

# Conservation Districts Honor Cooperators

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tems, and have installed a roof runoff management system. They also use winter cover crops to take up excess nutrients from the soil.

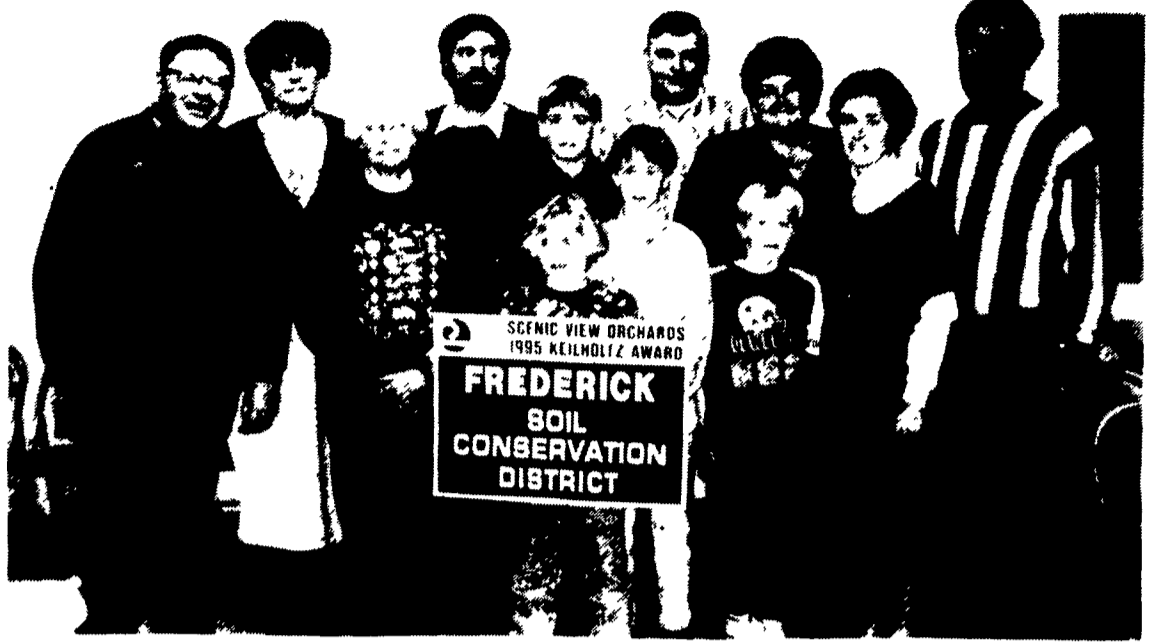
The Raymond E. Keilholtz Memorial Award, named in honor of a former Frederick Soil Conservation District supervisor, is awarded each year to the cooperator installing the most effective variety of best management practices (BMP) accomplishing soil conservation and improving water quality within a two-year time period.

Sabillasville. Owned and operated by Betty Calimer, son Rich, Richard Masser, and Jimmy and Bonnie Miller, the farm has been in the family for seven generations.

Mrs. Calimer's great great

grandfather, David Harbaugh, built the original farmstead in 1866, and the farm has remained in the family since that time. The family grows approximately 60 acres of vegetables and 40 acres of fruit, and also raises replacement dairy heifers. Management practices implemented by the Calimers include installation of a watering trough, stream fencing, field strip-cropping, establishing permanent hayland, and a conservation cropping system.

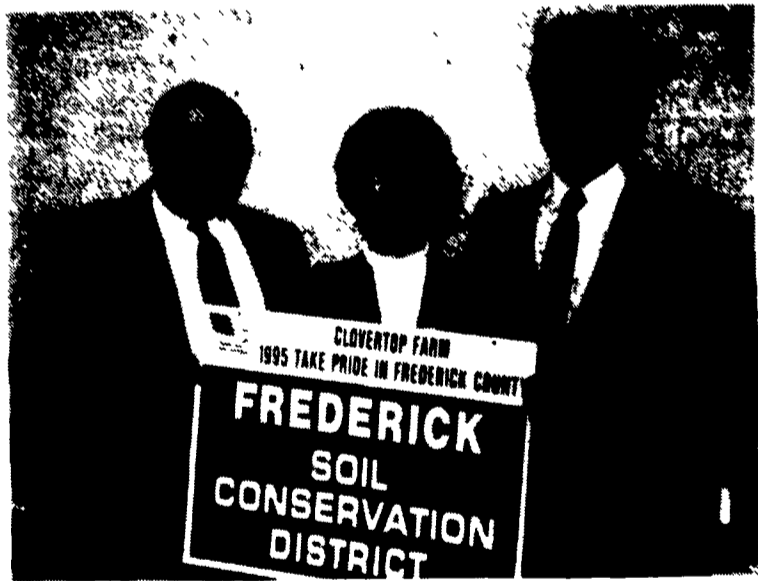
The Take Pride in Frederick County award honors a farm that is conservation-oriented and consistently displays outstanding appearance. This year the award was presented to Clovertop Farm, Inc., owned by Russell and Marilyn Wachter, and son Wayne Wachter and his wife Jacqueline. The Wachter's picturesque



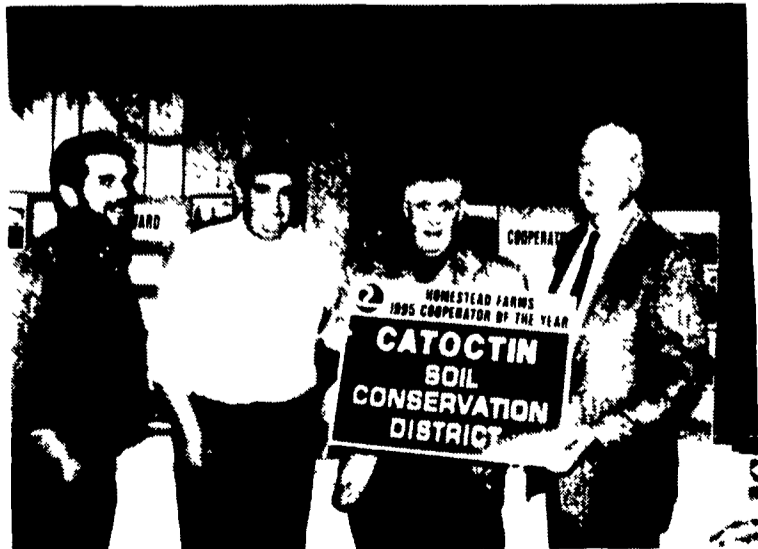
Roger Troxell, vice chairman of the Frederick Soil Conservation District, presented the Keilholtz Memorial Award to Scenic View Orchard, Sabillasville. The orchard has been in the family for seven generations. Back row, from left, Roger Troxell, Kathie and Rich Calimer, Jim and Bonnie Miller, and Connie and Richard Masser. Middle, from left, Betty Calimer, Tyler Myskewitz, Justin Masser, and Brandon Masser. Front, Paige Calimer.



The Take Pride in America award went to John and Ruth Ellen Burrier, Valley-Ho Farm, outside Middletown. Shown with the Burriers from left are daughter Kaye Derr, grandson Christopher Derr, John and Ruth Ellen Burrier, and Wilmer Keller, Catoctin Soil Conservation District supervisor.



Franklin Gladhill, supervisor of the Frederick Soil Conservation District, presented the Take Pride in Frederick County Award to Clovertop Farm, Inc., Keymar. From left, Gladhill and Marilyn and Wayne Wachter.



Cooperator of the Year for the Catoctin Soil Conservation District was Donald Huffer, Homestead Farms, Middletown. From left are sons Marty and David Huffer, Donald Huffer, and Richard McBride, Catoctin Soil Conservation District supervisor.

200-acre dairy has been in the family since 1932. They milk approximately 90 cows and have installed an ag waster facility for manure handling, roof runoff management, and a grassed waterway to stabilize an area of concentrated flow of surface runoff water in a crop field. The Wachters have also served as tour hosts for the Catoctin and Frederick Soil Conservation Districts' Annual Conservation Tour.

The Frederick District also awarded three \$250 scholarships this year. Matthew Toms, attending Frederick Community College, and Jody Bell and Jody Lynn Powell, who both attend Virginia Tech., were honored with the scholarships, given to students concentrating their future educations in agriculture or environmental education.

The Catoctin Soil Conservation District also presented three awards during their banquet, held at the Jefferson Community Center.

Cooperator of the Year for the Catoctin District is Donald Huffer, Homestead Farms, Middletown. Huffer has been a cooperator since 1974 on this farm. The farm has been in his family for five generations.

He has installed a spring development with three troughs to water livestock, a pond to enhance sediment control and benefit wildlife, and contour strips.

The Charles H. Remsburg Memorial Award, given to the Catoctin District cooperator who has installed the most effective variety of best management practices (BMPs) accomplishing soil conservation and improving water quality within a two-year time period, was given to K. Scott Hood of Hoodstead Farms, Middletown. The family milks registered Brown Swiss and Holsteins on their 130-acre farm, which has been in the family since 1957. They have installed troughs, stream fencing to exclude livestock, a stabilized stream crossing, a pond for sediment control and wildlife benefit, and contour strips.

The Take Pride in America Award, given to a Catoctin District farm that is conservation-oriented and displays consistently outstanding appearance, went to Valley-Ho Farm, owned and operated by John and Ruth Ellen Burrier. The Burriers produce cash grain crops and raise replacement heifers on their 250-acre farm just



The Charles H. Remsburg Memorial Award was presented to K. Scott Hood of Hoodstead Farms, Middletown. From left are Scott, holding daughter Nicole, Judy Hood, and Fred Beachley, Catoctin Soil Conservation District supervisor.

outside Middletown. They have lived there 32 years.

The original contour strips laid out the year they moved to the farm are still maintained. There is a pond for recreation and to enhance sediment control—a pair of mute swans glides across its surface.

Two teachers were honored for

their conservation education efforts. Plaques were awarded by the Catoctin District from the Maryland Association of Conservation Districts to Josephine Remsburg, who received second place statewide for conservation education at the elementary level, and Ronald Albaugh, a high school teacher who placed second statewide.

## Moore's Selected For National Leadership Program

CENTREVILLE, Md. — Jeff and Cindy Moore of Centreville, Md., recently returned from Nashville, Tenn., where they participated in a Young Cooperator Leadership Program sponsored by the National Milk Producers Federation. While at the conference, the Moores were elected to serve on the 10-couple YC Advisory Council.

"Serving on the Council will give us the opportunity to learn more about the national organization and to work with young producers from across the country," Jeff said. "We want to know more about our business — from the political side to the day-to-day side.

"While all dairy producers strive to produce safe and wholesome products for the consumer, we also need to be aware of the role the government plays on our business."

Cindy, who takes an active part in the dairy, said she enjoyed the opportunity to mingle with other dairy couples and listen to the

many speakers. She said the conference allowed her to exchange information with other dairy producer wives.

"Many of us are partners in the business, and this conference drove home the valuable role that many wives play in the success of the family farm," Cindy added.

The couple was selected to participate in the YC Leadership Program from among young couples who belong to Atlantic Dairy Cooperative, Southampton, Pa. To earn the right to travel to the conference, they had to fill out an application related to their farm, undergo a farm inspection and interview process and present an extemporaneous speech.

At Nashville, the YC Leadership couples gained more insight into the dairy industry and NMPF's role from the CEO of NMPF, Jim Barr, and NMPF's President, Tom Camerlino. Other issues addressed included management and profitability, the family farm, care of animals, manufacturing of dairy products and becoming a pricemaker.