Family members of the Clair and Arlene Landis (holding plaques) include parents Christian and Esther Landis, seated, and children from left, Charlotte, Todd and Cindy Gingrich, Carl and Audrey Landis, and Calvin Landis. The farm has been in the Landis family since 1853.



From left, Roger and Kandy Rohrer, with family members Linda and J. Edwin Rohrer, brother; F. Edwin and Marian Rohrer, parents; and Uncle Henry and Ada Rohrer, seated, who previously owned the farm that has been in the Rohrer family since 1893.

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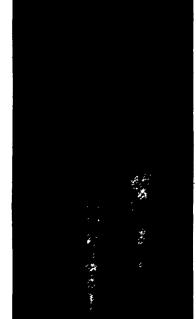
conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, recognizes farms operated by the same family for 100 or more years. This year, four families were honored for their longevity of farm ownership: Noah Kreider and Sons, Manheim; James and Peggy Groff, Lancaster; Clair and Arlene Landis, Ronks; and Roger and Kandy Rohrer, Strasburg.

The Landis's 120-acre farm has been in the family since 1853, when Clair's great-great grandparents purchased the land. The Landis family run a dairy farm and lives in the farmhouse that was built in 1865.

The Rohrer farm has been in the family since 1893. Roger and Kandy live on 50 acres of the original 100 acres that Roger's grandparents owned. Rohrer is ag lender for Hamilton Bank and farms part time. Seven of the acres are in tobacco, and the remainder, plus an additional 40-acre tract, is crop farmed by Rohrer's brother and dad who use the harvest for their adjacent dairy farm. Kandy is a homemaker and operates a quilt business from the home.

The Groffs are the fifth generation to operate their 85-acre Strasburg farm that has been in the family since 1864. The Groffs have 106,000 layers.

Although Noah Kreider is no longer living, family members



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oversee the Kreider's 900 dairy cows and 1% million layers. Of the 2,700 acres used in the farming operation, 102 are from the original farm that has been in the family for 201 years. J. Richard, Noah W. Jr., Ronald E., and James Kreider are in charge of the operation that employs many family members.

Speaker for the banquet was Orion Samuelson, who told many anecdotes of his work hosting the television U.S. Farm Report and syndicated radio show, National Farm Report.

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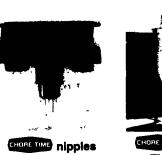


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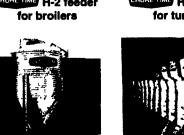
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