

# U.S. Deputy Secretary of Ag

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saying he feels no need to apologize. With agriculture contributing 20 percent of the Gross National Product, Myers says it must be considered "a significant industry." In the past year the United States has spent \$26 billion on direct payments to farmers, and he says the large spending is a result of a "predatory farm policy." Finally, according to Myers, the United States is putting basic grain commodities on the world market at reasonable prices, "fighting fire with fire."

While the United States was

spending large sums of money, it was being outspent; however, by the countries in the European Economic Community who spent \$26 billion in direct payments and \$14 billion in other subsidies to help the 12 million farmers in member countries.

He commented, "This proposal is not political. It offers a 'window of opportunity'". He said the opportunity makes sense and may not be there in a few years. "An efficiently run family farm can compete with any country, but we can't compete against subsidized farmers."

Dean of the College of Agriculture Lamartine Hood commented on the anniversary of the Hatch Act which established permanent funding to support research programs, making it possible to have agricultural experiment stations.

Hood noted Penn State's efforts through its seventh president George Atherton to get the funding proposal passed. He said the passage of the legislation made it possible to have a "distinguished, viable and effective agricultural research program."

To recognize the 100th anniversary, Hood dedicated Ag Progress

Days to "The Agricultural Scientist," and presented a plaque to Eva Pell, chairman of the College of Agriculture Faculty.

In its business session, new CAAS president David Morrow was introduced by retiring Presi-

dent Patty McMurray. N. Alan Bair was chosen as president-elect. Newly elected directors include: Stanley Zahora, and Sheila Miller. Re-elected to a second three-year term were Laura England, senator Roger Madigan and Harold Harpster.



Here's Jill Stutzman in action at the Somerset Co. Holstein Fiesta Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull. Yes, Jill won a trophy.

## Summerset Fiesta Fun

The Somerset County Holstein Club's Annual Fiesta was held August 1, 1987 at the Berlin Community Grove, Berlin, Pa. Barbara Berkley of Berlin was Fiesta Chairman.

Fun at the Fiesta.

A delicious picnic supper was served, featuring ham and all the goodies to go with it.

Featuring our own Somerset County Junior Dairy Bowl Team: who not only went on to win the State Title but won the National Title. Team Members: Jenny Welch captain, Heather Welch, Matthew Welch, Thadd Will, Jenny Brown, and coaches Connie and David Welch all of Berlin, Pa. Each member gave a brief talk on

their experiences at the National Convention, in Indianapolis. Somerset County is very proud of this junior team.

Jennifer Barnett was with us and gave us a brief talk on dairy promotion events through out the county.

Our grand attraction the Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull. The tractor and the sled made just like the big professional tractor pulls. The competition was divided into age categories, even an adult category.

Trophy winners this year were: James, John and Thayer Paxton, all brothers, and Jill Stutzman. Adult winner Bill Hunsberger received a candy bar for his achievement.

This is a fun night for everyone.

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