



Kindig Receives Pennsylvania DHIA Leadership Award

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Robert Kindig, the Pennsylvania dairyman from Conestoga in Lancaster County, received the Clyde Robinson Leadership Award at the Pennsylvania DHIA annual meeting last Friday.

The award created two years ago by the board of directors is in memory of the late Clyde Robinson, who spent a lifetime in service to the dairy industry and especially DHIA. It is given to a dairy farmer who has proven to be a leader in the dairy industry.

Frank Orner, association president, made the presentation and said Kindig exemplifies the ideals that were put forth in the award. Having completed an unprecedented three-year term as president of the National DHIA, Kindig has also served as president of his state and local DHIA, as well as the local school board. In addition, he has been a 4-H leader and served on the local extension board and the county Holstein board.

In a written tribute, Glenn Shirk, Lancaster County Agent, said Kindig is perceptive to the needs of the dairy industry and how people, in spite of differences, can work together to the mutual benefit of all.

Obviously moved by the award, Kindig said the award was especially meaningful because of whom it was named. "Clyde was my mentor," Kindig said. "I try to live up to the ideals he set for

DHIA, but I never profess to have achieved that stature in the industry. Clyde was an example to follow and it is with sincere gratitude that I accept the award."

In his message to the association, President Orner said that Pennsylvania is a service cooperative. Quality management information allows dairy farmers to operate their business efficiently.

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Dairy Stakeholders Meet To Plan Next Forum

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Some of the stakeholders in the Pennsylvania dairy industry met Tuesday to plan for the second Pennsylvania Dairy Futures Forum in June of 1995. As you may recall, the first such forum in Pennsylvania was held last June at Penn State.

Since that time, and as a result of the first forum, the Dairy Map program developed at Penn State and administered through the extension service has had extended use across the state with more than 900 dairy farmers attending program seminars to date. Dairy Map is designed to focus on how to manage a dairy farm by using goal set-

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Robert Kindig, left, receives the Clyde Robinson Leadership Award from Pennsylvania DHIA President Frank Orner.

Nutrient Management Advisory Board Nears Final Draft

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A final draft of proposed regulations to administer the state's Nutrient Management Act is close to being completed, except for a few areas where wording still

needs to be worked out by the 15-member Nutrient Management Advisory Board to the State Conservation Commission.

The board met Wednesday at the state Department of Agriculture Building in Harrisburg and reviewed and approved regula-

tions for setback restrictions for new and expanded manure storage facilities; financial assistance and some other changes within proposed regulations.

Board members also received a briefing from Mike Krempasky, secretary to the Commission, and

Richard Mather, director of the DER Bureau of Regulatory Counsel, as to changes that will be made to the proposed regulations to make them comply with regulations about the style of wording that is to be used, and also about the regulatory review process.

There are deadlines associated with adopting regulations for the Act. Ultimately, the State Conservation Commission is responsible for creating the regulations, but a review by the advisory board is also necessary. The advisory board

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Shirk To Be Chamber's Ag Services Manager

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Jim Shirk, lifelong resident of Lancaster County, has been appointed the new manager of agricultural services for the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Shirk takes the position vacated

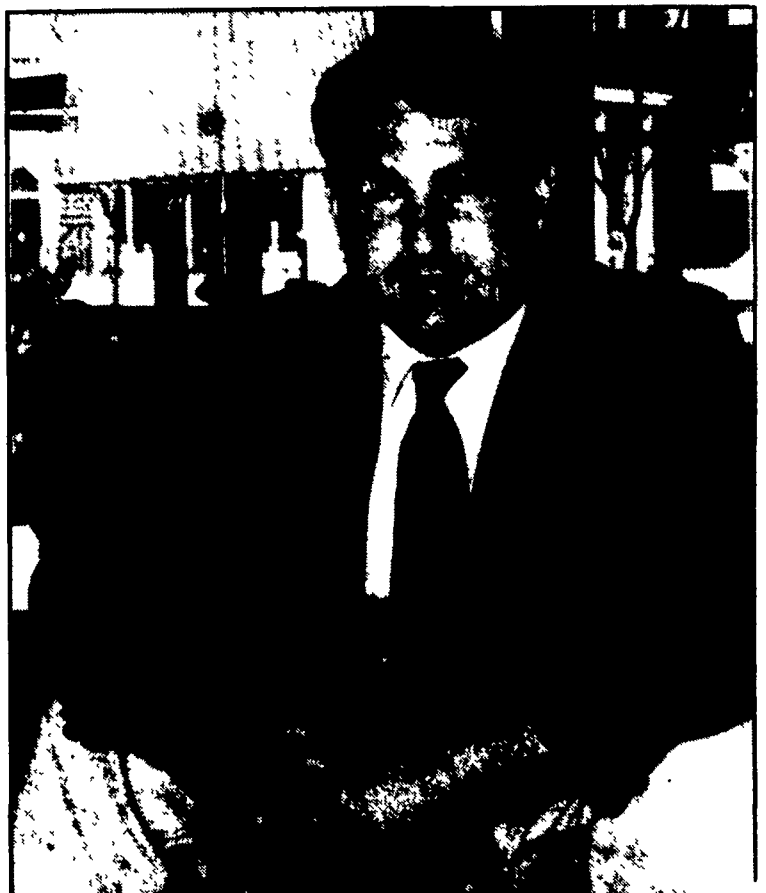
by Jay Howes, who serves as director of policy development for Pennsylvania's House Ag and Rural Affairs Committee.

A 1993 Penn State graduate, Shirk, who worked as a conservation technician with the Lancaster County Conservation District, told *Lancaster Farming* that in his new position he will focus on issues

that will affect Lancaster County farmers into the next century, including water quality issues and other concerns that make it harder for the county farmer to survive.

Shirk, who also works on his 60-acre family farm south of Goodville, said that Lancaster County has 10 percent of the agri-

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Fruit Growers Get Hands-On Look At IPM At Berks Workshop

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LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — While orchardists believe the pressure is mounting from society to curtail pesticide use and feel more restricted about how they can run

their operations, turning to integrated pest management (IPM) can provide one way to ease that pressure, take care of the environment, and boost the bottom line.

Already, California has instituted "prescription pesticide"

regulations that have restricted the amount and type of spraying and other methods fruit growers can use to control pests. But Pennsylvania is at the national forefront of leading-edge apple IPM research that may help detract such restricting laws, according to experts who spoke on Wednesday at the "Nuts and Bolts of IPM" workshop at the Berks County Ag Center.

Growers should remember that using IPM doesn't mean they can't spray when necessary. It doesn't mean "organically" produced crops. "IPM is not an endpoint or a goal," said Dr. Ed Rajotte, associ-

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Test Reports In Corn Talk

A special section this week in *Lancaster Farming* is *Corn Talk*, which features interviews with regional corn growers and information useful to the corn grower. *Corn Talk*, from the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association (PMCGA), is a regular feature of the newspaper. Included this issue: Pennsylvania Commercial Hybrid Corn Test Reports from all four maturity zones. Sign up to be a member of PMCGA (form included on page 12 of *Corn Talk*).