Dairymen's Association Presents Awards

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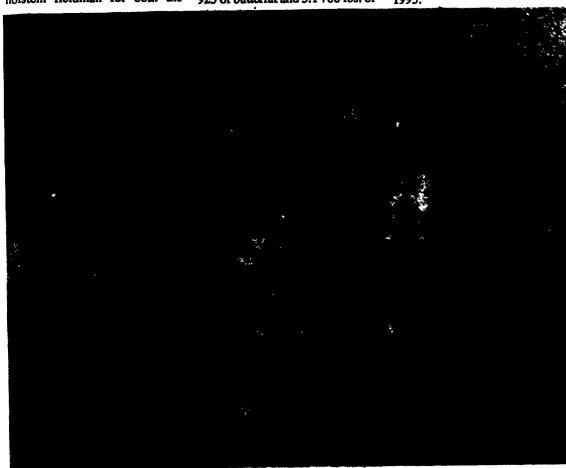
HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—The annual Dairymen's Association banquet again featured the presentation of the prestigious Charles E. Cowan and extension awards. Tom Kelly of Tyrone in Blair County received the Cowan award and Robert Graves, ag engineer at Penn State, received the extension award.

Kelly graduated from Penn State in 1958 and began his career as an assistant county agent in Blair County. He then served as a holstein fieldman for both the Pennsylvania and national holstein associations. Tom also worked for Curtiss Breeding Service and was manager of the Pa. All-American, Keystone Livestock Expo and the Pa. Farm Show.

Tom and his wife Peg had a life long dream of owning and managing their own dairy farm. That dream became a reality in 1974 when Spring Lane Farm was established. Currently the farm consists of 350 acres on which corn, alfalfa and soybeans are grown. The Kelly herd currently has a rolling herd average on 84 cows of 25,025 lbs. of milk 3.7 923 of butterfat and 3.1 788 lbs. of

protein. The herd has a BAA of 105.8 and has received the PBR award for 6 years and the progressive genetic herd award for three years. The Kellys have bred or developed 19 excellent cows and exported animals and embryos to 11 countries.

Tom currently serves as a national holstein director and is chairman of the executive committee. He is also vice chairman and director of the Pennwest Farm Credit and is serving as the treasurer of the 1995 national holstein convention which Pennsylvania will host in Pittsburgh in June of 1995.



Tom Kelly received the Charles E. Cowan award. In the photo with Tom and his wife Peg are their children from left, Rebecca, Miriam, J.D., David Lucas and Susanne Kelly Lucas.

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Robert Graves, left, receives the extension award from David Smith, president, Dairymen's Association.

Tom is very active in his church, Sinking Valley Presbyterian Church, where he serves as an elder, treasurer and a Sunday school teacher. Tom also has served as the PTO president and served on the advisory board of Tyrone Area High School.

Tom and wife Peg have five children. Brian, a district sales manager with Atlantic Breeders, Suzanne, director/teacher at the Cumberland, Maryland Montessori School, Miriam, a junior at Virginia Tech, Rebecca a senior at Tyrone Area High School and John David (J.D.) a freshman at Tyrone.

The Kelly family was honored in 1983 as the Blair County Farm family of the year. Tom has received many recognitions including being named to the National Honor Society for Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta at Penn State and in 1989 was awarded the distinguished alumnus award by Delta Theta Sigma at Penn State.

The Charles E. Cowan award was established to recognize dairy farmers who have made major contributions to the states.

Graver is a professor in the

department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering and works with animal housing systems and the storage, handling and utilization of animal waste. Bob received his B.S. degree in Agriculture from Cornell University in 1965. Following graduation he worked with the family dairy operation while also getting his M.S. and PhD. degrees from the University of Massachusetts. In 1972 he became Assistant Professor of Ag Engineering at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. He returned to Massachusetts and Pine Meadow Farm, a 300 cow, 500 acre dairy and crop farm in 1977 and joined the Penn State faculty in

Graves has had a distinguished career as an extension educator in the area of structures and the environment. He is recognized nationally as a leader in the development of agricultural engineering educational programs and materials. He has had a key role in the development of livestock waste management systems. He was a significant contributor to a series of manure management information pieces and was editor of the PA (Turn to Page A33)



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