

Pennsylvania's Samuel Hayes Addresses Ag Issues Forum

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"Whatever the hopes, dreams and wishes of the outside world in terms of their neighborhood environments, these things are best served if we have a strong and healthy agriculture—one that is economically robust—so that we can invest in the things necessary to bring about these societal goals. Some people argue only from the environmental side," Hayes said. "I tell them we can join in their discussions. But if they ignore the economic feasibility of their prop-

osals, they will not be able to achieve their goals—unless they want to chase agriculture out of Pennsylvania—and I stand separate from them on that and unalterably opposed. We have to work together to find economically feasible solutions to whatever problems beset us."

Hayes reported that the partnership of PDA, New Bolton Center, and Penn State animal health laboratories has achieved national accreditation. In addition, new efforts are to be made to make Pen-

nsylvania pseudo-rabies and TB free. Avian Influenza has caused a rugged year for the poultry industry, but the monitored flock program continues on patrol every day and has so far made the experience better in the number of flocks involved, compared with 1983 when the disease swept the industry.

The new state budget has been forged ahead of schedule and includes significant increases for agriculture in areas of nutrient management, marketing, ag-

research and food distribution programs. Hayes called it "the best budget for agriculture that I can remember."

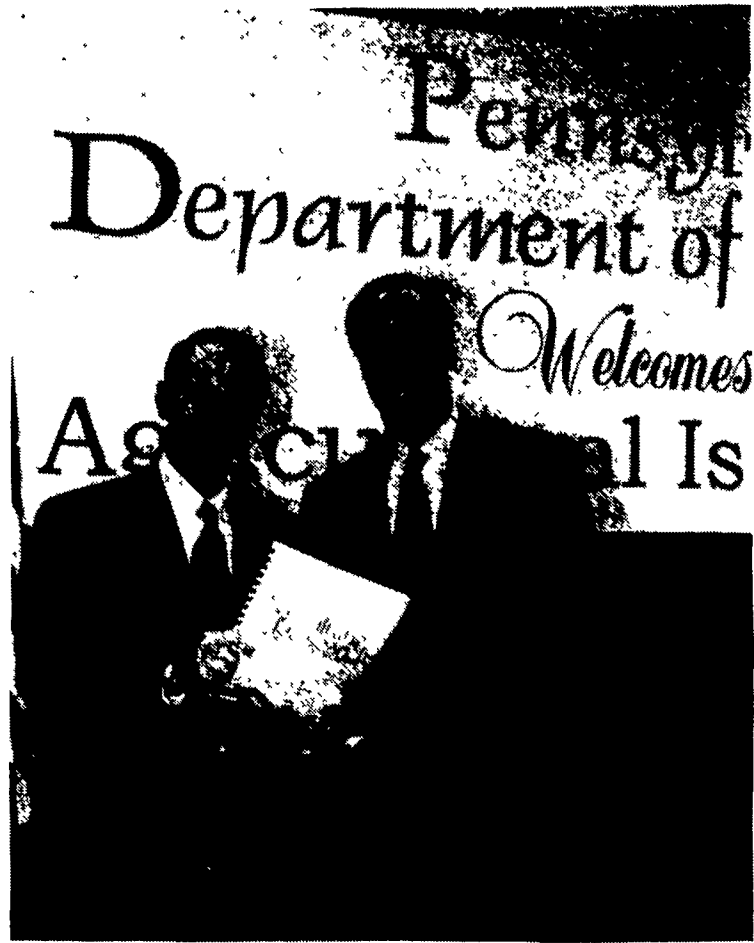
"In the past, this department of

agriculture has been impoverished in terms of its ability to serve agriculture. There has never been quite the right political mix for PDA to

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A large group of state farm and agribusiness leaders meet at the Ag Issues Forum Thursday morning to hear Secretary Hayes discuss the the prespectives and priorities of the department of agriculture.



At the Ag Issues Forum are, Samuel Hayes Jr., Pennsylvania's agriculture secretary, left, and Michael Brubaker, chair of the forum.

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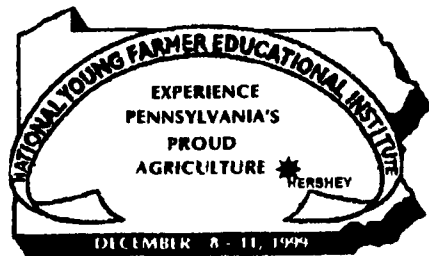
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