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## Farm-City Banquet Highlights Exchanges, Agricultural Honorees

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**READING (Berks Co.)** — About 400 friends of Berks County agriculture attended the 17th annual Berks County Farm-City Banquet late last week here at the Riveredge Restaurant.

At the banquet, members of this year's Farm-City exchange spoke about their experiences.

In addition, several individuals were honored by the Berks County Farm-City Council for their work in promoting agriculture in the county.

### Farm-City Exchanges

To Hilda Fisher, looking back on the way things used to be allows her to marvel about the present.

As this year's Berks County Farm-City Day exchangee, Fisher spoke about the wonders of modernized pork processing, saw splitting, stuffing, and

today's stainless-steel smokehouse.

Fisher said the new technologies at work at **Quality Meats in Hatfield** were "quite a difference from our smokehouse. (Hatfield's were) all stainless steel and computerized-controlled."

And how delicious the products are. Fisher wonders at how her own parents would have delighted at their taste, she said.

Hilda, with husband Frank, changed places for a day with Steve Clemens, from Hatfield's leadership, education, assessment, and development program.

Clemens visited the Fisher family, known for their work on agriculture and historical issues in the community.

Fisher remembers the scrapple processing in the Hatfield plant. The vats of boiling scrapple brought back memories of

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Mark and Mary Bailey, Kempton, left, were honored as a Pennsylvania Century Farm last week at the Berks Farm-City Banquet. Frank Sterns, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture regional director, right, presented the honor. *Photo by Andy Andrews*

## Pennsylvania Extension 4-H Agents Receive Communication Awards

**PARADISE (Lancaster Co.)** — Members of the Pennsylvania Association of Extension 4-H Agents won 22 awards, in the state association Communicators contest. The awards were presented as part of the association annual awards and recognition luncheon held at the Revere Tavern Best Western Hotel in Paradise, Lancaster County.

The winners and placing in each category are as follows:

Educational package: 1. Katina Showman, Lancaster County. 2. Phyllis Wright,

Warren County. 3. Pamela Paletta, Washington County.

Educational piece: 1. Jan Scholl, University Park. 2. Amanda Lehman, Cumberland County. 3. Pamela Paletta, Washington County.

Feature story: 1. Martha Gre-

gory, Cumberland County. 2. Helaine Brown, Montgomery County. 3. Phyllis Wright, Warren County.

News story: 1. Helaine Brown, Montgomery County. 2. Martha Gregory, Lebanon County. 3. Carol Schurman, Indiana County.

Newsletter: 1. Patreese Ingram, University Park. 2. Cynthia Searight, Beaver County. 3. Pamela Paletta, Washington County.

Newsletter/team: 1. Fred Rudy, Dauphin County.

Promotional package: 1. Pamela Paletta, Washington County.

Promotional piece: 1. Melanie Barkley, Bedford County. 2. Katina Showman, Lancaster County. 3. Martha Gregory,

Lebanon County.

Promotional piece/team: 1. Katina Showman, Lancaster County.

Published photo: 1. Nancy Kadwill, Montgomery County. 2. Carol Schurman, Indiana County.

Educational radio program: 1. Carol Schurman, Indiana County.

Promotional radio program: 1. Carol Schurman, Indiana County.

State Association newsletter: 1. Pamela Paletta, Washington County.

The Outstanding New Worker Award was presented to Cindy Arblaster, 4-H Agent, Westmoreland County. Arblaster's work to involve non tradi-

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Pennsylvania has been awarded both Bovine Tuberculosis-Free status and Pseudorabies-Free status in the year 2000. The TB award came earlier this year and the pseudorabies was announced this week by Pennsylvania Ag Secretary Samuel Hayes Jr. In the photo from left, Dr. Amy Nestleroth, Dr. John Enck, Sec. Hayes, Dr. Lynne Siegfried, and Dr. Phillip DeBok.

## Pa. Earns 'Pseudorabies-Free' Status

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — On Tuesday, Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Samuel E. Hayes Jr. announced that Pennsylvania has received "Pseudorabies-Free State" certification from the USDA.

Accepting the certificate, Hayes said, "This has been a great year for animal health in Pennsylvania. We have been awarded both 'Bovine Tuberculosis-Free Status' in our dairy industry and 'Pseudorabies-Free

Status' in our swine industry. These are two very important achievements for Pennsylvania agriculture."

Hayes commended the state Department of Agriculture, the

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Pennsylvania county agents receive awards at luncheon. From left, Jan Scholl, University Park, 25-year service award; Cindy Arblaster, Westmoreland County, outstanding new worker award; and Melissa Whetzel, Greene County, blue ribbon award.