

# Lititz Man Receives Honorary Young Farmer Award

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the Region II Outstanding Young Adult Farmer Under 30 Award. Herr, his wife Casey and child Katie, farm in partnership with his parents, A. Dale and Faye Herr. The partnership farms 340 acres of corn, alfalfa, wheat, barley, soybeans and tobacco. They contour-farm their fields, install diversions and terraces where needed, and no-till all small grains and soybeans, plus some of the corn. Bio-solids or sewage sludge is applied to increase soil fertility and reduce fertilizer costs. Most of the grain crops are forward contracted while the forage crops are sold to local farmers. Dale oversees all daily operations and maintains all equipment. Dale currently serves as president-elect of the state organization and is active in the Solanco Young Farmers Association.

The Region VII Outstanding Young Adult Farmer Under 30

Award went to Jerry and Edna Musser from Newmanstown. Jerry has been dairy farming in partnership with his father for the past three years. Jerry and Edna milk their 110-cow herd in a 45-stall barn. Their free-stall barn provides slats and mattresses for cow comfort and savings in labor. With a herd average of 24,000, the Musser's use DHIA with MUN and SCC tests to help plan a balanced TMR. They farm 350 acres of corn, barley alfalfa and soybeans. Jerry and Edna are active in the Cedar Crest Young Farmers Association. They have two children.

Eugene and Kathleen Martin of Lebanon County accepted the Outstanding Young Adult Farmer Over 30 for Region VII. The Martins farm 173 acres and milk 95 cows for a herd average of 23,000 pounds. They use conservation practices to grow corn, alfalfa, rye, barley and soybeans. Maintaining maximum animal comfort with free-stall mattresses and tunnel



New officers for the Pennsylvania Young Farmers' Association are from left, front, Jeff Rohrer, Bob Corman, David Groff, and Dan Wilkinson. Back, Nevin Horning, Dale Rossman, Dale Herr, Paul Kemerer, Carl Keller, Jr., and Glen Krall.

ventilation is a high priority for the Martins. In addition, the Martins produce 319,000 broilers each year in two broiler houses. Eugene is active in the Cedar Crest Young Farmers Association. The Martins have three children.

Dwayne and Karen Peifer of Lancaster County earned the Outstanding Young Adult Farmer Over 30 Award for Region II. They grow corn and an alfalfa/timothy mix on 320 acres of owned and rented land. They conserve soil with contour strips, pipe outlet

terraces, cover crops, and waterways. They milk 140 cows for a herd average of 24,000 pounds. Their TMR consists of mostly home-grown forages. Heifers on the Peifer farm are also fed a TMR for rapid growth allowing many to

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Dwayn and Karen Peifer, seated, were named outstanding young farmers over 30; and Dale Herr, Jr. was named outstanding farmer under 30.



Myriad and Dean Patches, seated, received the outstanding community service award; and Kathleen and Eugene Martin were outstanding farmers over 30.

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