

# Center For Rural America Announces Grant Recipients

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Center for Rural Pennsylvania Board of Directors recently announced its grant recipients for research projects beginning this summer.

Out of 55 applications for support funding, the board approved requests for 12 projects.

Rep. David Wright, D-Armstrong County, who is chairman of the CRP Board of Directors, said, "These projects focus on critical issues in our rural areas; planning, economic development, environment, health care, mental health needs, agriculture, and education. All involve intense collaboration between rural leaders and the academic community to get a firm grip on rural problems and to develop practical solutions that solve problems now."

The grant awards total \$344,406. The specific funding for each project was not provided by the center.

In addition, \$71,900 was awarded to support ongoing Center-sponsored model projects, including: the Bloomsburg University Technical Assistance Center, Dr. Stephen Kokoska; a Rural School Partnership Project, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Betty Schantz; and Entrepreneurial and Microenterprise Development in Rural Pennsylvania: The Grameen Bank, Bloomsburg University, Dr. Pamela Wynn.

Jeffrey Soule, director of the CRP, said, "This year's grants were extremely competitive and the selection process was very tough. The Center will continue to strive to assure that only those projects which best support the needs of rural Pennsylvanians are selected for funding."

Projects funded this year include:

•Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank Farm Stands, Dr. Michale Drohan, with Penn State University McKeesport Campus. It is to be a three-year model project to stimulate both rural and urban economies by having Pennsylvania farmers produce crops for sale in urban farmers' markets by low-income entrepreneurs. It is designed to increase agricultural

production and improve both the diet and entrepreneurial skills of urban residents.

•Demonstration Project for a Cooperative Oil and Gas Extension Program, Dr. Donald Evans and Dr. Raja Ramani, Penn State University. A three-year model project will create a pilot oil and gas extension program in Clarion and Venango counties which will assist oil and gas producers to increase their efficiency and help them meet regulatory requirements. This effort is a partnership between the Pennsylvania State University and Clarion University.

•Government Policy and Land Use Change Along State Highways, Dr. Jack Ford, Shippensburg University. This one-year project will investigate PennDOT's policy of granting highway access to abutting property owners and the effect on municipal planning.

•Developing a Regional Vision — Hanover 2000, Kelleann Foster and Irving Hand, Penn State University. Hanover has a tremendous potential to become a model on how citizens can direct their own destiny and plan what they want their community to become. The project directors are to assist local residents in analyzing their community, developing a holistic vision for the future, and identifying a strategic plan to achieve their goals through local empowerment.

•Room for Women in the Country: An Adult Educational Program for Rural Pennsylvania, Dr. Lynn Goodstein, Penn State University. The university, with the support of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, is to present a series of lectures in rural communities which address the concerns and roles of women in society, in general, with an emphasis on the challenges facing rural women.

•Medium- and Small-Scale Methane Digesters for Livestock Manure Disposal in Lancaster County, Dr. Robert Graves, Penn State University. The project is jointly funded by the center and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to improve manure disposal methods. It will investigate an alternative method of disposal that

rely on anaerobic digestion by methanobacteria developed in the People's Republic of China. Participants will travel to China to observe the technology and then replicate it on several pilot farms in Lancaster County.

•Policy Assessment for Sustaining Agriculture in Pennsylvania, Dr. Cathy Hamlett, Penn State University. This project is designed to increase awareness of existing barriers and incentives for sustaining agriculture in Pennsylvania. SANRUE, the Penn State/Rodale Institute Center for Sustaining Agriculture in Urbanizing Environments, will use Center and Kellogg Foundation funding to examine regulatory issues, and develop recommendations for policy initiatives to sustain the viability of agriculture in Pennsylvania.

•Development of a Statewide Federally Funded Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program, Dr. James Herman, Penn State University College of Medicine. Center funds are to support the preparation of an AHEC proposal which is a community based collaborative venture that brings medical, nursing, and health education to local communities, support the recruitment of minority primary health care providers to underserved areas, and provides practice support initiatives to local providers. The project will prepare a proposal for a pilot AHEC in Erie which will receive \$1 million to \$2 million in federal funds for six to nine years, if approved. Eventually, a series of AHECs could spread across the commonwealth. The project is supported by a large number of collaborators throughout the state.

•Agricultural Zoning: A Key Element in Effective Agricultural Protection Programs for Municipalities, Dr. Stanford Lembeck, Penn State University. The project is to examine the elements of effective local programs for pro-

tecting agriculture in Pennsylvania. It will focus on disseminating information on successful agricultural zoning programs to other loc-

alities and propose recommendations to the General Assembly to improve current agricultural preservation policies.

## Jr. Judging Schools June 26 Deadline

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The 1993 Pennsylvania Junior Judging Schools are fast approaching. All Juniors, regardless of breed orientation are invited to attend one of the schools.

4-H and FFA members are also encouraged to attend the school closest to their home.

Each school starts at noon and will run till 12:30 p.m. the following day.

Each school will feature at least 11 classes to judge, each person will have an opportunity to work one on one with an experienced judge on giving reasons. There will be ample opportunity to discuss classes and learn many of the basics of cattle judging.

There will also be time to visit, enjoy volleyball, softball and swimming and meet with other dairy enthusiasts from around the state.

The dates and locations for the schools are as follows:

### Western School

July 5 & 6, 1993 - 12:00 noon start

Host: Crawford County Holstein Club

Official: Steve Shaw, Williamsburg PA

Host Farms: Spruce Row Jersey's - Jeff & Janet Peters  
Rynd Home Holsteins - Jack Rynd Family  
Alright Holsteins - Lester & Eric Wright  
Ebe Tide Holsteins - Robert Morrell Family  
Duncandell Holsteins - Clark Duncan Family  
Dolly Run Guernsey's - Kunz Family

### Eastern School

July 9 & 10, 1993 - 12:00 noon start

Host: Berks County Holstein Club

Official: Gary Rogers, University Park PA

Host Farms: Windmill Brown Swiss Farm - William Daubert Family  
Wilderness Jersey's - Robert Dreisbach Family  
Reu-Hel Holstein - Elwood Ohlinger Family  
Heindel Ayrshires - Glen Seidel Family  
Hidden View Holsteins - Tim Kissling Family

The cost is \$25 for those staying overnight, this includes school costs, hotel room and evening meal. For those that commute the cost is \$15 which covers school costs and the evening meal. A second member from the same family who attends can take \$5 off their registration fee.

Those who send in an entry form will receive a complete schedule of events and directions to the farms. Plan to join in the fellowship and education of this Junior event.

To attend, fill out an entry form and return it by June 26, to: Pennsylvania Holstein Association, 839 Benner Pike, State College PA 16801.

Entry forms are available through a local extension office or through a county Holstein club.



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