



## Reeds Canarygrass 'Saves' Grazier From Drought

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GRANTVILLE (Dauphin Co.) — Reeds canarygrass may have saved the season, literally, for internationally known grazer Dave Forgey.

Forgey, of River-View Farm in Logansport, Ind., told about 200 graziers and agri-industry representatives Wednesday that during last summer's severe drought on his farm, the root system of the grass held up well even during very heavy grazing.

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## Penn State Students National Beef Quiz Champions

Students from Penn State University's College of Agriculture Sciences were named National Collegiate Beef Quiz Bowl champions at the 2000 National Cattlemen's Beef Association Annual Convention recently in Phoenix, Ariz. The quiz bowl competition is sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Foundation, a charitable institution whose mission is to promote the future of the beef industry through research and education. Members of the Penn State team are, from left, Ellen Angstadt, Milford Square, a junior in animal sciences; Beth McAllister, Center Hall, a junior majoring in ag business management and minoring in animal sciences; Heather Oberholtzer, Elizabethtown, a senior in animal sciences; Kevin Harvatine, Thompson, a junior in animal sciences; and Dr. Erskin Cash, adviser. Other teams competing included Brigham Young University, Michigan State University, and the University of Kentucky. The teams earned the privilege of competing by winning their sectional competition in the American Society of Animal Science Academic Quadrathlon. Penn State has represented the northeast region seven of the last eight years, winning the contest four times and taking second twice.



Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council's Outstanding Pasture Producer Award was presented to Glenn Gorrell, right, by Marvin Hall, Penn State forage specialist. Photo by Andy Andrews

## Wayne County Farmer Sees Volunteering As Crucial Part Of Operation

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PLEASANT MOUNTAIN (Wayne Co.) — D. Ellis Dix is a dairy farmer who believes it's his responsibility to serve as a leader in the farm organizations that represent him.

"It is just as important as my work on the farm," said Dix. "If

we are going to have these organizations benefiting farmers and make them work successfully, then somebody has to be there and encourage others to do the same."

Dix was awarded the Clyde Robison Leadership Award during last week's Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Asso-

ciation (DHIA) annual meeting. It's an award that Dix is very honored to have received.

"There are a lot of farmers around the state who are very deserving of it," he said. "I really wasn't expecting it, but I will do my best to live up to the expectations of the award."

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## Dairy Day Message: 'Get Bigger, Better, Or Out'

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EAST SMITHFIELD (Bradford Co.) — "Get Bigger, get better or get out," were three choices presented to Bradford County dairy farmers at the 2000 Dairy Day program by Gary Snider, a farm business consultant with Farm Credit of Western New York.

Snider gave his presentation on "Specialization and the New Dairy Industry" at the daylong event Monday, Feb. 21, at SRU High School.

More than 500 people had the opportunity to hear Snider's presentation as well as mingle with industry representatives, attend other educational programs or take advantage of free

health screenings and tetanus shots.

Snider's initial presentation focused on the changing landscape of the dairy industry. He challenged farmers to consider where they fit in this changing industry by looking at their strengths and weaknesses.

"There is more milk being

produced in the United States today than in any time in history," noted Snider, "and it's a trend that began about 100 years ago. But the landscape's changing out here. There's a tremendous amount of change, and I think the questions we have to

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## Corn Talk Includes Five-Acre Winners, Conference Reports

This issue of *Lancaster Farming* includes *Corn Talk*, the newsletter of the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association (PMCGA). The issue features the winners of the Five-Acre Corn Club contest, a grower who speaks about the importance of catastrophic crop insurance, and reports from the recent crops conference in Camp Hill. Also included are comments from the PMCGA and advertising messages.



D. Ellis Dix received the Clyde Robison Award from the Pennsylvania DHIA last week. The award honored him for the leadership he provides, both in agriculture and in his community. Photo provided by the Dix family