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Donaldson Elected To National Board

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) - Pennsylvania Farm Bureau president Guy Donaldson of Gettysburg has been elected to the board of directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF).

The election took place during AFBF's 79th annual meeting attended by an estimated 5,000 farmers Jan. 11-15 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The AFBF board is comprised of 23 state Farm Bureau presidents elected for two-year terms, as well as chairs of AFBF's Women's Committee and Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee.

Donaldson will be one of

three board directors representing Farm Bureau members in AFBF's Northeast Region.

The American Farm Bureau Federation is the nation's largest general farm group with 4,785,095 members in 50 state organizations and Puerto Rico. The organization has a general headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, and an office in Washington, D.C., American Farm Bureau was recently selected by Fortune Magazine as one of the nation's most effective lobbying organizations.

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) is a part of AFBF. PFB provides a voice in government-

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Guy Donaldson



This young married farm couple, John and Jacy Hess, Manheim, keep their love of the land and the desire to promote agriculture alive by combining their farming with off-farm occupations. See story page B4. Photo by Lou Ann Good.

Avian Health Symposium Jan. 29

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) - A special avian health symposium to address issues related to

the control of avian influenza (A.I.) in Pennsylvania poultry has been scheduled for Thursday, Jan.

29 at the Sheraton East Harrisburg from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The symposium is to address specific issues related to the prevention and control of avian influenza in Pennsylvania poultry.

Issues include:

- Biosecurity in the marketing of live poultry.
- Reporting of A.I. and "look-a-like" poultry diseases.
- Industry and government response to outbreaks of A.I.
- Enforcement of A.I. government regulations.
- Penalties for violation of government regulations.

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CORN TALK NEWS

PENNSYLVANIA MASTER CORN GROWERS ASSOC., INC

This issue of *Lancaster Farming* includes *Corn Talk*, the newsletter of the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association (PMCGA), published three times per year. Look for a feature on a popular corn maze, information from the PMCGA president on a corn checkoff referendum, notes on the growing year, and a schedule of the upcoming crops conference in Grantville. Also included are the corn hybrid test reports, research information, and advertising messages.

Scholarships Awarded At Cooperative Meeting



Scholarship winners at the Sire Power annual meeting are from left, seated, Angela Werley, Jessica Cochran, April Hall, Campbell Memorial winner, and Colleen Kretzing.

Standing, Heather Oberholtzer, Liza Hass, Brian Schnebly, David Harvatine, Heidi Harpster, and Gary Hennip, who presented the awards.

EVERETT NEWSWANGER
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GRANTVILLE (Dauphin Co.) - The Sire Power, Inc., annual meeting was held Wednesday with reports of the state of the cooperative and the presentation of \$8,000 in scholarships to help students further their education in agriculture.

Gary Rickard, chairman of the board, reported the fiscal year completed last September produced a net after tax income of \$493,328, which he said, all circumstances considered, was a pleasing result, but noted it represented only a 3 percent profit on gross income. Actually, a lower number of sales at a lower average price made about half of this profit come from decreased expenses.

Rickard said last year the thought was that the Sire Power Board would have a merger proposal to present at the spring delegate meetings, but this did not develop. Sire Power remains one of the smallest players in the A.I. industry, but the member owners were called fortunate to have the dedication of the board, manage-

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