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Irwin Named 1987 Agricultural Communicator

LANCASTER, Pa.—Lancaster County Extension director Jay W. Irwin is the recipient of Atlantic Dairy Cooperative's 1987 Agricultural Communicator Award.

Irwin was recognized for his "exemplary services to the dairy cooperative community" at Atlantic's 70th annual meeting. President Robert B. McSparran made the presentation during the Young Cooperator program Nov. 20.

The award recognizes individuals who have excelled in their role as both communicator and educator, reaching cooperative members, consumers, legislators,



Jay Irwin

youth, young farmers, industry employees and land-grant institutions.

Irwin has a long history of cooperative involvement. Following his graduation from Penn State University in 1949, he joined the management team of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative, which later merged with the Grange League Federation and Eastern States to form Agway Inc.

In 1967, Irwin renewed his ties with Penn State as an employee of the Cooperative Extension Service in Lancaster County. For the past six years, he has served as the

county extension director.

Irwin, who describes himself as an educator, is well-known among cooperative circles for his dedication to farm youth. He is the founder of the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives Summer Youth Institute, which began 26 years ago.

Irwin has participated in each Summer Institute since the program's inception. PAFC has recognized his work with the following awards: Master Educator Award, 1971; Service to Youth Award, 1981; and 25 Years of Service Award, 1985.

Other awards to his credit include the United States Department of Agriculture Distinguished Service Award, 1985, and the National Association of County Agricultural Agents Distinguished Service Award, 1987.

In addition to co-op activities, Irwin is a member of the Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce, the state and national County Agricultural Agents Associations, the Lancaster County Rotary Club and the Lancaster County Poultry Board of Directors.

He and his wife, Betty, reside in Lancaster.

PFA Presents Awards, Sets Policy Recommendations At Annual Meeting

BY LISA RISSER

HERSHEY—It may be hard for farmers to view encroaching development as anything other than menacing, yet that's exactly what Mather Mellott, president of Mell Laboratory, asked of seminar attendees on Monday.

Mellott spoke on agricultural synergism at the 37th Annual PFA meeting, which ran Monday through Wednesday at Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

According to Mellott, the growing population should be regarded as a resource. They provide a market for products and are a good source of energy — or rather their burnable waste is.

"Burnables, such as glass, plastics, and metals, could be hauled from New York City, Baltimore, and Washington D.C. to Pennsylvania for energy," he said. "The

burnables would be used to produce steam."

This steam could supply the energy needs for other businesses.

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York County Annual DHIA Banquet

YORK — Several hundred York County farmers and their families gathered Wednesday night at the county's annual DHIA banquet.

John Brockett, Penn State economist, was the evening's featured speaker. He predicted that by

1995, there will be 40 percent fewer farms. The continuing surplus of milk, the changing lifestyle of our urban population, and the advent of growth hormones that increase production are several of the things on which he based his prediction.

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These Meadowbrook Farms' turkeys will provide Thanksgiving dinners for about 5,000 York residents.

According to the owner Skip Fritz, per capita consumption of turkey has doubled in the past few years.

To learn more about turkey growing, read page B10.

Penn Dell's 'Glenna' Named Grand Champion At NAILE National Guernsey Show



Penn Dell Vesuvius Glenna, of Penn Dell Farms at Willow Street, was named the grand champion of the National Guernsey Show. Glenna topped over 400 competitors in the show held as part of the North American International Livestock Exposition held in Louisville, KY this week.

BY PAT PURCELL

LAMPETER — Thanks to the Witmers of Willow Street the Lancaster County Breeders Association had much to celebrate at their annual gathering in Lampeter Tuesday evening.

Penn Dell Vesuvius Glenna was named the grand champion female at the National Guernsey Show held at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky this week. Glenna topped more than 400 competitors which exemplified the best of the Guernsey breed on the

North American continent.

Raymond, Louise and their son, Peter, exhibited Glenna into the grand champion ring in September at the Guernsey Show held in conjunction with Pennsylvania All-American. They were hoping Glenna would earn a placing at the national show. The grand champion honors were a pleasant surprise.

Raymond told the Lancaster County breeders that he was proud to be able to represent them all at NAILE. Witmer said he felt that

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Holiday Deadlines

The office of Lancaster Farming will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26 in observance of Thanksgiving. Deadlines for the November 28 issue are as follows:

Mailbox Market Ads - noon Monday.
Public Sale Ads - 5 p.m.

Monday.
General News - noon Wednesday.
Classified Section B Ads - 5 p.m. Tuesday.
All other classified Ads - 9 a.m. Wednesday.
Late-breaking news - 8 a.m. Friday.