

State Young Farmers Name Winners

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Other regional winners include: Region 2, Barry and Dawn Geib, Manheim; Region 3, Harry & Loretta Aurand, Middleburg; Region 5, Barry & Diane Bitner, Berwin and Region 7, Sheila Miller, Womelsdorf.

For the Outstanding Young Farmer Award in the under-30 division, Steve and Bonnie Wenger, Lebanon, were named state winners. Steve is in partnership with his father on Wen-Crest Farm. They have a dairy herd that has a rolling herd average of 20,500m. In addition, they raise 150,000 turkeys and do custom field work for neighbors. They are members of the Cedar Crest Chapter and give active support to the local FFA by hosting tours, speaking and supplying equipment for the chapter. They have two children, Bradley 4, and Brandon, 2.

Other Outstanding Young Farmers Under 30 include: Region 2, Roger and Patti Garber, Mt. Joy; Region 3, Ross and Ann Snook, West Snyder; Region 4, Todd Durboraw, Gettysburg and Region 5, Terry Landis, Berwin.

In the over-30 division, Tom and Shirley Krall, Lebanon, were named state winners. They are from Region 7 and members of Cedar Crest Young Farmers. They have an 84-cow Holstein herd that has a DHIA rolling average of 22,500m. They use a free stall barn and an eight stall milking parlor. Many of the farm buildings are new in the last three years as Tom believes you need cow comfort to get good production. Calf hutches house the small calves and a Virginia style calf and dry cow barn

complete the dairy facilities. They have manure storage for six months and have a nutrient management plan. To help educate the public about farming, they conduct farm tours. Their children are Joel, 10; Travis, 9; Marlin 2 and Louise, 4 mos.

Other over-30 division winners are: Region 2, Jim and Sue Musser, Mt. Joy; Region 4, Carl Keller Jr., Gettysburg and Region 5, Dennis Hay, Berwin.

The outstanding advisor award

was presented to Richard Moore for his work with Cedar Crest Young Farmers Chapter in Lebanon County.

Kutztown Young Farmers was named the Outstanding Chapter, and Everett Newswanger, managing editor of *Lancaster Farming* was named State Honorary Young Farmer.

The Ephrata Young Farmer Chapter hosted the state convention.



Bonnie and Steve Wenger from the Cedar Crest Chapter in Lebanon County received the state outstanding young farmer award in the under 30 division.

Garry Maurer, left, presents the state honorary young farmer award to Everett Newswanger.



Tom and Shirley Krall from the Cedar Crest Chapter in Lebanon County received the state outstanding young farmer award in the over 30 division.

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