

# Empire Farm Days Play In Seneca Falls Last Week

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Graulichs have instituted conservation practices and projects every year, and their consistent work has added up to an impressive list of accomplishments.

In making the presentation, Davidsen said that agriculture often gets a bad rap for conservation, but obviously the people who do this don't know what they are talking about.

"We are dispelling these ideas with the 'practical environmentalists' that farmers represent," Davidsen said. "Farmers leave the land better for their children and grand-children. We should be able to use the land and enjoy it. I am pleased with the state programs that tend to move us forward. We want to pay to preserve farmland to be farmland," he said.

Also honored with a state Environmental Stewardship Award was the Lewis and Linda Stuttles family of Dryden, N.Y. They have a grazing dairy operation with a 215 cow registered Holstein herd. They have been cooperators with the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District since 1964.

The conservation awards are sponsored by the American Agriculturist, the Department of Agriculture and Markets, and the Empire State Potato Club.

Two conservation districts with outstanding service shared a \$1,000 award presented by the New York Potato Club. American Agriculturist magazine made the selections. Winners were the Schohorie County Soil and Water Conservation District, represented by

Stephen Hoerz, and the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District represented by Craig Schutt.

In the dairy profit seminars sponsored by Agway, a group of

accomplished dairymen from across the nation brought their experiences to the forum. On Tuesday, Don Rogers moderated under the topic of unique yet profitable ways to take charge of your own

destiny.

Pete Mapstone, Pastureland Dairy, Manlius, N.Y., converted to a pasture-based feeding plan, and labor and expenses were cut in

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Governor George Pataki, left, visits with Rodman and Ellen Lott, hosts of Empire Farm Days. Photo by Janice Barrett, HFW Communications.



Lewis and Linda Stuttles receive an Environmental Stewardship Award from Donald Davidsen, state commissioner of agriculture.



Craig Schutt, Topkins County Soil and Water District, left, and Stephen Hoerz, Schohorie County Soil and Water District, shared a \$1,000 award to the districts for special service.



Art and Ruth Graulich and their son David and daughter-in-law Suzanne receive the New York State Environmental Stewardship Award from Donald Davidsen, state commissioner of agriculture, right.



Ernie McNelly directs the animal in the livestock handling demonstration. Martha Wright, from Cornell extension, shown inside the corner fence post was in charge of the demonstration.



A large crowd in the dairy seminar tent shows interest in the major feature of Empire Farm Days.



Nearly 600 exhibitors set up displays and field demonstrations at the Empire Farm Days this year.