

PCA Honors Members

(Continued from Page A29) industry image programs." Dr. Sy Card addressed the crowd, representing the Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture. He reported that two deputy positions in marketing and administration will soon be filled.

Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association (PCA) president Bob Hay presented the 1995 Top Hand Award to Glenn Eberly for recruiting the most members. Eberly is director of the Pennsylvania Meat Animal Evaluation Center.

Dr. Lowell Wilson presented the Commercial Breeder of the Year, Seedstock Breeder, and Industry Service awards.

Orlando Marzo and Mark Seely stepped forward to accept the Commercial Breeders Award for their contributions to the beef industry and for their work at the Tioga Fairgrounds and to area youth.

Seedstock Breeder Award went to John Myers of the Jack Myers family of Dunkard Valley Farm, whose theme is, "We don't produce show cattle. We show the cattle we produce."

Industry Service Award went to Bill McCoy of Lancaster County for his more than 30 years in livestock management. McCoy is a charter member of the National Cattlemen's Association.

Sue Clair of LynLee Farms in

State College introduced participants in the Cattlemen's Queen Program. The 1994 Cattlemen Queen Nichole Willwert presented her farewell speech as did outgoing Cattlement Princess Sherry Ishman. Both are seniors at Penn State.

Roxanne Kirst was then crowned 1995 Cattlemen Queen. Heather Sleeman, Anita Long, and Jennifer Dunleavy will assist as princesses. Jennifer Dunleavy received the 1995 PCA Junior Member scholarship.

Five new directors were elected to serve a 3-year term. William McCoy of Lancaster County, a charter member of the National Cattlemen's Association, has served as president of the Lancaster Stockyards since 1972. McCoy is vice president of the Pennsylvania Auction Markets Association, director of the American Stockyards Association, secretary and past treasurer of the Pennsylvania Beef Council, trustee of the Livestock Markets Association, president of Lancaster Livestock Exchange, and former director of the PCA.

Mylin Messick of Dauphin County has been breeding Simmentals for about 15 years. He earned supreme champion bull at the 1995 Pennsylvania Farm



Ready to promote the cattle industry are, seated from left, newly crowned 1995 Cattlemen's Queen Roxanne Kirst, and Nichole Willwert, 1994 Queen. Back row from left, Heather Sleeman, 1995 princess; Anita Long, 1995 princess; Jennifer Dunleavy, 1995 princess; and Sherry Ishman, 1994 princess.

Show. Messick's bulls have tested well in the Penn State performance testing programs. He is an active member of the Pennsylvania Simmental Association and as director of the PCA. In 1990, Messick was named Seedstock Breeder of the Year.

John Myers of York County is manager and part owner of Dunkard Valley Farms. A graduate of Penn State and former Meats Judging Team member, Myers sells and shows cattle across the country. He is vice president of the Colonial

Charolais Association, junior adviser for the Pennsylvania Charolais Association, and coach of the York County 4-H Meats Judging Team.

Paul Slayton manages more than 50 Polled Hereford and Angus cows on his 260-acre farm in Bedford County. Raised in Illinois, Slayton was graduated from the University of Illinois and was a member of the 1970 Illinois Livestock Judging Team. After working for several beef farms and organizations, including the Ankony

Angus Corporation, the American Polled Hereford Association, and the Polled Hereford World, Slayton moved to Pennsylvania in 1983 to manage the Falklands Farm in Schellsburg.

Darron Smith of Berks County formed the Diamond DL Cattle farm in 1993. It has grown to include 70 Angus, 20 Limousin, and 70 crossbred cattle. Smith serves as director for the Lehigh County Farm Bureau. His farm offers A.I. breeding service to area herds.

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