

## Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders Elect Officers And Directors

GRANTVILLE (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders Board of Directors elected Joel Rotz, Camp Hill, as their new president at a recent board meeting held in conjunction with the 1999 Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders Conference. At the same meeting, Richard C. Waybright, Gettysburg, was elected vice president and Betty Reibson, Forksville, secretary. The officers were elected to serve a one year term. Botz is the director of national legislative programs and dairy specialist for the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau. He has lifelong ties to the dairy industry having been raised on a Franklin County dairy farm. He was a dairy producer in Franklin County for 20 years before

taking a position with Farm Bureau in 1995. Waybright is co-founder of Mason Dixon Farms, Inc. where they currently milk 2,300 cows and farm 2,400 acres. He also serves as president of the PA Dairy Promotion Program and is a member of the National UDIA Board that directs the spending of producers' funds for milk promotion. Reibson is a dairy producer and county commissioner in Sullivan County and is active in the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Program. At the 1999 annual meeting, four directors were re-elected to three-year terms on the 13-member Stakeholders Board of Directors: Lewis Gardner, dairy producer and DFA director, Galeton; Ralph Heffner, dairy producer and

Agway board member, Pine Grove; Beverly Minor, dairy producer and chairperson of PMMB, Washington; and Betty Reibson, dairy producer and Sullivan County commissioner, Forksville. Chuck Cruickshank, Carlisle, was appointed to the Stakeholders Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Ivo Otto, who recently resigned his board position. Cruickshank is director of procurement and member services for Land O'Lakes Cooperative in Carlisle. Other directors include: Philip Kimmel, Lancaster; Dean Girton, Millville; Gary Heckman, Ithaca, N.Y.; Dave McCorkle, Camp Hill; and Paul Semmel, Schnecksville. The Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders is an organization representing all segments of Pennsylvania's large and economically important dairy industry. With the stated goal of "facilitating the viability and expansion of the Pennsylvania dairy industry," the organization welcomes all interested persons to become members and participate in programs that benefit the dairy industry. Additional information is available from N. Alan Bair at 717-948-6328.

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