

# Rugaber Wins All-American Image Award

**HARRISBURG** (Dauphin Co.) — Robert Rugaber, Butler, has been named the recipient of the 2000 All-American Dairy Show Image Award, according to All-American Dairy Show President Obie Snider. "Bob has been active in all 37 of the All-American Dairy Shows, and it is a tribute to his dedication and commitment that he has supported, promoted and enhanced the show in such a professional manner," Snider said.

A retired Penn State Extension agent, Rugaber travels to Harrisburg every September to assist with the show. He is the only person on the current show staff who can claim to have been part of each show since its inception in 1963.

The image award is presented each year to someone who has enhanced the image of the All-American Dairy Show by significant contributions toward its reputation, prestige and welfare.

Rugaber served as superintendent of the Eastern National Brown Swiss Show for over 20 years. His long years of service and promotion efforts on behalf of that breed earned him an Honorary Brown Swiss Association membership in the Pennsylvania State Brown Swiss Association.

Dairy Superintendent Larry Specht noted, "Bob is a good mentor for the new members of the dairy committee. He teaches them the ropes and helps them

learn what is expected at these national dairy shows. He is very versatile, and can fill in wherever necessary. He has served on breed committees and has announced the Junior Dairy Show when needed," Specht added, "Usually he can be found tallying the Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibit awards."

Rugaber retired as director of Penn State Cooperative Extension in Butler County after serving for 35 years.

He was instrumental in developing a variety of educational programs, including seminars on farm safety, farmland taxation, land use planning and strip mine reclamation.

In 1979, Rugaber received the

National Association of County Agricultural Agents Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding educational contributions to Pennsylvania agriculture. Among the programs NAACA cited were Rugaber's work with the Soil Conservation Service to reclaim mined areas using grass and legumes.

Rugaber and the agricultural engineering faculty at Penn State began the first Farm Fire and Machinery Accident Program in 1978. This statewide program trains paramedics to handle farm accidents.

He also helped organize the Central Western Pennsylvania Beekeepers Association and the Western Pennsylvania Commercial Vegetable Growers Seminar

and Trade Show, attended by nearly 200 producers each year.

Upon graduation from Penn State in 1955 with a degree in dairy science, Rugaber worked first as an extension agent in Centre County, then in Dauphin County before moving to Butler County in 1962.

He has received the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association Extension Award and was named Grange Man of the Year in Agriculture.

Rugaber will be recognized on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at p.m.

Previous winners of the All-American Image Award include Lee Yost, John Walker, Steve Spencer, John Morris, Larry Specht, Obie Snider, Elsie Wolff and Don Ace.

**HARRISBURG** (Dauphin Co.) — "The Junior Dairy Management Contest at the All-American Dairy Show is the best run and most comprehensive contest open to youth," 4-H leader and coach Donna Wilson said. Wilson hails from Cataraugus,

New York, and has a winning tradition at this elite contest. Three of her 4-H members have

won the contest and been recipients of the \$1,000 scholarship. "The Pennsylvania Dairymen's

Association sponsors the \$1,000 scholarship and this is a tremendous addition to our contest support," notes Show Manager Charles Itle.

This year's contest is being held on Tuesday, Sept. 26 and is open to all bona fide 4-H club and FFA members. The contest is part of the 37th annual All-American Dairy Show.

Wilson added, "This is top notch contest that really tests the skills and knowledge which dairy farmers need to demonstrate. All year our 4-Hers are out promoting this contest, and studying and now New York sends a team of four

to represent the state. The \$1,000 is a great incentive for the members. Dairy bowl questions are a big help for preparing for the contest. Ordering the training kit that the contest provides is very important. Historically, preparing for the feed identification and meat identification portion of the contest was the most fun. Preparing for the financial management was much more challenging."

Other sponsors for this outstanding youth contest include: Church and Dwight (Arm and Hammer Products), Milk Specialties Co. (Energy Booster 100), Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Pharmacia and Upjohn Animal Health and Prince Agri-Products. Additional support is provided by Chr Hansen Bio Systems and Land O'Lakes Milk Coop. Contributions from these companies allow for cash prizes for the top 10 individuals overall and for the teams in the 4-H and FFA divisions, along with the plaques, ribbons and trophies.

The Junior Dairy Management Contest has seven classes each year. Participants will be tested on the following topics: dairy cattle selection, linear trait analysis, meats identification and quality assurance of dairy beef, feed management and grain/forage identification, current issues in the dairy industry, dairy cattle housing and milk quality and product identification.

The top five finalists will be interviewed by a panel of three dairy industry personnel. These young people will be asked about their understanding of current issues within the dairy industry. The winner with the highest cumulative score will win the \$1,000 scholarship.

## Dairy Knowledge Valued

### 2000 DISTRICT MEETING DATES

The Board and Staff of the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc. invites all dairy farmers to attend this year's District Annual Meetings. The grassroots efforts of ADADC depend on involvement and input by our dairy farmer members. The purpose of our meetings is to present updates on budgets and programs that are used to sell milk to consumers in New York, northern New Jersey and northeastern Pennsylvania. The district meetings are also your chance to select the farmer leaders of the organization.

As part of their membership in ADADC, each farm will receive two free meals and will be credited with \$2 off any additional meals at the district meetings. Please attend and take advantage of this opportunity to have your questions answered, and take pride in your award winning programs.

PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED PHONE NUMBERS FROM LAST WEEK'S ISSUE

DISTRICT	COUNTIES	PLACE	DATE	CONTACT	TIME
1	St Lawrence, NY	St Lawrence Inn Canton, NY	10/11	Joseph C Snell (315) 265-2769	7:00 pm
2	Jefferson, Lewis, NY	Lowville Fire Hall, State Street, Lowville, NY	11/4	Jean Rogers (315) 782-6778 Ron Zehr (315) 346-1352 Amy Sullivan (315) 493-1803	8:00 pm
3	Franklin, Clinton, Essex, NY	American Legion Chateaugay, NY	10/18	Kenneth DuMont (518) 425-6885 James Durant (518) 358-2058	7:30 pm
4	Warren, Saratoga, Washington, Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, NY	Old Mill Restaurant, 129 River Road, Mechanicsville, NY	10/19 <small>Need Reservations by 10/12</small>	Ray Johnson (518) 692-7050 Ed Rouse (518) 677-8949 Ed King (518) 695-6876	7:30 pm
5	Fulton, Montgomery, Schoharie, NY	Rainbow Restaurant 16-22 E Main St., Johnston, NY	9/27 <small>Need Reservations by 9/20</small>	Gary Shults (518) 673-5895 Gerald Douglas (518) 568-7950 Kevin Putnam (518) 725-8755	7:30 pm
6	Columbia, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Ulster, Westchester, Sullivan, NY	Club 211 Middletown, NY	10/19	Rob Hufcut (914) 294-6960 Linda Kays (914) 887-4081	7:45 pm
7	New Jersey State	Soil and Conservation Office Hackettstown, NJ	9/28	Linden Smith (973) 875-5644	7:30 pm
8	Delaware, Greene, NY	Hidden Inn Pavilion South Kortright, NY	9/27	Barb Hanselman (607) 538-9633 Dave Hill (607) 652-6792	7:30 pm
9	Herkimer, Otsego, NY	Tally-Ho Richfield Springs, NY	10/25	Johanna Collins (315) 858-2432 Werner Weigel (607) 264-8128 Tom Farnell (315) 823-3257	7:45 pm
10	Broome, Chenango, NY	United Methodist Church Oxford, NY	10/26	Terry Ives (607) 895-6641	8:00 pm
11	Tompkins, Schuyler, Chemung, Tioga, Cortland, NY	Methodist Church Lansing, NY	10/14	Albert Talmá (607) 292-3435	Noon
12	Cayuga, Onondaga, Oswego, Seneca, Part of Wayne, NY	Sennett Federated Church Sennett, NY	10/19	Margaret Patsos (315) 568-8515	6:00 pm
13	Madison, Oneida, NY	Dibbles Inn Vernon, NY	10/26	Joan Smith (315) 737-8907 Rich Carrier (315) 363-4856	7:30 pm
14	Allegany, Steuben, Yates, Part of Ontario, NY	Tally-Ho Restaurant Kanona, NY	10/23	Wesley J. Coots (607) 698-2144 Ernie Ramsey (716) 593-3809 Jim Wilcox (607) 276-7279	7:30 pm
15	Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, NY	Randolph Fire Hall Randolph, NY	10/10	James Hill (716) 257-3023 Jim Beghtol (716) 287-3119	8:00 pm
16	Potter, Tioga, Bradford Sullivan, PA	Mainsburg United Methodist Church Route 6 Mainsburg, PA	10/18	Ray MacWhinnie (570) 596-3657 Bill Baker (570) 549-8259	7:30 pm
17	Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming, PA	Catholic Church Corner of Rt 492 & 92, Jackson, PA	10/12	Ed Brooking (570) 448-2526 Allen Roszel (570) 278-2433	8:00 pm
18	Schuylkill, Berks, Lehigh, Montgomery, Delaware, Chester, Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin, Cumberland, Adams, Franklin, York, PA	Yoder's Restaurant	10/26	George Stambaugh (717) 776-5746 Jeff Martin (717) 656-7774	7:30 pm
20	Monroe, Livingston, Part of Wayne, Part of Ontario, NY	Di Pacific's Restaurant	10/5	Warren Beardsley (716) 377-1778	7:15 pm
21	Niagara, Erie, Genesee, Orleans, Wyoming, NY	Timber Wolf Restaurant 1658 Route 20 Darren Center, NY	12/6	Paul Kirsch (716) 535-7446 Valerie Patten (716) 343-9495	Noon

### Glickman Announces Details On Compensation For Plum Pox-Affected Farmers

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman recently announced the details regarding compensation that will be provided to owners of commercial stone fruit orchards and nurseries whose stock was destroyed in order to control plum pox in Pennsylvania.

Vice President Gore said in June that up to \$13.2 million would be made available to assist fruit growers and fruit tree nursery owners who suffered economically due to the plum pox quarantine.

Commercial stone fruit orchard owners whose trees have been destroyed in order to control plum pox are eligible for compensation on a per-acre basis, depending on the age of the orchard. Owners of fruit tree nurseries are eligible to receive compensation for the net revenue losses associated with the prohibition of movement or sale of nursery stock as a result of an emergency action notice issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The rate of compensation to be paid by USDA is set at up to 85 percent of the difference in value between the destroyed and replacement orchards.