

Schadler Named Interim Regional Director For Penn State Extension

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre) — Alletta (Letie) M. Schadler, Lebanon County extension director has been named interim regional director for the Southeast Region of Penn State Cooperative Extension. She succeeds James J. McKechnan who retired from Penn State last month.

Penn State Cooperative Extension has offices in all 67 Pennsylvania counties. Administratively the state is divided into four regions. As interim southeast regional director, Schadler will coordinate College of Agriculture programs, personnel and budget in 16 southeast counties.

She has been an extension home economist in Lebanon County since 1970 and has conducted adult education programs in the areas of nutrition, food preserva-



Alletta M. Schadler
tion, equipment, housing and community development.

She also served as county extension director, supervising the county staff and handling overall operation of extension education programs in Lebanon County. Schadler writes an award-winning weekly food column, appears regularly on radio and television, and has authored a series of food and nutrition newsletters. She has worked with many 4-H leaders and volunteers.

Among her awards, she was named Outstanding Woman of the Year in the Food Industry by the Pennsylvania Grocers Association in 1983, and was honored by the National Association of Extension Home Economist with its Distinguished Service Award that same year.

Schadler has a bachelor's degree in home economics and is completing a master's degree in

speech communication and telecommunication, both from Penn State.

Before her Penn State appointment she was director of home economics for Metropolitan Edison Company in Reading. There Schadler directed the activities of eight home economists and developed programs for presentation by staff.

Program Helps Farmers Judge Milk Price Changes

STATE COLLEGE (Centre) — More than 4,000 Pennsylvania dairy farmers will face a proposed change in the way their milk is priced in the future. Those farmers can evaluate the effects of the proposal on their own operations with the help of a Penn State Cooperative Extension computer program.

The proposal being considered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture would affect farmers in the federal milk order 2 region, which includes processing plants in New York and New Jersey. About 4,000 dairy farms, representing 40 percent of Pennsylvania's milk production, sell their milk in that region.

The proposal would encourage farmers to maintain a consistent

level of production throughout the year or to increase production in the fall, when demand is greatest, according to Jack Kirkland, assistant professor of agricultural economics at Penn State. Many farmers have the greatest production in the spring, giving processors a surplus of milk then and a tight supply later in the year.

Under the proposal, each farmer would have an established production level, based on the average production from the months of August through November of the previous year. In the following year, the farmer would be paid a higher price for milk production up to that base level, but any excess milk would receive a lower price. A similar base-excess plan is already in place in Federal Order 4, which includes Pennsylvania processing plants.

Farmers who manage their herds and breeding programs to end up with an even production level throughout the year would

benefit, Kirkland says. Farmers whose production increases in the spring would not fare as well.

USDA is now conducting hearings on proposed changes in Federal Order 2. If it decides to adopt the proposal, farmers and their cooperatives will have a chance to vote on the new order, Kirkland says.

He has prepared a program that allows farmers to calculate what their income would be if the proposal were accepted, and to estimate what it would be if they changed their management practices.

The program is available at Penn State Cooperative Extension offices in the counties with farmers selling in Order 2. Farmers have the option of using a worksheet or filling out a data sheet with production information and giving it to the office to run through the computer program. All information will remain confidential.

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Name	Brd.	No. Cows	% Days In Milk	Milk Lbs.	Fat Lbs.
Carl R Slater & Son	3	35.8	88.1	24,261	859
Mar-Ja Farm	3	156.6	89.3	17,743	710
Daryl + Nancy Landis	B3	77.0	85.7	18,064	709
PA Dept of Agri	B3	119.2	86.6	18,923	705
Keith T Fletcher	B3	58.0	89.4	18,828	673
Limestone Run Farm	B3	56.8	85.5	18,419	659
Robert Waltmyer	G8	43.2	85.4	17,890	657

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