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Gorgeous, clear weather with bright sun shining on the many shades of colored leaves that have decorated the hills and valleys of the region has made this week one of the most inspiring seasons of the year. Corn conditions continue to be mostly good to excellent, according to the Pennsylvania weekly crop and weather report from the state statistics service. Silo filling and harvest for high moisture corn continue. And farmers in the Berks, Lehigh Counties, as well as in other places, also started to shell corn. Yields were reported good.

Winter small grain seeding continued at a slow pace because many farmers preferred to harvest corn and make that last cutting of hay while they postponed seeding wheat and barley.

Soybean harvest continued but was behind normal schedules. Pasture growth slowed with the cooler weather, and some farmers were feeding hay to supplement pasture feed.

In the photo, this beautiful fall farm scene was captured late Tuesday afternoon along the road to Howard just north of Route 64 at Hubbersburg in Centre County. The lines between the cut and uncut late crop alfalfa help to create a pleasing composition to keep the viewer's eye on the picture as the farm buildings and the colored-tree mountains in the distance are inspected in detail. The Master Artist continues to wow us with nature's handiwork. *Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.*

## Cooperative Council Thinks Outside The Box

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Council of Cooperatives (PCC) was held Tuesday under the theme of "Thinking Outside the Box." Thomas Lyon, president of the Cooperative Resources International, Shawano, Wisconsin, was the keynote speaker at the luncheon, and the prestigious Hal F. Doran Cooperative Business Education Award was presented at

This year the Doran Award was presented to Alan Bair, who now is the director for the Dairy and Industry Relations Program at Penn State University. Prior to accepting this position in August, 1996, Bair is well known for 18 years of work as the director of member and public relations at

Atlantic Breeders Cooperative (now Genex, Inc.)

Bair's professional skills and experience are extensive, especially in planning and development of educational programs and events related to dairy production, general agricultural issues, and cooperatives. He is an associate board member of the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association and is superintendent of the Pennsylvania All-American invitational youth dairy cattle contest. He is the immediate past president of PCC.

Bair and his wife Sally, who is the current PDA press secretary, have two children, Lara and Seth.

A new cooperative education award was created for the 1996 program. And Jacob Guffey, Bradford County extension director, received this award. Guffey is also

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Award winners at the Pennsylvania Council of Cooperatives annual meeting are from left, Dr. Kate Smith, Penn State, director of cooperative business education, a service recognition award; Jacob Guffey, Bradford County extension director, the cooperative education award; Laura England, public relations manager, Atlantic Dairy Cooperative, the 1996 Horizon award; and Alan Bair, Penn State's director of dairy and industry relations program, receives the prestigious Hal F. Doran Award from Doran.