

Transferring Farms Discussed At Ohio Review

LONDON, Ohio — Two supporters of agriculture and the Farm Science Review will be inducted into the Farm Science Review Hall of Fame. Harold Bauman and Ed Johnson are to be honored for their dedication to the success of the Review and agricultural culture.

Harold Bauman, assistant dean of fiscal affairs for the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences until 1988, provided guidance for the Review from 1966 until his retirement. He even "sat his butt in the tractor seat to help out," said Craig Fendrick, FSR manager.

Bauman said he has seen the Review change over the years, and said it has gone beyond chopping rows and toting bales. "The Farm Science Review is a well-run affair," Bauman said. "You have to feel proud about them, they make their own way. If they want to spend a buck, they have to make a buck."

Ed Johnson's work with the Agri Broadcasting Network (ABN) has earned him national recognition. He has been broadcasting from the Farm Science Review for 30 years, and has "qualified as the greatest promoter of the Farm Science Review, and is the Review's number one fan," according to Fendrick. "With his promotion of the Review, Ed has opened to us an avenue we never thought possible."

As president of ABN, Johnson hosts a syndicated radio program, produces a television show, "Agri Country," and publishes "Ohio's Country Journal," a monthly agricultural magazine.

In all his years of broadcasting, Johnson has never missed a day of the Review. "It (the Review) is the showcase of Ohio's agriculture. It allows farmers to see the latest research, technology and farm machinery all in one location."

Bauman and Johnson have been top supporters of the Review; whether it's sitting in the seat during the planting of the plots or promoting it for 30 years on the radio. For their important contributions to making the Farm Science Review what it is today. Bauman and Johnson will join the ranks of past inductees: Jim Caldwell, Naurine McCormick, Francille Firebaugh, Robert Miller, Jim Utzinger, David R. Miskell, Robert L. Eby, C.L. "Lep" Lephart, Dorothy R. Friday, Paul C. Leidheiser, Thomas M. Stockdale, Ted L. Jones, William L. George, Earl W. McMunn, Roland L. Leeper, James W. Yingling, William B. Zipf, Wilbur A. Gould, Shirley A. Brooks-Jones, Marion E. Grimes, Molly Caren Fisher, Novice G. Fawcett, Dale T. Friday, Roy M. Kottman and Thomas F. Wonderling.

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Pennsylvania Receives \$1.4 Million For Farmland Preservation

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania will receive \$1.4 million to purchase development rights and preserve over 3,300 acres of valuable and vulnerable farmland in 15 counties through the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Farmland Protection Program, according to Janet Oertly, NRCS state conservationist.

Funds will be awarded to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture three county agricultural land preservation boards, and one township, as a result of previously submitted proposals.

Federal monies are to be combined with \$4.4 million in state and local funds through existing protection programs to acquire conservation easements to limit the use of prime farmland.

"It is important to protect Pennsylvania's prime farmland, her scenic beauty and her open space," said Oertly. "We are proud to promote a program which does that and supports a farmers way of life," she added.

"Much of America's farmland is near major cities," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman. "And as our cities continue to grow into neighboring rural areas, our farms are in danger of becoming subdivisions and shopping malls. We can't sit back and take our best farms — and the food they supply for our families — for granted."

The Farmland Protection Program was established by the 1996 Farm Bill and designed to protect the Nation's best farmland. USDA provides up to 50 percent of the cost of purchasing the easements, while landowners agree not to develop their land for nonagricultural purposes.

The program was funded for six years with \$35 million. All of those funds have now been obligated. Pennsylvania received a total of \$3.27 million or approximately 10 percent of the total program funds.

Two First-Timers At Bedford Fair Sale

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BEDFORD (Bedford Co.) — It was the year for firsts at the Bedford County Fair Junior Livestock sale.

Wanting to be represented, the dairy industry put together a market basket full of cheeses, butter, coupons for ice cream, a dairy industry T-shirt, snack crackers, and numerous other donated items. They never expected the closing bid of \$1,725 paid by Bedford County emergency room doctor, Mark Finder.

Parading their wares in a 100-pound basket, a representative of the dairy committee and dairy maid, Cindy Mearkle, as well as Jan Snider and his supreme champion Guernsey cow were on hand for the auction.

With a plea to the audience, Commissioner Dick Rice noted that 265 farms in Bedford County maintain 119,000 dairy animals valued at \$43.8 million. The cows generate more than \$37 million in dairy goods annually.

Bidding started at less than \$100 and quickly rose to the

\$1,000 mark with William Campbell attempting to outbid the physician.

At one point, auction helper, Scott Myers, got down on his knees, pleading with Finder to keep bidding. Myers even offered to "take off my shirt, if necessary."

After a tremendous round of grateful applause, Finder took the mike. "I was a city boy," he said. "I never appreciated how hard farmers work until I came to Bedford County. I attend this sale every year and buy to repay my appreciation."

Finder purchased a number of lambs, hogs, and hog lots. He has the meat processed and gives much of it as Christmas gifts. He intends to share his dairy basket with his co-workers.

Also new this year was a meat goat auction. Melissa Shastay could not stop smiling as her grand champion 65-pound goat brought \$17 a pound. It was purchased by Bedford Valley Petroleum represented by Linda Redman, who gave the animal back to Melissa.

Reserve champion owned by

Molly Blackburn was bought by Travis Group Farm Machinery for \$6 a pound.

The remaining 11 goats went as follows: Brittany Pepple's sold to Bedford Hotel Tavern for \$1.10 a pound; Andy Corle's was bought by Roy Kegg for \$1.10 per pound; Zachary Corle's for \$1.10 per pound by Dr. Finder; Josh Powell's, \$1.05 per pound by Joe Spiker; Tanner Waltemire's, \$3.20 per pound to his grandmother Myersview Farm; Jonathon T. May, to T.P. Goats for \$2.90 a pound; Eli Blackburn to Elizabeth and Thomas Coyle of Johnstown for \$2.40 a pound; Spring Truax sold her goat at \$1.70 per pound to Bill Jordan; Jefferson Powell's, \$1.30 per pound to Bedford Agway; Christina Winesickle's, \$1.40 per pound to Straightway Decks owned by Joe Spiker; Cody Waltemire's sold for \$4.20 per pound to Myersview, again for his grandmother, Ada Myers.

The auctioneer told the buyers goat meat is very strong on the East Coast and it was a good time to get in on the ground floor.

Tioga Presents First Beef Premier Breeder, Exhibitor Honors



WHITNEYVILLE (Tioga Co.) — In a growing Tioga County Fair Beef Show, premier breeder and premier exhibitor banners were offered for the first time. Here Jim Briggs presents the premier breeder award to Laura and Leland Rouse of Little Marsh and the premier exhibitor banner to Debby Briggs, Westfield. Eighteen head of breeding animals were combined with the market steers to make up the open and youth beef show.

Lycoming County Fair Reports Livestock Show Results

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The grand champion steer was purchased by Brooks Lumber, Ralston, for \$2.10 per pound.

Reserve grand champion was shown by Nicole Greider, Linden, with her 1010# Maine-X-Bred steer. The reserve grand champion was purchased by Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Williamsport, for \$1.90 per pound. There were 21 market animals in the show.

Senior champion showman honors went to Steve Smith with junior champion showman honors to Melana Lovell, Linden.

The county swine show was held July 21.

The type judge was Frank Feeser, Taneytown, Md. and showmanship and fitting judge was Darlene Livingston, Seven Valley.

Grand champion market hog was shown by Scott Moore, Jersey Shore, with his 254-pound gilt. The grand champion was purchased by Hillers Fuel, Jersey Shore, for \$4.10 per pound.

The reserve grand champion market hog was shown by Steve Smith, Williamsport, with his

270-pound gilt. The reserve grand champion was purchased by Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Williamsport for \$2.55 per pound.

Senior champion showman honors went to Darryl Lovell, Cogan Station, and junior champion showman honors was won by Lindsay Gzinski, Muncy.

A total of 80 market hogs were shown in the gilt and the barrow show.

The county lamb youth show was held on July 18.

The type judge was Marlin Stroh, Lafayette Hill. The fitting

and showmanship judge was Lee Wagner, Easton.

A total of 62 market lambs were shown in three weight divisions. Five breeds were represented in the breeding show with 38 head shown.

Grand champion market lamb was shown by Melana Lovell, Linden, with her 120-pound crossbred wether.

Reserve grand champion was shown by Janice Bower, Cogan Station, with her 129-pound Suffolk crossbred wether.

In the lightweight division, Christopher Knipe, Cogan Station, showed the champion, and Amanda Koons, Muncy, had the reserve champion.

In the middleweight division, Alaine Bower, Cogan Station, showed the champion, and Melana Lovell, Linden, had the reserve champion.

In the heavyweight division, Melana Lovell, Linden, showed the champion and Janice Bower, Cogan Station had the reserve champion.