

## Berks Co. Farm-City Banquet Held

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 ing farmland. "Now we have the opportunity to save farmland in Pennsylvania," he concluded.  
 The evening was also highlighted by the presentation of the

state farm-city plaque by Dalton Paul, president, State Farm-City Council. Presented to Stephen Burkholder, president, Berks County Farm-City Council, the award represented another year of

praiseworthy achievement of the county in bringing about a better understanding of rural issues to city residents through county wide promotion efforts, publicity, and educational festivities.



The group public relations award was presented to the Berks County Chamber of Commerce by William Hughes, Meridian Bank. Anthony Grim, aside of Hughes at podium, received the award for his staff for their efforts to organize city- and county-wide events to promote agriculture and the use of funds to further this cause.

Public Relations in Agriculture Awards were also presented. Jack Gounder, a well known radio personality in Berks County who also served as Master of Ceremonies at many agricultural events throughout his career, was awarded the individual award.

The Public Relations award presented to a group went to the Berks County Chamber of Commerce, headed by Anthony Grim. The award was presented by William Hughes, Meridian Bank. The Chamber of Commerce was praised for their efforts to promote agriculture in the city and their appropriation of funds towards that promotion.

Slide presentations by the farmer-businessmen exchange persons rounded out the evening. Each individual who shared part of his workday with a rural or city neighbor gave a brief presentation. Participants included President Judge Forrest Schaffer who shared

his workday and also spent a day on the farm with Henry Frecon, a fruit farmer and partner in Frecon Orchards, Boyertown. Raymond Croft, accountant and board chairman of the Berks County Chamber of Commerce and Tim Kissling, Robesonia, a dairy farmer, also shared workdays. Dr. Susan Probst, Gynecologist and Obstetrics, Reading Hospital, shared workdays with sue Hollowbush, sheep producer with a herd of corriedales on her 60 acre farm near Oley.

The festivities concluded with prizes awarded to the top two individuals from the city and country who placed the highest in the many contests which began the evening. Contests included pork product identification, wool identification, plant origins and seed identifications. Contests and the meal and hors d'oeuvres were sponsored by Berks County agricultural businesses and individuals.

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## Two Awards Programs

TRENTON, N.J. — The New Jersey Farm Bureau state committee of Young Farmers and Ranchers is sponsoring two award programs this year.

One is the Discussion Meet. This is a variation of the traditional debate where contestants are given one of four major agricultural issues to discuss, offer their views and recommend policy. Contestants are judged on how articulate they are, knowledge of Farm Bureau policy, politeness and policy awareness. The intent of this program is to develop and recognize future spokesmen and women for agriculture.

The second program is the Outstanding Young Farmer Award. To qualify, applicants for this award must receive most of their income from production agriculture. They are evaluated on their

involvement and success in an agricultural enterprise. This award program seeks to recognize young New Jersey farmers who are making a future in farming.

Participants in both programs must be between the ages of 18 and 30 and be from New Jersey Farm Bureau families.

New Jersey Farm Bureau will send the winners from both programs on an expense paid trip to the American Farm Bureau Convention in New Orleans in early January, where they will compete for national honors. The national winners receive separate prizes from the American Farm Bureau.

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