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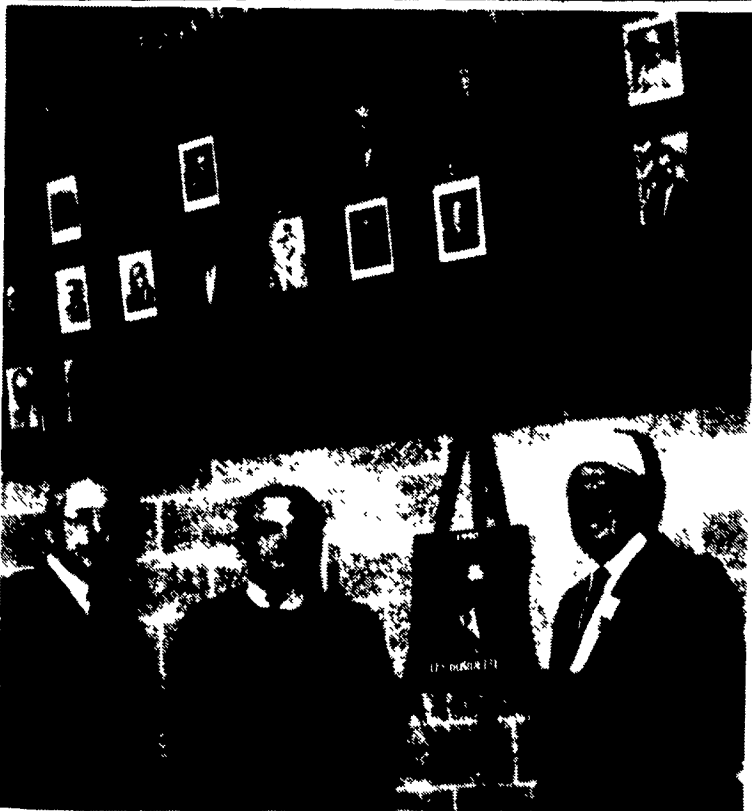
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## Mum Farm Blooms With 3,000 Varieties During Fall Season

In 1958, Harold Krelder and his wife, Esther, planted some mum cuttings beside their chicken house. When they began to cross pollinate the fall flowers, people from near and far came to admire them. Their hobby turned into a

thriving business with more than 3,000 varieties now planted in their fields located on a Lititz farm. The story about a visit to the Krelder Farm can be found on Page B-2. Photo by Lou Ann Good.



Participating in a ceremony dedicating the plaque honoring members of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association (PLA) Hall of Fame are, from left, state Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff; Peter Krall, a PLA director; and Dennis Grumbine, association president. The plaque, located in the small arena of the Farm Show Complex, was dedicated during the 34th annual Keystone International Livestock Exposition. The portrait in the center is of Lester Burdette, 1990 Livestock Man of the Year.

## Burdette Named 1990 Livestock Man

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Livestock Association (PLA) has named a veteran extension livestock specialist to its Livestock Hall of Fame and dedicated a plaque honoring all winners of the award.

In a ceremony at the 34th annual Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE), Lester A. Burdette, extension professor emeritus at Penn State, was named 1990 Livestock Man of the Year. Due to a prior commitment, Burdette was unable to attend the program.

A photograph of Burdette, which was unveiled during the program, will be added to the new Hall of Fame plaque, mounted on the east wall of the small arena in

the Farm Show Complex. The large red-and-green unit features individual photos of other winners of the award.

Many of the previous winners attended the dedication.

Burdette, currently a resident of the Huntingdon County community of Pennsylvania Furnace, holds

bachelors, masters, and PhD degrees in animal husbandry from Penn State University.

After Army service, he was an assistant agriculture agent in York County from 1957-1958 and extension livestock specialist at Penn State from 1958 until his

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## Eastern Milk Pays Profits

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative paid out \$1.2 million in profits to dairy farmers in the form of cash bonuses over the past fiscal year, co-op officials announced at Eastern's annual meeting on Sept. 27.

That payout is the largest since

the co-op started to use profits for ongoing bonuses, Eastern President Lewis Gardner said.

In 1987, he said, the board of directors decided to return profits monthly to member farmers in the form of cash premiums, rather than

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## PAFC Honors Stainbrook And Marvin

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The message farmers have for consumers is complex and not emotional enough to be attractive.

But Stephanie Peters, representing Dupont and the Ag Council of America, told farm leaders at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives (PAFC) last week

that science is on the side of agriculture and consumers, and the media is responding to facts and taking a more balanced approach.

"Agriculture is, by far, the most efficient and successful renewable industry," Peters said. "We need to correct the flow of misinformation and comfort the American public by putting credibility into the science part of our message. We need to demonstrate the technological

benefits to the public and communicate facts about the existing safety mechanisms that are in place. We need to stimulate pride in the American agricultural system and simplify the message so consumers can understand and believe our reports."

Peters said the Ag Council of America has sponsored the Food-Watch Program to address food

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