



The 1998-1999 Poultry Science Club with adviser, Dirk Wise, included; not in order, Barbie Barrang, Steph Bowman, Mike Burns, Amy Carper, Heather Gates, Tom Karr, Roxanne Kirst, Heather Lehman, Jason Martin, Nadine Miller, Sam McGargle, Matt Molnar, Steph Molnar, Jason Monn, Ashante Morgan, Melanie Snyder, Jason Sperry, Jerod Sperry, Erin Station, Heather Wolford, and Jenny Zerby.

Poultry Science Club Honors Members

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co) - The 15-member Penn State Poultry Science Club drew a crowd of 60 parents, industry representatives, Penn State faculty and administrators, and alumni to its ninth annual awards banquet April 30 here at the Ramada Inn.

Penn State Ag Science Dean Robert Steele told the banquet attendees it is an exciting time in the college and in the department, and there is a need for continued interaction between the college and industry. This interaction has led to jobs for all the currently graduating seniors in poultry science as well as summer internships for many students, and companies need more graduates to fill job openings.

Jim Reed, CEO and executive vice president of Empire Kosher Poultry in Mifflintown, was the featured speaker of the evening. He described Empire Kosher as the "world's tallest midget," since the company sells 70 percent of the kosher chicken and 90 percent of the kosher turkey in the United States, which is only a small percentage of the



Club officers for the 1999-2000 school year are, from left, front Steph Molnar, secretary treasurer, and Jason Sperry, Ag Student Council representative. (back, from left,) Mike Burns, vice president, and Tom Karr, president.

overall poultry market.

At Empire Kosher, which is the largest employer of rabbinical tradesmen in the United States processing goes by 3,000-year-old Jewish laws Rabbis hand-slaughter all birds in contrast to the electrical stun method used on 99.5 percent of

all other processed poultry. Instead of scalding the birds in hot water, birds are soaked in cold water, then salt, which kills bacteria and makes the meat more tender and juicy.

Reed believes this process, along with a better bleed-out and picking, had led to Empire Kosher products coming in first in many taste tests. Of the 1.4

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Penn State Ag Science Dean Robert Steele with Jim Reed, CEO and executive vice president of Empire Kosher Poultry in Mifflintown, who was the main speaker at the Penn state Poultry Science Club annual banquet.



Stephanie Bowman received the presidential and hardest working individual awards.

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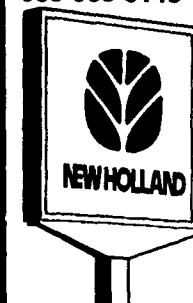
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