

Willard Scott Makes Presentation American Dairy Association Honors Martins

SYRACUSE, NY — In an effort to recognize a heritage of commitment and dedication to agriculture, the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council (ADADC) recently recognized Edwin and Elizabeth Martin of West Grove, PA with its annual Service to Dairying Award. The award was presented to the Martin Family by Willard Scott, the popular Today Show weatherman, during the Association's 29th Annual Meeting held February 22nd in Syracuse.

Misty Pines Farm has stood for nearly three centuries among the equine and mushroom facilities of beautiful Chester County. Founded a 1727, this Century Farm reflects a time past when homes

and barns were built of stone and made to withstand the elements and fads of time. Like the buildings, families were also built solidly to preserve the values and ethics of those who had come before. Edwin and Elizabeth Martin are two such individuals who exemplify long-standing dedication to family and an age-old ethic that says the fruits of life come from hard work and dedication.

The home that has housed seven generations of Martins (including Edwin's mother, who passed away at 109 years old) has been standing relatively unchanged since 1740. Plank floors, heavy wooden doors and a beehive oven are just a few of the home's traditional characteristics,

and the Martin's have tried hard to preserve the house where Edwin and his ancestors were born.

Edwin's farm experience came early, as he is fond of recounting tales of following behind his father's horse-drawn plow at the young age of eight. While plowing the fields and tending the cows, he dreamed of attending business school, a goal that he pursued and

accomplished. But like many other ambitious young men of the time, the Depression quelled thoughts of a white-collar career. Instead, he formed what was soon to become a thriving marketing operation by delivering eggs, sausage and scrapple from a local butcher, rhubarb from a plant that still yields a scrumptious pie, and other home-grown produce.

But when his father, Edwin Seal Martin, passed away in 1952, this industrious agriculturalist placed additional time and energy into making the dairy thrive.

Mr. Martin talks of a time not so long ago when milk was hauled by horse and wagon to buyers from local dairies. Gradually, though, the operation grew until

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The American Dairy Association proclaimed Willard Scott "The Big Cheese" at their annual meeting in Syracuse on February 22. From left, Brian P. Ward, executive vice-president; Willard Scott and Ray Johnson, president.



Willard Scott presented the Martin family of West Grove, Pennsylvania with the "Service to Dairying" award at the American Dairy Association's annual meeting. Pictured from left, Thomas Martin, Jr., Elizabeth Martin, Willard Scott and David Martin.

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