

Bowen To Head Penn State's Agricultural And Extension Education

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Dr. Blannie E. Bowen, C. Lee Rumberger and Family Chair of Agriculture, will head the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences effective July 1.

The Department of Agricultural and Extension Education conducts educational, research and cooperative extension programs in teacher and extension education in agricultural sciences, family and youth development, and related fields.

"We're very pleased that Dr. Bowen has agreed to accept this position," said Dr. Robert Steele, dean of the college. "He brings a host of excellent qualifications and experience with him and will provide first-rate leadership for the department's efforts."

Bowen also serves as associate dean for graduate programs and senior faculty mentor in the Center for Minority Graduate Opportunities and Faculty Development in Penn State's Graduate School. As associate dean, he works with issues affecting students' completion of their graduate programs, "from the time they are admitted until they walk across the stage," he said.

As senior faculty mentor, he develops programs for minority tenured and tenure-track faculty on subjects ranging from promotion

and tenure, to securing external funds, to "how to say no to extra obligations that keep faculty from completing their responsibilities." He will step down from this position when he assumes duties as department head.

Bowen joined Penn State in 1988 as the C. Lee Rumberger and Family Professor of Agriculture, a professorship endowed to support the teaching, research and extension programs of an outstanding faculty member in the College of Agricultural Sciences. He served as interim head for the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education from 1990 to 1992. He also served as undergraduate programs coordinator in the department from 1992 to 1996.

Bowen is known for his work on the participation of African Americans in the agricultural sciences. He also works on research methods and communications and instructional technologies. His current research methods and communications and instructional technologies. His current research focuses on factors related to African American enrollment in secondary agricultural science courses and how ethnic minority students develop their attitudes toward the agricultural and food sciences. He also teaches a graduate course on research methods.

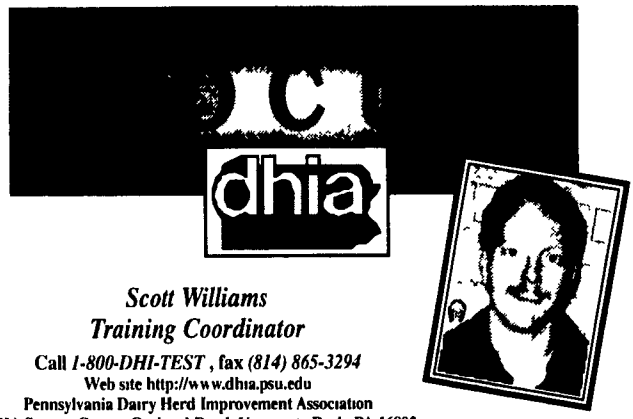
Bowen also has a strong background in communications. From

1986 to 1988, he was editor of "the Agricultural Education Magazine," a professional journal for agricultural educators involved in secondary and higher education, and wrote monthly editorials on contemporary issues facing agricultural education. He began his writing career in college as a reporter for college and daily newspapers. "Newspaper writing is one of the best skills I ever developed," he said. "It was wonderful training for a faculty member. Not only did I learn to work under pressure, I learned to produce under deadlines."

Before joining Penn State, Bowen held a joint appointment at the Ohio State University in the Department of Agricultural Education and the School of Natural Resources. He began his academic career in 1980 at Mississippi State University, where he taught in the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education and was an extension training officer for the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service.

Bowen received a doctorate in agricultural education from Ohio State in 1980 and a master's and bachelor's from North Carolina A&T State University, also in agricultural education.

He is active in many professional organizations, including Agricultural Communicators in Education; the American Association



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To help farmers across the state to have handy reference of commodity input costs in their feeding operations for DHIA record sheets or to develop livestock feed cost data, here's last week's average costs of various ingredients as compiled from regional reports across the state of Pennsylvania.

Remember, these are averages, so you will need to adjust your figures up or down according to your location and the quality of your crop.

- Corn, No.2y — 2.85 bu., 5.09 cwt.
- Wheat, No. 2 — 2.88 bu., 4.81 cwt.
- Barley, No. 3 — 2.06 bu., 4.40 cwt.
- Oats, No. 2 — 1.64 bu., 5.11 cwt.
- Soybeans, No. 1 — 6.32 bu., 10.55 cwt.
- Ear Corn — 84.43 ton, 4.22 cwt.
- Alfalfa Hay — 152.25 ton, 7.61 cwt.
- Mixed Hay — 129.75 ton, 6.49 cwt.
- Timothy Hay — 130.00 ton, 6.5 cwt.

tion for Agricultural Education; Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences; the American Vocational Association; National Association of Col-

leges and Teachers of Agriculture; and the National FFA Organization. Bowen also is a member of Gamma Sigma Delta, Alpha Tau Alpha, Phi Delta Kappa and Omicron Tau Theta.

York County Announces Elementary Envirothon Results

YORK (York Co.) — The Fawn Area Elementary School "Wild Things" won the 8th annual York County Elementary Envirothon recently at the Izaak Walton League grounds near Dallastown.

The team coached by Jessica Knowles consisted of Leah Shenk, Craig Colvin, Michelle Bowman, Ken Seidl, Krysta Watts, and Natalie Blevins.

Other winners included the Conewago Elementary School "Bobcats" who placed second and Dallastown Elementary School who placed third. First place category winners were the Loganville-Springfield Elementary School "Wild Things" for wildlife, the Fawn Area Elementary School "Wild Things" for forestry, and the Delta-Peach Bottom Elementary School "Delta Darters" for current events.

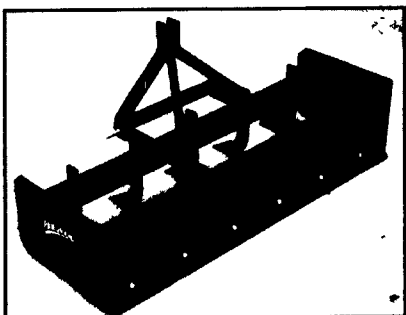
Twenty-six teams of six students participated. These were Chanceford, Conewago, Dallastown, Delta-Peach Bottom, Dillsburg, Dover, Fawn Area, Friendship, Hanover Street, Hayshire Kralltown, Leaders Heights, Leib, Loganville-Springfield, North Hills, Orendorf, Ore Valley, Roundtown, Southern, St. John Lutheran School, St. Joseph School, Weiglestown, Wellsville, York Haven, York Home School Association, and York Township.

All students received a seedling, T-shirt, certificate and participation ribbon. The top three teams received placement ribbons, plaques, and cash awards for their environmental libraries. The first place team also will have each of their names engraved on the traveling Lou Hoffman Plaque and given the Envirothon banner for 1998. Awards were presented by several of the 30 local sponsors including businesses and nonprofit organizations.

The Envirothon is an environmental learning competition for students in grades 3-12. Elementary students are tested as a team of six students in the areas of forestry, wildlife, scavenger hunt and a current event. This year's current event is watersheds.

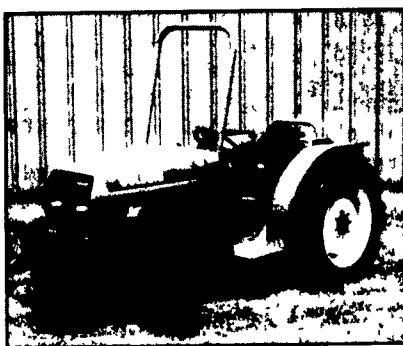
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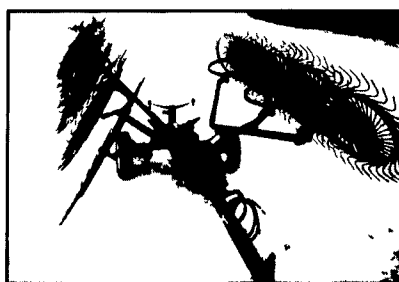
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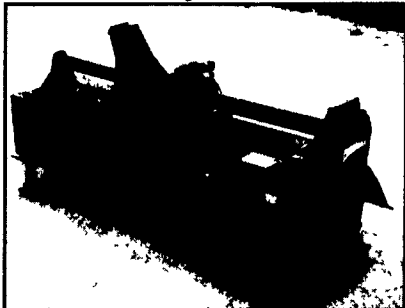
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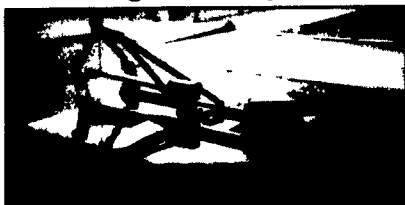
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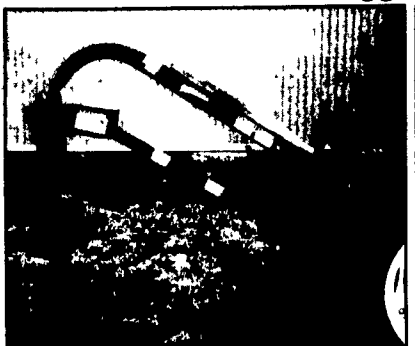
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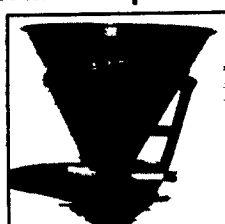
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