

# Cumberland County Extension Meeting Held

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to county extension agent Anthony Betonte, who joined the extension office five years ago.

During the business portion of the extension meeting, new officers for the board were elected for 1995.

Roy Snoke replaced Peiffer as the board's president. Gayle Fry was elected vice president to succeed Eugene Hoefert. The job of secretary went to Kathy Walton, who replaced Stephanie Chertok in that position.

All of the new officers served on the board of directors last year.

New directors also were elected during the annual meeting. They

are Cheryl Barrick, Sharon Carey, Alan Roper, Richard Ocker, Paul Hornbaker, John McGill, Glenn Kimmel, and Kris Speers.

Extension leaders had several achievements to highlight during the meeting.

One of the most notable things that happened last year involved the extension building itself. The building underwent an expansion that doubled its size.

It also was noted that one of the extension's agents, Laura Watts, was elected vice president of the Pennsylvania Association of County Agricultural Agents. She is the first woman to win election

to that position, which eventually will lead to the presidency of the statewide association.

Last year was a busy year, too. According to the extension's annual report, its agents handled 3,485 calls, made 3,926 visits and held 679 meetings that were attended by 24,818 people.

The county Dairy Herd Improvement Association had 114 members who enrolled 8,194 cows.

Cumberland County's 4-H program made a strong showing in 1994 with 168 adult leaders, 32 teen leaders and 1,612 club members who did 2,408 projects. The program touched 3,905 other

youths in some way as well.

Peiffer summed up the situation pretty well in her message in the extension's official report for the 1993-94 service year.

"We feel that the board and staff have worked productively to identify the needs of our local

communities and encouraged program priorities in relation to available time and staff," she said. "Our goal is always to improve the quality of life through a form of non-formal education programs based on tested scientific knowledge."

## Lancaster Holstein Association

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from the Cola/Carmel family fresh at 3 years, and milking 143 pounds milk.

In addition, the farm has a "New York" style heifer raising facility.

Even more unique is that this 240-acre operation (some rented) farm is working on becoming a "certified organic" operation through a national association (OCIA). There will be an opportunity during the tour to ask Mevling about raising crops and feeding cows "organically."

### Walmoore Farms

Walmoore Farms is a corporate partnership consisting of Bill and Sally Moore, along with their son and daughter-in-law, Walt and Greta Moore.

The operation currently milks 540 cows on two separate farms, located about a mile apart. A new free stall complex, recently completed, will house 200 cows and concentrate more of the cows at one location.

The Moores operate with a futuristic and progressive approach to dairy farms and employee management. The herd is 100 percent artificially inseminated, and 90 percent registered.

There are from 15 to 20 people involved in the operation, with six to eight working fulltime. Altogether, they farm 1,000 acres.

### New Bolton

While not a farm, a visit to the rural campus of the University of

Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine is a very related and worthwhile stop for the tour.

The center is devoted to the care and treatment of large animals, and is a world-renowned treatment center for horses, as well as a facility specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases that affect the health, production and profitability of food and fiber-producing animals.

The center, with close ties to the University's medical complex at the Philadelphia campus, is a major resource for Pennsylvania's agricultural industry.

The 600-acre campus has more than 70 buildings, including a hospital for large animals, clinical and research laboratories, classrooms, dormitories, and farm buildings.

One of the oldest structures is the historic 18th century Allam House, that serves as a hub of guest and conference activities.

Along with a tour of the center, Dr. Bill Chalupa, involved with nutrition research at the center, is to talk about "The Transitional Cow."

### Dinner

Those with previous experience dining at the West Fallowfield Christian Day School in Atglen already know what good food they can expect to be served by the school auxiliary.

Following dinner, the bus is to return to the Farm and Home Center.

## Grower Wins State Honors In Yield Competition

DEKALB, Ill. — A Pennsylvania Dekalb grain sorghum grower has won state honors in the 1994 National Grain Sorghum Producers (NGSP) yield and management contest.

Richard D. Schmalz of Doylestown earned first place in the state in the conventional tillage/non-irrigated category with DK28 producing 74.22 bushels/acre.

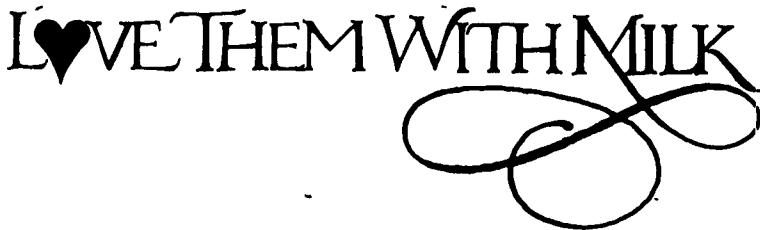
In all, Dekalb grain sorghum hybrids earned four national awards and 38 state awards. "Dekalb growers earned the most first, second and third place national and state awards in this tough

competition," said Paul Holliday, Dekalb Genetics Corporation sorghum business unit manager. "Not only does this demonstrate the strength of our product line, but the fact that all these awards were won with not one or two, but 11 different hybrids, indicates the depth of the line as well."

The recently announced results show four national NGSP awards for Dekalb growers. National first place, conventional tillage/non-irrigated, was won by Kevin Tubbs, Long Island, Kans., with DK54 producing 186.73 bushels/acre. National second place, conven-

tional tillage/irrigated, was won by Hershell Hill, Levelland, Texas, with DK66 producing 170.15 bushels/acre. National third place, conventional tillage/irrigated, was won by Mark Witt, Hooker, Okla., with DK66 producing 188.23 bushels/acre. National third place, no-till/non-irrigated, was won by Edward Nossick, Secretary, Md., with DK48 producing 155.62 bushels/acre.

In addition, the 38 state awards include 21 first place winners, up from 14 in 1993. Dekalb also won 63 county awards, up from 24 the previous year.



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