

Pa. Growers Honored By Pro-Fac Cooperative

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Pro-Fac Cooperative, an agricultural marketing cooperative with more than 600 members nationwide, recently honored Charles Altemus of Altemus Farms in Penn Run, PA as the first recipient of the Hugh E. Cumming Cooperator of the Year Award.

This is the top award given by the Rochester, N.Y. based cooperative. In addition, Altemus Farms tied with Leonard Hoover, of Patton, Pa., for individual member recognition awards in the commodity they each supply to Pro-Fac — potatoes.

The Cooperator of the Year Award recognizes Altemus' significant contributions to the co-

op and to the agricultural industry. One hundred percent of Altemus Farms' 250 acres of potatoes, more than 3,000 tons annually, are committed to Pro-Fac and delivered to Snyder of Berlin, a business unit of Agrilink Foods which processes and markets the products grown by Pro-Fac members.

Other crops produced by Altemus Farms include cabbage, corn, and small grain. Altemus also runs a 150-acre plant and nursery operation, Pikes Peak, with a large customer and catalog sales base.

In addition to being in the top half of the membership in member evaluations and operating a successful and progressive farm

business, award criteria also includes leadership in the agricultural industry and involvement in community and civic activities. Altemus is on the conservation committee for the County Ag Stabilization Committee, a member of Indiana Health Care Corp. board of directors, on the advisory board for S&T Bank, is elder for the Harmony Presbyterian Church, and a Pro-Fac commodity committee member.

"As the first winner of this award," said Pro-Fac general manager Steve Wright, "Charles

Altemus is clearly setting the standard for future winners. We are pleased to honor him for his outstanding dedication and service to the co-op." The Hugh E. Cumming Cooperator of the Year Award was named for the second general manager of Pro-Fac Cooperative, Hugh Cumming, who also served as chief executive officer for Curtice Burns Foods (now

Agrilink Foods).

The individual recognition awards, which were presented during Pro-Fac's recent regional meetings, were based on a member evaluation system reflecting both the quantity and quality of commodity deliveries. Altemus Farms and Hoover were ranked highest in their commodity for the state of Pennsylvania.

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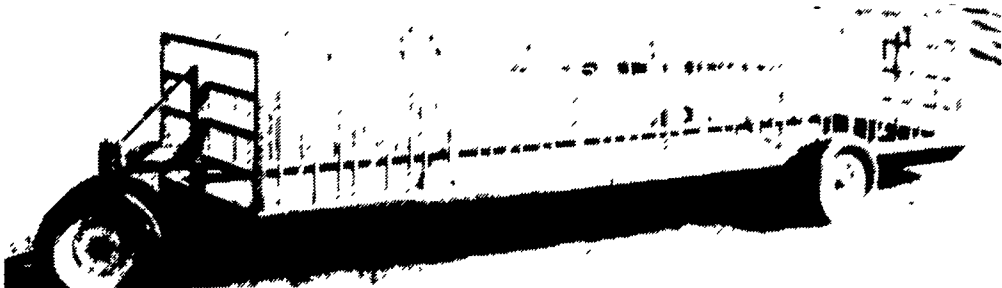
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