

## Dairymen's Association Presents Honorary Awards

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The annual meeting of the Dairymen's Association was held in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Farm Show with honorary presentations made to three persons who have been noteworthy of support for the dairy industry. The recipients are: Paul Hartle of Bellefonte in Centre County, who received the Charles E. Cowan Memorial Award; Beverly Robinson Minor of Eighty-Four in Washington County, who received the Distinguished Dairy Women Award, and Dr. Robert Yonkers, assistant professor in Penn State's Ag Economics and Rural Sociology department, who received the 1998 Extension Award.

Hartle, described as a "quiet, can do" man took over management and ownership of the family farm in 1967. His Mammouth Spring Holstein herd consists of 65 registered Holsteins with a current herd average of 22,000 pounds of milk. Through the last 30 years, Hartle has been a faithful supporter of many local and state Holstein sales. He has consigned many headliners to the Nittany Lion Fall Classic since its inception.

He has served on the Pennsylvania Holstein Association Executive Committee and as a director. Many committee assignments have revolved around the Holstein activities committee and the state convention. At the local level he is the county president.

He has also been active in the Centre County Farm Bureau and the former Atlantic Dairy Cooperative. He was a director of the PA Dairymen's Association and served a term on the Benner

Township Water Authority.

As a 4-H dairy leader, his calm and quiet leadership will always be remembered by the many youth he has advised.

He has five children: son Richard, and daughters, Kathy, Paula, Rose, and Martha.

Minor was appointed by Gov. Tom Ridge to the PA Milk Marketing Board and recently became chairwoman. She leads the three-member board, which deals with all issues of Pennsylvania milk marketing, from dairy farm to consumer. She is also a development leader and board member of the Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders.

Since 1973 Minor has served on the board of the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and Promotion Services that manages the dairy princess program in Pennsylvania. She is a former state dairy princess though at the time they were called Miss Milkmaids.

In 1975 Bev and her husband Sam started milking cows, processing milk, and opened their country store called The Spring House. From two employees, the business grew to over 50 employees today. In 1986, the Minors added on to their country store with a kitchen, buffet, and a 75-person seating area. Mrs. Minor currently manages Spring House and has created another market for their dairy farm and country store in the catering business.

The Minors have five children and eight grandchildren. Mrs. Minor is a member of the PA State Grange, the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Delta Gamma Society and Grace United Methodist Church.

Dr. Yonkers has responsibility in extension for developing educational materials and delivering

programs designed to increase the awareness and understanding of dairy marketing and dairy policy. He works closely with extension personnel in the Dairy and Animal Science department on projects including Dairy-Map program and the Pennsylvania Dairy Industry Future Committee.

Yonkers has a degree in dairy production from Kansas State and both a Master's degree in Dairy Science and a Phd degree in Agricultural Economics from Texas A & M. He has first-hand experience with production dairying on farms in New Jersey, Kansas, and Texas. He was a member of the dairy cattle judging team at Kansas State and coached the judging team at Texas A & M.

He is in demand both in and out of state as a speaker and has been on the program for such diverse groups as the National Milk Producers' Federation, the International Dairy Foods Association, the National Holstein Association, and the Pennsylvania Association of Agricultural Bankers. He was called as an expert witness at the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board hearings.

Bob and his wife Nancy reside in Pine Grove Mills and have two sons, Michael and Timothy.

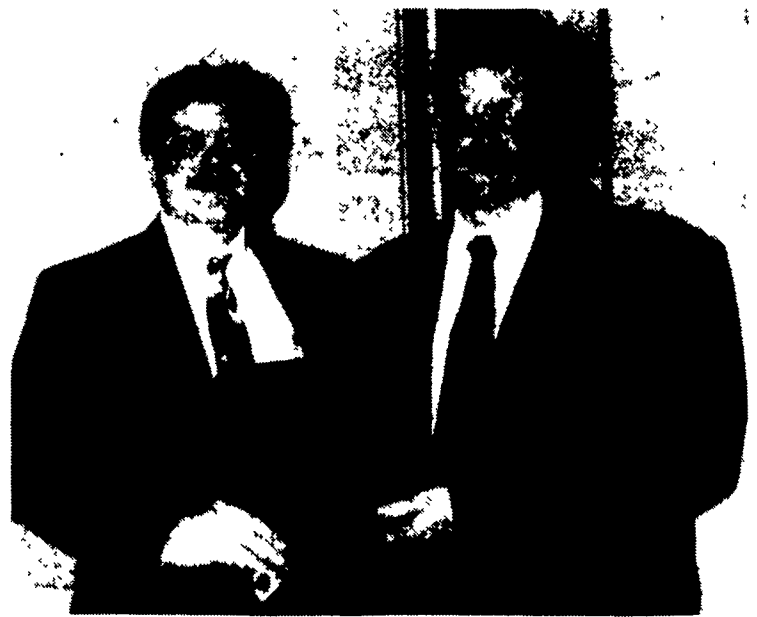
Guest speaker for the evening was William Perry, government and member relations of Milk Marketing, Inc. Other speakers included Russ Reading from the department of agriculture; Robert Steele, dean at Penn State, and Nichole Meabon, state dairy princess. The Dairymen's Association is a group of dairy leaders who have as a goal the encouragement of dairy farming.



Beverly Minor, left, receives the Pennsylvania distinguished dairy women's award from Dixie Burris from the board of directors.



Paul Hartle, left, receives the Charles E. Cowan memorial award from Logan Bower, president.



Dr. Robert Yonkers, left, receives the Dairymen's Association 1998 extension award from Logan Bower, president.

## Carbon County Christmas Tree Wins Grand Champion

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Visitors to the 1998 Farm Show voted to award the grand champion Christmas tree to a Concolor Fir tree grown by Old Homestead Tree Farm of Kunkletown, Carbon County.

The reserve champion was a Douglas Fir grown by Richard McClellan of Middleburg, Snyder County. The public voted for the perfect one they would most like to have as a Christmas tree. The grand champion won by about 50 votes; approximately 1,070 people voted.

The judges first selected 11, out of 43 entered, Christmas trees for

first place in their respective tree-type categories, and the public then voted. The judges look for seven qualities in the trees. The foliage should be fresh, clean, and uniform. It should also be tapered from 40 percent to 90 percent, and have uniform, medium density. On the bottom of the tree, the handle must be well-trimmed and five to eight inches long. The tree should also be of normal color, have a natural, not perfectly smooth outside appearance, and be free from damage or defects.

Montgomery County tree grower, Gary Hague said the judges want a tree that is easy for the buyer to bring home and put in a tree

stand. "They prefer that 'the tree is user friendly'," Hague said. Hague said he grows mostly Douglas Firs on 15 acres in Hatfield.

Anyone may enter the competition, as long as the tree was grown in Pennsylvania. It was fair growing this year, Hague said, because of the summer drought.

The average Christmas tree takes eight to 12 years to mature. Pennsylvania is the fifth largest producer of Christmas trees in the nation, with over three million harvested trees. Growers produce over 10 varieties of trees in the state.

## Dairy Derby Draws Large Crowds

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Lucky visitors at the 1998 Pennsylvania State Farm Show had the chance to spend 45 seconds inside a seven-foot tall cash cube grabbing for cash and savings bonds.

This is the fifth year that the Middle Atlantic Milk Marketing Association (MAMMA) has sponsored this exhibit. Crowds of over 200 people gather for a chance to be chosen to participate in a game-show style contest. The four chosen contestants answer trivia questions about the dairy industry, dairy products, and dairy promotion. The winner of the question and answer session is then placed into the cash cube and is given 45

seconds to grab as much of the flying cash and savings bonds as they can. In order to officially "win" the money and bonds, the contestant must push the cash and bonds out through a small slot in the side of the booth. After the time limit is called, the money is counted.

Each contestant may keep all of the cash pushed through the slot. The savings bonds are in \$50, \$75, and \$150 denominations, and the contestant keeps the bond with the largest value. The bonds are sponsored by donations from various dairies and milk suppliers, while the cash is supplied by MAMMA. All contestants win a four-pack of soccer tickets which are provided by the Harrisburg Heat Indoor

Soccer Team.

Anita Howard, from Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, won a \$150 savings bond and \$34 in cash during one of Monday's Dairy Derby games. Howard said about her experience, "It was great. The people here are very sweet and it was nice of the sponsors to invest so much into the event."

This is the first year for celebrities to act as guest hosts at the Dairy Derby booth. Jim Buchanan from Fox 43 News and Kirsten Page from Eyewitness News were guest hosts earlier in the week. Doug Allen, WGAL 8 News hosted the game from 2-3 p.m. on Wednesday.

## Maple Syrup Producers To Meet

HONESDALE (Wayne Co.) — The Northeastern Pennsylvania Maple Syrup Producers' Association annual meeting and dinner is scheduled Monday, Jan. 26, from 10:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Pleasant Valley Grange Hall.

Carl Curtis, president, will conduct the annual meeting business.

Reports from the 1998 Pennsylvania Farm Show maple products sales booths and maple syrup and maple products show will be shared with the group.

A report from the Pennsylvania Maple Producers' Council meet-

ing will also be given.

This year's annual meeting will feature the following informative and educational topics dealing with maple syrup production.

A pancake, sausage, egg, home fries and maple syrup dinner will be served at noon by members of the Pleasant Valley Grange. The cost of the dinner is \$5.50 per person and reservations for the dinner are needed.

Call your dinner reservations to the Wayne County Cooperative Extension by Friday, Jan. 23, (717) 253-5970 ext. 239.