# Farm Link Helps Forge First Connection

LYCIPPUS (Westmoreland Co.) — Charles Brosius, Pennsylvania's agriculture secretary, visited Monday in Lycippus with Thomas Hunt and Stephen Whit-

ling, the first retiring and beginning farmer to be linked in the state's newest program designed to help promote and sustain family

farming, Pennsylvania Farm Link. Presenting the new farmer, Steven Whitling, with a Holstein dairy calf Brosius said, "It is a

special pleasure to be here today to participate in this historic occasion that marks the beginning of a new way to ensure the long term viability of Pennsylvania agricul-

Wishing them both the best of success in keeping the farm profitable and productive, Brosius said Hunt and Whitling were true pioncers in an effort that is vital to our future.

Whitling met Hunt at a Farm

Link workshop in Greensburg in March and after several mot-togethers forged a deal to gradually transfer the Hunt farm.

Hunt's arthritis is so bad he had been looking for years to find someone to take over his dairy farm. Under the agreement, which the men plan to renew annually, Whitling provides most of the labor to run the 100-acre farm in Westmoreland County, while Hunt offers expertise and housing.

Whitling will spend the next two years building up his dairy herd, and then if all goes well, he will begin to buy machinery from Hunt. Once the machinery is paid off, Whitling will have first option to buy the farm.

An initiative of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, Farm Link received over 400 inquiries from people interested in starting to farm and over 75 from people, who want to retire from agriculture since its inception last summer. Hunt and Whitling are the first to make a deal to transfer ownership.

Although the Center's Director, Jeffrey Soule, was unable to be present, he said, "We are fortunate to have such people in rural Pennsylvania to make this possible. Without trust and the willingness to pass knowledge from one generation to the next where would we be?"

Farm Link Coordinator, Marion Bowlan hopes this is the beginning of a trend. She said, "I would like to see more farmers in Pennsylvania's future, not less. Hunt and Whitling's commitment to work together toward that goal is a good start."

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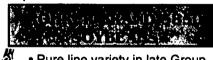
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