

# Producers Honored

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — From the turnout and events at the ninth annual Pennsylvania Beef Exposition here recently, it appears that the state's beef industry is alive and well.

The Expo, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association (PCA), the Pennsylvania Beef Council and Penn State, includes the annual PCA banquet and meeting, the Performance Test Bull Sale, and the junior steer and heifer show.

At the 25th Cattlemen's Banquet at Celebration Hall, the PCA presented awards to its members and elected new directors. Also, Tammy Weaver of the Pennsylvania Beef Council presented the 1999 Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Queen and announced scholarship award winners.

For his conservation efforts Charlie Sherman of KC Acres in Adams County received the Environmental Stewardship Award. On his farm Sherman installed 3,500 feet of tile, two waterways, 300 feet of diversion ditches, and stream bank fencing.

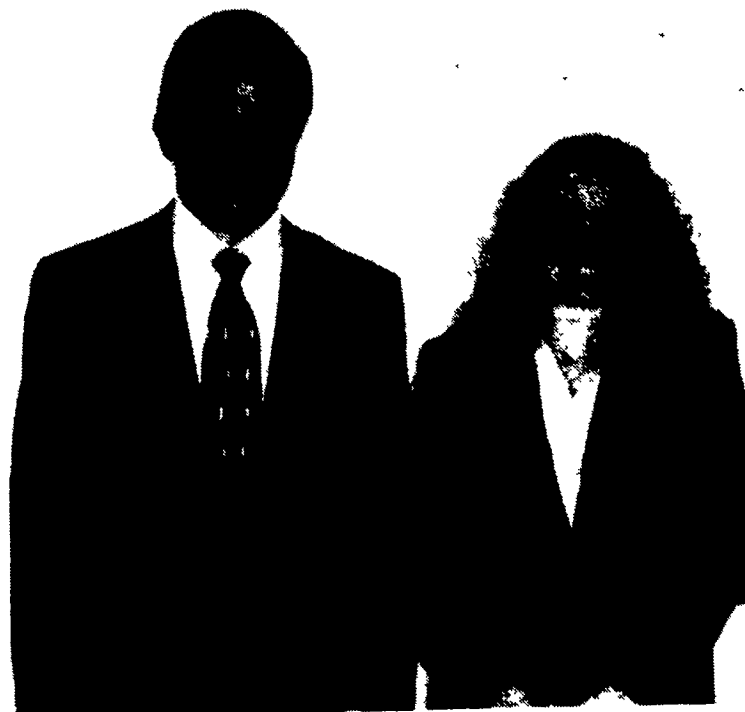
Dr. Lowell Wilson, who retired last fall from his position of beef extension specialist and animal science professor at Penn State, won the Industry Service Award. During his 38-year career, he worked hard to improve the beef industry through educational and promotional activities. He played a key role in establishing the Penn State University Haller Livestock/Forage Farm, the Pennsylvania Beef Expo, Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association, the Pennsylvania Beef Council, and the Pennsylvanians for the

Responsible Use of Animals organization. He is recognized nationally and internationally as a beef industry leader.

A Special Appreciation Award went to Joan Potter for her work as managing secretary of PCA for the last six years. As a liaison between PCA and National Cattlemen's Beef Association, she helped increase the PCA membership base and stature in the agricultural community.

The Pennsylvania Simmental Association also presented the following awards at the PCA Banquet: Breeder of the Year — Bob McQuiston, Stoneboro; Senior Member of the Year — Wayne Stough, York County 4-H leader; Junior Member of the Year — Valerie Blaich, Jonestown; and Young Family of the Year — Tammy and Troy Gelsing, Berks County.

For the first time the Pennsylvania Beef Council pre-



Justin Conner of Franklin County and Alissa Cowell of Green County, who are high school students intending to go to college, won \$500 scholarships presented at the PCA Banquet.

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Seedstock Producer of the Year went to Ken Foust of Adams County. In addition to a purebred Simmental herd in Adams County started in 1986, he and his family operate the 2,400-acre Beefmaster Ranch in New Mexico. Foust has consigned the top indexing Simmental bull at the Pennsylvania Bull Test Sale for several years. He recently donated part of his land to the National Park Service to preserve the Gettysburg battlefields.

Jeff and Don Byerly of Union County were the Commercial Cattlemen of the Year. The Byerly brothers and their family run a 50-head cow-calf operation on a rotational grazing system as well as two retail outlets from which they market both their own and other producers' beef. They share carcass data information, which they collect for making selections, with state and national breed associations and other producers. Several of their bulls qualified for the National Chianina Sire Summary. They are supportive of 4-H and FFA programs and are active in several industry organizations.

Winning Cattle Feeder of the Year honors were Wayne and Jean Hoffman of York county. In partnership with their son Joshua, the Hoffmans raise 800-900 beef heifers from 400-450 pounds to market weight (about, 1050 pounds) and 1,300 acres of corn and soybeans. Wayne Hoffman has served on his local school board and been a township supervisor, as well as having been chairman of the board of the Pennsylvania Beef Council.



Jesse Leister of Adams County will be this year's Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Queen, while Tammi Grubb of York County will be the princess.

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