

Clean Water Awards To Six Pennsylvania Farmers

GRANTVILLE (Dauphin Co.)— State Environmental Resources Secretary Arthur A. Davis and Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff recently presented Chesapeake Bay Clean Water awards to six Pennsylvania farmers for their efforts to control agricultural runoff that contributes to pollution of the bay.

"These farmers represent the very best in Pennsylvania's family farm tradition," Davis said. "Not only are they protecting and enhancing the environment here in Pennsylvania, but these farmers have taken significant measures to reduce the amount of nutrient and sediment pollution reaching our nation's coastal waterways."

Davis said that Pennsylvania contributes more than 50 percent of the freshwater entering the Chesapeake Bay through the Susquehanna and Potomac river basins and smaller watersheds.

Since 1985, the state has com-

mitted more than \$11 million in funding for the Pennsylvania Chesapeake Bay Program to provide financial and technical assistance to farmers to reduce non-point source pollution through improved farm conservation management practices.

Gov. Robert P. Casey furthered the Commonwealth's commitment to protect the bay by signing the Chesapeake Bay agreement with the governors of Maryland and Virginia, and the mayor of Washington, D.C. in 1987.

"Agriculture is the Commonwealth's leading industry," Wolff said. "The farmers honored today prove that what is good for the environment also can be good for business."

More than 345 Pennsylvania farmers in 28 counties participate in the bay program through county conservation district offices. The program pays up to 80 percent of



On the right, Arthur Davis, secretary of the state Department of Environmental Resources, presents a Clean Water Farm Award to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Schrack, from Logantown.



From the left, Leon Nease presents a Clean Water Farm Award to Agriculture Secretary Boyd Wolff.

the cost of soil erosion and nutrient management improvements, including manure storage facilities, terracing, crop rotation plans, diversion ditches, grass waterways, erosion and sediment controls and soil testing.

Since 1986, the annual Clean Water Farm Awards have recognized efforts by farmers to reduce agricultural non-point source pollution in Pennsylvania's portion of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

For more information on the

awards or the state-funded financial assistance programs, contact the Chesapeake Bay Education Office, 225 Pine Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101, or call 717-236-1006.

The six farmers honored are:
* Paul Clugston, Halifax, Pa.

Master Farmer Awards Made On Tuesday

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)— Tuesday is Master Farmers Day at the 74th Pennsylvania State Farm Show in Harrisburg, in honor of six Mid-Atlantic farmers for their high achievement in farming and public service.

In the 56th regional competition, eight individuals representing six farm operations received Master Farmer Awards during a Farm Show luncheon for agriculture leaders at the Penn Harris Motor Inn in Camp Hill.

The Master Farmer program is unique and important because its recipients emphasize commitment not only to farming, but also to the industry and community. Nearly 250 nominees submitted extensive applications for the program.

This year's Master Farmers are:

William Brown, Browncroft Farm, Rome, Bedford County Careful attention to feeding is Brown's secret for his record-setting dairy herd. His 31 registered Holsteins had top average butterfat for DHIA in Pennsylvania the last three years with a 1045-pound average for 1989.

William England, Weeping Hollow Farm, Williamsburg, Blair County Since England purchased his first computer, electronic technology has taken on many jobs around the dairy farm. He turns to his computer more and more to spot production problems and analyze farm business decisions.

J. Paul Espy of Tyrone, Huntingdon County Espy has always been a hard worker, a hard driver and a manager who knows how to get top dollar for his cattle. He started and built his business to make a living and makes it work. He knows where his cattle come from and what to expect when they arrive.

William and Walter Hopkins of Sussex County, Delaware This father and son team are enjoying the fruits of good dairying. They had Delaware's top DHIA herd of more than 150 cows.

William and Marian Cadwallader of Salem County, New Jersey The Cadwalladers built an operation that now includes 330 acres and 300 registered Holstein cows and heifers.

Richard Brandenburg of Jefferson, Maryland Brandenburg feeds the dairy herd and manages the field work at R.B. Farms, a considerable job with 1,058 acres planted to corn, wheat, soybeans, hay and barley. His wife and daughter milk the cows and raise the calves.

Conference Scheduled

SUNBURY (Northumberland Co.)— The Northumberland County Conservation District and Penn State Cooperative Extension have announced that the seventh annual winter conference will be held Wednesday, January 31 at the First Baptist Church of Milton.

The session runs from 10:00 AM to 3:15 PM and covers a variety of agronomic, economic, and environmental topics. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has approved the conference as an update training session for pesticide certification renewal for private and public applicators. Applicators will receive two core credits toward certification renewal.

Highlighting the conference will be a panel discussion on "Topics in the News." Discussion topics will include the Perry Township piggery ordinance, sewage sludge application on farmland, farmland preservation, and wetlands and agriculture. Other topics to be covered include new tillage tools, farm economic outlook, groundwater protection, nutrient management, farming with your neighbors, and Chesapeake Bay program highlights.

The \$4 registration fee for the conference includes a baked ham lunch. Tickets may be purchased by calling the conservation district office at 988-4224. Deadline for reservations is January 20.

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