# College Honors Ag Professor

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Dr. Paul R. Shellenberger, professor of dairy science in Penn State's College of Agriculture, is the recipient of the 1991 Penn State Excellence in Advising Award.

Shellenberger will receive the award, which includes a plaque and cash gift, at the University Awards Convocation at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 7, in Eisenhower Auditorium at University Park.

The award was established by the Undergraduate Student Government' ademic Assembly and is spon. d by each college to encourage advising excellence. It is presented annually to honor fulltime faculty members who help students with academic and career guidance, decision-making, and goal-setting.

Another important criteria considered is the enthusiasm of the faculty adviser.

Known for his dedication to teaching and advising students, Shellenberger uses a personal approach in dealing with the 45 students majoring in dairy and animal science and animal bioscience whom he advises each year. He establishes a personal relationship with each student and lets them know he cares and is available and willing to talk with them.

One of his advisees says, "He is genuinely concerned about the welfare of his students. Whether it be a classroom setting or in an advising capacity, Dr. Shellenberger is always willing to answer questions or discuss concerns. As my adviser, he has taken an active interest in my career aspirations and has discussed with me possible alternatives to my career goals." Another advisee praises Shellenberger's open-door policy, which encourages students to visit him in his office or call him at home to discuss academic, as well as personal concerns. He never turns away a student seeking his advice.

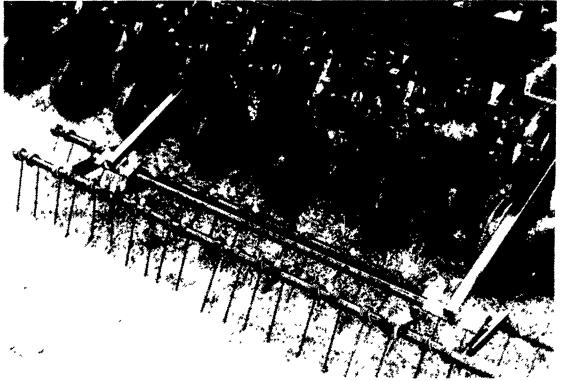
An adviser to students in dairy production fields since 1967, when he joined the Penn State faculty, he also servess as an adviser for Penn State's Summer Counseling Program for Entering Freshmen. He helps all students pursuing studies in the Department of Dairy and Animal Science register for their first semester.

In addition, he teaches the college's core Animal Science 001 course each semester. The fourcredit course is required for three animal-oriented majors and is open to non-agriculture students as well. It provides students with a foundation in the biological concepts of animals that produce food and fiber.

Shellenberger earned bachelor and master of science degrees in dairy science production from Penn State in 1957 and 1959, respectively, and a Ph.D. in animal nutrition from Iowa State University in 1964.

He is the recipient of a number of advising and teaching awards, including the Outstanding Advisor Award of the Morrill Chapter of Alpha Zeta, the Ralston Purina Teaching Award of the American Dairy Science Association, the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, and the AMOCO Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching Performance.

#### Ausherman Releases No-Till Harrows



ASSARIA, KS — Ausherman GP, a division of Great Plains Manufacturing, announces a new line of coil tine no-till harrows for grain drills.

The harrows are available for: John Deere 515, 520, and 750; Case IH 5400 15 and 20 ft; and Tye Series 5, 15 and 20 ft. grain drills. The harrow's heavy duty design and 11-inch coil times finish no-till surfaces by leveling soil and residue to enhance seed germination.

### **Trials Reports Released**

EBENSBURG (Cambria Co.) — Growers who need advice before making forage planting decisions can turn to the "1990 Forage Trials Report" newly released by Penn State Cooperative Extension.

The report is intended to replace the "Alfalfa Variety Trials Report" of previous years.

The report contains 12 pages of useful information on dozens of varieties of alfalfa and red clover.

"It provides yield data and disease ratings for varieties currently sold in Pennsylvania," said Scott Harkcom, senior research aide in agronomy and co-author of the report. The report ranks each variety based on trials conducted by Penn State from 1986 through 1990.

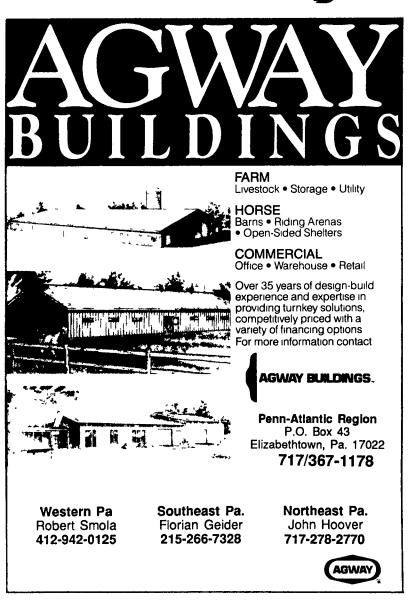
Harkcom said the publication is bigger and better than in previous years.

"In the past, the report only covered alfalfa. This year, it also includes red clover," said Harkcom.

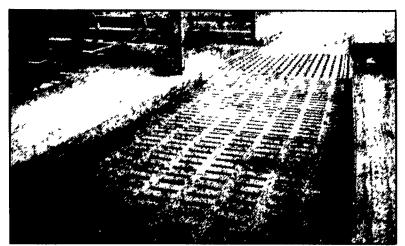
He said it also is easier to read and presents information in a more useful format. "We redesigned some of the tables to make them more understandable for the farmer," said Harkcom. "Growers will be able to tailor the information to their particular circumstances so they can make better decisions about what varieties to plant."

To receive a copy of the free report, contact the Cambria County Extension office, any Penn State Extension county office, or the Publication Distribution Center, College of Agriculture, 112 Ag Administration Building, Penn State University, University Park, PA 16802, (814) 692-7955.

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