

Employee Receives Recognition

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) employee, Leonard (Chuck) Quietzsch, Jr. of Mifflintown, was presented an award on

May 9 by USDA officials for significant services to his local community.

As part of Public Service Recognition Week ceremonies, Quietzsch was recognized for serving as a 4-H leader for 20 years and participating in the 4-H Seeing-Eye Club.

Quietzsch has been a 4-H leader for 20 years, being involved in the Dairy Club, Wildlife, and Photography clubs. He is assisting with the 4-H Seeing-Eye Club and is raising a seeing-eye puppy which will be given to a sightless person once completely trained.

This recognition was part of a statewide USDA ceremony celebrating the continuing efforts of

USDA employees to serve their home communities. They not only serve rural customers in business matters every day, but also go home at the end of the work day and continue serving their communities by volunteering their time in many other ways.

Quietzsch is an assistant county supervisor in the USDA Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD), Bellefonte County Office (formerly Farmers Home Administration).

Cheryl L. Cook, acting state director for RECD, said "Chuck's volunteer work to his community shows his excellent character, integrity, and desire to help others — we are very proud of him."

N.E.DHIA Tries New Reports

I T H A C A , N. Y. — Northeast Dairy Herd Improvement Association is in the process of developing a new records system for its 4,500 members, according to a news release.

Although testing of software to allow for faster and more customized service is only recently underway with six of its field technicians participating, the N.E.DHIA general manager, Nelvin Empet, has already announced that the software will be able to provide dairymen with "... more complete service at the farm and more flexibility in meeting member and Agriservice needs now, and into the next century."

The software is called "Day-One," according to the news release. It is to be fully compatible with Dairy Comp 305, and Scout herd management software.

The goal is to allow field technicians the ability to leave more reports on the farm, and to be able to customize those reports.

According to the news release, "The upgraded Day-One software has virtually no limit to the different kinds of management information that it can generate."

Other goals, whether or not achievable, include sharing the data stored on computer disc.

According to the association, using software that is widely compatible will allow field technicians to leave a diskette on the farm for a consultant or veterinarian to read into their software.

Further, the association projects that members will be able to choose the type of service they want, how often they test, which mail-back reports they receive and what types of laboratory services they want.

Site Evaluation For Dairy Housing Systems

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A successful dairy production system starts with a good site. Whether you are expanding an existing dairy or building a new dairy, a few basic steps are important to assure a site that is good

now and for many years into the future. The goal is to provide a site that allows for growth and prosperity of the operation in the years to come. Plan investments to allow you to build towards the future, not just spend more money on continuing the past. Answers to the following questions are needed before you proceed to evaluate sites for dairy construction.

•Why is the project being con-

sidered? Is it to allow for another member to be brought into the operation, is it simply that the operation must expand to be economically viable, or are the old facilities worn out and replacement is required?

•If you could build your dream operation, what would it be? What are logical steps that can be taken to reach this goal?

•What are your goals for the next 5, 10, and 15 years? This is needed to give an idea of approximate sizes for needed facilities. The site needs to be large enough to allow room for future changes and expansion. Consider the amount of change that has occurred on dairy farms in the last

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June National Dairy Month

We're proud to recognize the local dairy farmers as we celebrate June's National Dairy Month. Nourishing a nation is a big job, and these people accept the challenge each day. Their efforts allow us to enjoy the best in nutrition and quality at the most competitive prices possible, and we're proud to congratulate them on a job well done.



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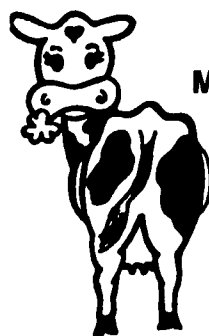
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