age of 30 who have exhibited exemplary farming skills and leadership ability.

Of the five couples named for regional honors this year, Mark and Cindy Stern of Clinton County were named state winners. The couple will represent PFA at the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation to be held in Anaheim, Calif. in January.

Residing near Lock Haven, the Sterns farm 533 acres of vegetables and grain in partnership with Mark's father. Crops include 80 acres of processing tomatoes, 20 acres of green tomatoes, 165 acres of corn, 20 acres of peppers, 220 acres of wheat, 25 acres of artichokes and three acres of strawberries. Mark also operates a three-truck fleet started in 1980 to insure delivery of the tomato crop. Mark is currently president of his county farmers' association and past chairman of PFA's Young Farmer and Rancher Committee. He serves on the board of the newly-created PFA Legal Defense Fund. Cindy chairs the county women's committee.

Receiving the other four regional awards were:

Gary and Barbara Lentz of Lebanon, Lebanon County. Gary started with a herd of 20 cows while in high school and now milks 70 cows on a rented 220-acre farm. Dairy production is currently 20,021 pounds per cow with 719 pounds butterfat. Their eventual goal is to increase herd size and own their own farm. Barbara is 1986 chairman of the Lebanon County Dairy Promotion Committee.

Owen and Henrietta McCulloch of Newville, Cumberland County, operate a 275-acre dairy farm in partnership with Owen's brother. Owen handles the farm's crops of alfalfa, corn, barley, oats and grass hay. The family's goal is to expand the dairy herd from 30 cows to 60 or 70 head while maintaning low overhead by using their own time, labor and available funds to remodel an old barn into a free-stall operation. Owen is a county farmers' association director and Henrietta is editor of the county association's newsletter.

Dennis and Penny Reiman of Berlin, Somerset County, operate a 100-head registered Holstein dairy farm. Dennis supplements the dairy operation with custom work and cash crops of corn, oats, straw and hay. Since taking over the family farm, the Reimans have increased corn acreage and improved haylage. They have also cut dairy costs by reducing veterinary calls and doing most of their own artificial breeding. Penny is active on the Somerset County Dairy Promotion Committee. Dennis is director of the county association's PROFITS committee.

Dale and Paula Wack of Harmony, Butler County, milk 50 cows in partnership with Dale's brother Jay. Since beginning in 1978, they have steadily upgraded and expanded their dairy operation, adding 23 registered Holsteins to



"Outstanding Young Farm Couples" include (foreground) Mark and Cindy Stern. (Middle left to right) Owen and Henrietta McCulloch, Penny and Dennis Reiman. (Rear L to R) Barbara and Gary Lentz and Paula and Dale Wack. As state winners, the Sterns will travel to AFBF convention in January.

their milking herd. Their operation currently produces 400,000 pounds of milk per man each year. Both

Dale and Paula are active in county farmers' association programs. Paula is a member of the county women's committee. Dale is a member of the county association board of directors.

## **Inter-State Annual Meeting**

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This year marked the 50th anniversary of Inter-State's functioning as a cooperative. At Thursday evening's banquet the co-op recognized members who individually or with their families maintained membership in Inter-State for 50 years.

These members include: Mr. and Mrs. William Brinsfield, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maule, Mr. and Mrs. Elam Mull, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Crothers, Mr. Cloyd Trexler, Mr. and Mrs. William

Keefer, B. Snavely Garber, C. Kenneth Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Keefer, Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Stine and Walter Morris.

Florence Schultz and A. Evans

Kephart were recognized for service to Inter-State before it became a cooperative.

Honored for more recent service to the cooperative were: Lewis Springer, 25-years; Elwood Hench, 25-years: Raymond Weber,

retiring executive director and secretary of Dairy Council Inc.; Carlton Porter, retiring employee; and Lester Lau and Elroy Christensen, previously retired field representatives.

#### **Marvland-Delaware Brown Swiss Association**

THURMONT, Md. — The Annual Maryland-Delaware Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Banquet and Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. at the New Midway Fire Hall, New Midway.

The turkey and ham dinner will be served family style at at cost of \$6.50 for adults, \$3.25 for children ages 6 to 10 and under 5 free.

Ken Wisner, Frederick County Extension Agent, will by the toastmaster. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Stine of Taneytown will be the guest speakers.

Awards presentations and election of new officers are also on the agenda.

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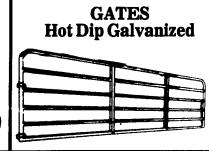
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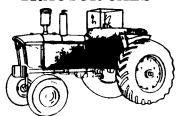
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